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EGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2006
Time: 6:30 PM Welcome new members,
Supply table open
7:00 PM Meeting
Place: Bellevue Regional Library
Subject: **The Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, co-sponsored by Samford University**
Speaker: **Panel Discussion led by John and Laura Wise**

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The program for January will be a panel discussion of EGS members led by John and Laura Wise, who have attended the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research co-sponsored by Samford University and the Board for Certification of Genealogists in Birmingham, AL. The people who have attended this course are very enthusiastic and anxious to share what they've learned.

NEXT MONTH

Next month we will have Kim Pearson, who has written a book, *Making History: How to Remember, Record, Interpret and Share the Events of your Life*.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's always somewhat of a chore to find the inspiration to prepare this message with some information or advice that might help our members with their research, or maybe even get them back to work on their genealogical projects. After all the joy and celebration of the holiday season, it is

time to begin focusing our attention on what we left behind a couple of months ago. So while I am sitting here thinking, I need to first pass on some news which is important for all of us to know.

It was with deep regret that we learned that our associate and Board member, Dana Siverling, has been suffering from coronary heart disease. The very best of news is that her doctors have determined that there has been no heart muscle or valve damage and that all aspects of her recovery are very positive. We wish Dana well and look forward to her return to Society activities.

As we move into the second half of the year for Society's activities, it might be appropriate to examine where we were when we last left our ongoing search for another relative. If you have been as lucky as I have, you may have found researchers across the country who have common interests and may even be working on some of the same family names as you. When was the last time you contacted them? As much as I appreciate the help I have received from my national friends, I have to admit that I don't stay in contact as often as I should. While they may have the same tendency to not stay in touch, we need to remember how much their research added to our efforts and resolve to stay in touch.

[Submitted by EGS President, Bill Sperber]

NOVEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

David Ault spoke on the subject "Surfing the Internet by Locale" at the November 11 general meeting of EGS. Dr. Ault showed how a researcher might find new information by redirecting his search to be place-specific rather than surname-specific. He showed many examples of how that might work, taken from several kinds of

Internet resources.

Local libraries and archives are, as one would expect, rich in information pertaining to their own locale. Our local newspapers chronicle daily events here, as well as publishing current information on births, marriages, and deaths. Local libraries offer collections of these papers, and sometimes also papers from other locations. Special collections on local history and genealogy exist in both municipal and private libraries. Try searching online library catalogs with location-specific keywords such as "Seattle Genealogy" or "Seattle History" to see what different results you might find compared to searching on surnames like "Denny Genealogy."

WorldGenWeb, www.worldgenweb.org, is an umbrella site sponsored by RootsWeb that contains a mountain of place-specific information collected and organized by volunteers. Search WorldGenWeb by "digging down" to more and more localized sites -- from WorldGenWeb find a link to USGenWeb, www.usgenweb.org, then to a state site such as WAGenWeb, and finally to the county and city/town level within each state's site. The state and county sites will have names like www.rootsweb.com/~wagenweb and www.rootsweb.com/~waking/index.htm, for example, derived from the 2-letter state abbreviation and the county name. Each site will contain different kinds of information from the others, depending on local resources and the interests of the volunteers there. After searching a town's site, don't forget to go back for a look at the county and state sites, as counties and states generally archive different information than towns/cities.

RootsWeb, besides sponsoring the GenWeb project, hosts its own site with U.S. County Resources: resources.rootsweb.com/USA. The homepage points to an index of links to state and then county pages, and each county page contains links to diverse Rootsweb-sponsored sites that contain data about that county. If EGS were to put an index to a King County cemetery online, for example, we might put a link to it on the RootsWeb Resources page for King County.

RootsWeb, in connection with its Roots-L Li-

brary, posts a collection of links to place-specific sites that are not sponsored directly by RootsWeb, at www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/usa.html. The collection is organized as USA General, Military, and State-by-State resources.

The catalog of the Family History Library of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) is found on their site www.familysearch.org. The catalog offers several search modes, one of which is Place Search, where you enter a place name and the collection of documents pertinent to that place is presented. If any of the material has been filmed, a link to "Film Notes" will be provided, where one can find the film numbers pertinent to the particular documents of interest.

Have the films you need sent to your local Family History Center, where you may examine them for a period of weeks for a small rental fee.

Heritage Quest Online is a private library whose transcribed materials are available online, either at home or at the larger municipal libraries. Their main categories to be searched by locale are Census Images and

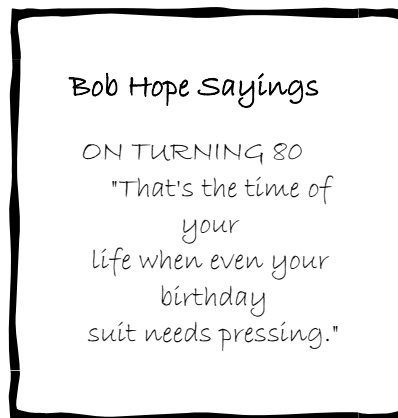
Historical Books, and the online access is free (for library cardholders).

Ancestry is a commercial site, www.ancestry.com, which contains a wide variety of transcribed materials. One can subscribe directly for access on your home computer, or one can log on at either the King County Library System or the Seattle Public Library. The library version appears to be somewhat different from the subscription version, but with the significant advantage of free access (for library cardholders). Ancestry has a quite complete indexed Census Image collection.

U.S. City Directories are available at www.uscitydirectories.com. The site attempts to identify all available print, microfilm, and online copies of these often-overlooked books, and their repositories.

Look for sites local to your ancestor's residence. Dave used the CT State Library, www.cslib.org, as an example. A local site here might be the WA State Library, www.secstate.wa.gov/library.

And finally, another class of Internet sites is



the “portals,” which present categorized lists of links to sites on a particular subject. Cyndi Howell’s list is perhaps the most famous genealogy portal, www.cyndislist.com. Others are Fuller’s Genealogical Resources at www.personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/gen_web.html; the Genealogy Site Finder at www.genealogy.com/links; Linkpendium USA at www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA; the RootsWeb Freepages at freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com.

Thanks Dave, this will keep us off the streets for a few weeks.

[Submitted by EGS member, Gene Fagerberg]

A REVIEW FROM FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

It had to happen. Artificial intelligence (AI)—the technology used to create robotic pets and computer chess opponents—has come to genealogy by way of GenSmarts, a new software application from Underwood Innovations. Using AI, GenSmarts analyzes the data in your standard genealogy program and then creates—in seconds—a list of research recommendations. It's like having your own virtual research assistant. (www.gensmarts.com)

[Submitted by EGS President, Bill Sperber from Family Tree Magazine]

THINKING OF YOU

A Get Well card was sent to Donna Lawrence, and a Thinking Of You card to Jackie Bushnell. A Sympathy card was sent to the family of Sue B. Kernan at her death. A Sympathy card was sent to Curt Roselle at the death of his wife. And another Thinking of you card was sent to Jackie Bushnell.

[Submitted by Ielene Edmonson, EGS Sunshine Chair]

SUPPLY TABLE

EGS has many genealogy and family history books available. But not all of them come to our meeting each month – there are just too many! If there is a particular book, or a topic or area that you are interested in and would like to see the books we have available, please send me an email or give me a call and I will bring those books and have them at the Supply Table. Kim Nichols, kimberly@esandg.com, 360-668-3937 or 206-755-1611.

Does one of your New Year’s Resolutions have to do with getting your family history research organized? Then some of the books available at the EGS Supply Table may help you fulfill your resolution. Here are several books that might be of interest to you:

- *The Organized Family Historian: How to File, Manage, and Protect Your Genealogical Research and Heirlooms*. When researching your family history it is easy to become inundated with paper records, recordings, photographs, notes, artifacts, and more information than one could possibly imagine. The usefulness of the collection is being able to access it when you need it, and this book helps you get organized. Included in this book are instructions on the best ways to store and preserve using computers, archival boxes, files, and forms as well as instructions on how to preserve one-of-a-kind family relics.

- *Organizing Your Family Research*. Save time, money, and space as you learn how to organize everything from filing cabinets to research trips. Whether you have a whole room dedicated to your family history search or just a few storage boxes, you'll find a system that puts information right at your fingertips.

- *Organizing and Preserving Your Heirloom Documents*. This book shows you how to safely organize, collect, and preserve your priceless heirloom papers and documents. Teaches you how to organize your documents, preserve and care for fragile papers, transcribe, annotate, proofread and illustrate documents as well as locate missing documents or discover documents you didn't know even existed.

- *Getting It Right: The Definitive Guide to Recording Family History Accurately*. Eliminate time-consuming duplications in family history research with this clear guidebook to recording information in a standardized way. You will learn the rules and language you need so your research will fit smoothly and efficiently together.

- *Evidence: Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian*. This book explains genealogical standards for citation and analysis, and provides over 300 models for citing conventionally and online materials common to family history.

- *Numbering Your Genealogy*. The complete NGS Quarterly Numbering System together with the Register System, Henry System, and Sosa Stradonitz System for descending and ascending genealogies. Simple solutions you need for adoptions, cousin marriages, step-kin and more complex family relationships.

[Submitted by EGS Supply Table Chair, Kim Nichols]

STARTING WITH THE ANSWER (BECOMING A DNA TIME TRAVELER...)

Typical genealogy research involves pushing back your ancestry lines, generation by generation, to discover your ancestors. How would it change your research approach if you started with the answer - if you knew who from the early 1700's you descended from, for example, but didn't know the details of how. If that sounds like fun to you and you have \$150-\$300 burning a hole in your pocket, read on.

Researching my genealogy is a hobby I've always done for fun. I like history and there's something about understanding my personal connections to it that makes it even more interesting. I make my living from technology, so when I heard that DNA analysis could be applied to genealogy... I was curious on a couple of levels, and decided to get tested. The following essay covers what I've learned from the experience. Speaking as a lay person, I'm no doubt oversimplifying and perhaps even unknowingly fudging a fact here or there. As with all information...consider the source.

DNA are the bits of biological information we all carry around that makes us unique - the stuff that determines, out of all the possibilities our bodies have... which specific set of characteristics an individual is given to work with. You get roughly half of this stuff from your mom and half this stuff from your dad, and in turn contribute half of what you got to your children. Which half? Well, nature loves both trial and error and continuing a good thing, so some portions are passed randomly, some portions are passed strictly father to son, mother to son, and mother to son and daughter. It's these "strict" portions that we're interested in for genealogy research purposes, because they prove a relationship.

The amount of information contained in your DNA is huge... even small portions of it contain enough information to uniquely identify you apart from any other person. That's what a paternity test is - an analysis of a portion of the stuff that's passed parent to child. Now for the big ah-ha... if this stuff is unique between a father and a son, wouldn't it be unique for a grand-father and a grandson? YES. How about a great-grand-father and a great-grandson? YES. Now, before you get too excited, observe that this method of identification only works for one of two grand-fathers I have. Why? Because the DNA my father

and I share obviously isn't shared by my mother's dad (they're not related biologically at all, or at least I hope they weren't :-)... so it requires an unbroken chain of the same-sex to work for identity purposes- either male to male to male or female to female to female.

Ok, if you're a deep thinker, at this point you might be wondering... "Hey, if a human male always passes these same bits to his son, why wouldn't all human males have the same bits?" Well, it turns out that every so often, nature, who loves trial and error, randomly tweaks these "strictly passed" bits so they're ever so slightly different between father and son (or mother and daughter - I'll explain later why I'm using father-son examples). Over a long time span, these occasional tweaks add up to some vary diverse bits of information.

This occasional diversity is a boon for genealogists... since this rate of change is rather predictable and steady. In the commonly used male to male DNA bits, the rate of change is generally one change every 7 or 8 generations. So if a fellow researcher of my surname and I share the exact same bits, then we know we likely share a common father in the past 7 or 8 generations. If our bits are one step different, then it's probably 7-15 generations ago that we had a common father, etc. Different bits of the DNA do vary at different rates, so you can get a bit more precise by looking at the specific bit that's different.

Ok, back to you deep thinkers... "Wait, if we know the rate of change of these bits of DNA, couldn't we do a sampling of all current DNA in the world and do some fancy math to figure out how long it took for it to diverge this much? And wouldn't that say something about the origins of all of us?" Yes, in theory. *The Seven Daughters of Eve* by Bryan Sykes is seen as one of the seminal books on that subject for lay people, if you're interested.

Getting back to genealogy... my mom's a Fike. She calls herself a Fike because that was her name growing up - her identity. She looked like and acted like people of that name who lived in the area because they were all part of the same extended family. For DNA identity purposes, my mother's not a FIKE. Why? Remember DNA identity only works along strictly male or strictly female lines. FIKE is a surname. Surnames are passed down from male to male to male. So while my mother has a unique DNA that ties here to her

mother (a DAVIS) and to her mother before her (an ENNIS)... most cultures don't assign a consistent name to that. To make things tougher for female research, the strictly passed female to female bits of DNA don't vary much over time (compared to the male to male bits) so it's harder to pin down the time frame of a relationship. So most people using DNA for genealogy purposes are doing so for surname research, which is male to male to male... the same as those unique "male to male" bits of DNA. That's why I used father to son examples earlier.

People of the same surname form "surname projects," typically to try and collect samples of that surnames DNA. With enough samples, patterns emerge as to how many different "lines" of that surname exist. For example, in the US, with a surname like Hancock, and 35 or so samples collected, a pattern showing 3 or 4 original ancestors has emerged. If you're researching a Hancock, and you can get a male Hancock from your family (or yourself if it's your surname) to test for you... chance are reasonable that you'll tie to one of those known ancestors. Now that you know your original ancestor, you can research from both ends - from the original ancestor forward, and from your known ancestor backwards. With the Underwood surname project, it took us 6 samples before we found two people that were related.

My advice, money and fun aside, is to seriously consider using DNA testing for your lines where:

- a) you have a male by that surname that can be tested,
- b) there's an existing "surname project" with 20 or more samples already collected,
- c) and your surname isn't Smith or Jones.

Family Tree DNA is probably the most popular vendor for adhoc surname projects and you'll find their list here (www.familytreedna.com/surname.asp). Relative Genetics (www.relativegenetics.com) has a higher end service that's more appropriate for established groups or to support things like family reunions and such. And there are others.

You'll find there are different types of test. The male to male test is called a YDNA test, and it's offered in different depths (typically something like 12 marker, 25 marker and 37 marker). While the 12 marker test is cheaper, it's not very useful

in the surname projects I've described, because 12 markers simply aren't unique enough to tell you much. I did the 25 marker test, and so far haven't had any need for more resolution than that, so would suggest you start with that. Most companies will let you "upgrade" your test later to include more markers, so you don't have to resample and retest all over again.

There are a couple of forms of the test and sampling - from scrapping your cheek with a little device that looks like a piece of hard felt to a mouth wash that you swirl and deposit in a vial. You take the sample yourself and it's easy and not painful in any way. The sample is mailed in and results come back in 4-6 weeks.

No doubt some people are worried about the privacy of all this... As you would expect, the companies that do the analysis for you are very serious about protecting it and provide a number of safeguards and guarantees. From my perspective, my DNA is already compromised - I discard it all the time in a variety of ways. If someone wanted it bad enough, they could take it without me ever knowing. So my opinion about the privacy of my own DNA is something I don't really have anyway... but that's just my opinion.

I'm glad I had my DNA analyzed. I haven't turned up any related fellow researchers yet, but I really think it's just a matter of time before I make a connection.

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[Thanks to EGS member Barbara Zanzig for this contribution from Underwood Innovations, LLC, owner of GenSmarts from their 9 Dec 2005 newsletter.]

ANOTHER BRICK WALL CRUMBLES

I have made a break through and a brick wall was involved, literally!

My great-grandfather was a mason in Norfolk County, Ontario. Several years ago I joined the Norfolk Historical Society, and even had them do some research for me. I have continued my membership, though occasionally wonder if it is still worth it.

Yesterday their monthly newsletter arrived. I always browse through quickly looking for my


 FREE HELP

FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP:

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library 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 7-9 PM and **Wednesdays** from 1-3 PM.

family names. On page 5, there was a picture of "Mason's Brick Yard" in Simcoe, Norfolk, Ontario. There were about 11 men in the photo, and they were listed by name. The headline said, "Do you recognize one of the names in this wonderfully nostalgic photo?" Well, YES, I DID! My great-grandfather Alfred Harris was in the picture!

That got me thinking about the other people in the picture. Several of them were named "Mason," including the owner of the yard, Charles Mason. My great-grandmother's maiden name was Mason...could there possibly be a connection?

I went to ancestry.com and discovered the 1851, 1861, 1871 English censuses (among others) are online (if you have a subscription to it, which I do). I knew Annie Mason's father was Peter Mason, as I have their marriage certificate. I searched for a Peter in all the censuses and found him in each one, with his wife Keziah! Now is that an unusual first name or what? It happens that my great-grandfather Alfred and his wife Annie Mason had named a daughter "Edith Keziah." That could not be a coincidence. Peter and Keziah had to be Annie's parents. I finally found Annie, age 9, on the 1861 census with them. And her brothers – who were the men named Mason in the photo of the brick yard.

So I have decided that it is indeed worth it to belong to the local society where your ancestors were from. With that one newsletter and photo, I have gone back another generation in my family, and found much more information about my great-grandmother, Annie Mason Harris!

[Thanks to EGS member, Mickey Main for this interesting "brickwall" story.]

NEW WA STATE PAPER HEIRLOOMS

Quick: What do billionaire Bill Gates, singer Judy Collins, golfer Fred Couples, game-show host

Bob Barker and actress Hillary Swank all have in common – not just with each other but with lots of people reading this article?

They were born in Washington, which means any of them could purchase an "heirloom birth certificate," unveiled recently to help raise money to fight child abuse and neglect.

Mt. Rainier is on it. So is Washington's state tree, the Western hemlock. There's even a couple of green darner dragonflies, the state insect. And if you look hard enough, you can see a Washington ferry.

The extra-fancy birth certificate, signed by the governor, cost \$40, \$25 of which is a tax deductible contribution to the Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The rest goes to the state Health Department.

The documents can be ordered not just for people born in Washington, but for foreign-born children adopted into this state.

The design, by Anacortes artist Jennifer Bowman, was selected after a statewide call for artists last year. The state has offered an heirloom birth certificate since 1989, but relatively few people know about it. For more information, see www.wcpcan.wa.gov or call 360-236-4313.

[Article by Jack Broom, Seattle Times, 1 Dec 2005]

LOCAL GENEALOGIST RESEARCHES MERCER GIRLS

Peri Muhich, a local genealogist who has presented programs at Eastside Genealogy meetings and who was one of the committee who helped with our last joint conference with South King County Genealogical Society, has devoted much time and research to the study of these young women who were brought to Seattle by Asa Mercer in 1864 and 1866.

Many of us base our knowledge of these

women from the popular 1968-70 TV show, "Here Come the Brides." But Muhich states that when asked what anyone knows about the young women as individuals, most people give her a blank look.

Muhich has found that these independent women were more than just "a group of brides." They were brave independent women, some as young as 15, who left often comfortable homes and familiar settings to venture into an outpost so raw there were not even enough good saddle horses for courting. These women were risk takers who combined East Coast education with West Coast freedom. Most married well to men who were also transported Easterners, but on their own they left legacies in education, libraries, politics and art.

Asa Mercer first recruited young women in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1864. The ratio of men to women in Seattle at that time was 9-1. At that time he told the girls he was seeking "teachers" not marriage, and wanted the "great, elevating, refining, and moralizing element" of true women for the raw western society.

The first women paid \$250 each to travel by boat and train across the Isthmus of Panama to San Francisco, and then by lumber bark (a vessel) to Seattle. "They really didn't know what would be here," says Muhich.

Muhich is not related to any of the girls, but is focusing on the first 11 who came, looking at them as if they were her ancestors, and trying to figure out what made them want to leave home and come here.

The oldest Mercer Girl, Lizzie Ordway, 35, never married but became the first public-school teacher in Seattle, and the first superintendent in Kitsap County. She later joined Seattle pioneer Sarah Yesler in starting the Female Suffrage Society, and appeared at a public event with Susan B. Anthony.

Another Mercer Girl, Sarah Jane Gallagher, was the first music teacher at the Territorial University of Washington. After her husband's death she built the "Russell House," and as the owner of the only hotel to survive the Seattle fire, she provided food and drink to exhausted fire-fighters.

Muhich has searched cemeteries, courthouses, archives and family attics, and has come to think of the Mercer Girls as family. She has been in-

vited to tea with descendants of the girls, and has been allowed to search through their family treasures to find more information for her research. She now has found photos for six of the first eleven Mercer Girls. "Every time I find one, it is like finding a gift," she says. More information may be found on her website: www.mercergirls.com.

[Excerpted from Seattle Times, March 18, 2004]

FARE TO AMERICA

BALLINA CHRONICLE Ballina, Mayo, Ireland Wednesday, April 3, 1850

"B.C., a Constant Reader," thus writes to the Farmer's Gazette - A new-married couple being desirous of going to America, wishes to know through the medium of your widely-circulated journal, the fare from Liverpool to New York or Boston, or which is the best place for such to go, or what is the least sum they would want after providing every thing for their passage.

The fare of emigrants is constantly fluctuating; last week the price was from Dublin to either New York or Boston, via Liverpool, £3 15s, with a certain allowance of rations; this week it is up to £4 12s and £5.

The rations are: - 2 1/2lbs bread or biscuit, 1lb wheaten flour, 5lbs oatmeal, 2lbs rice, and 1lb pork (in all 11 1/2lbs) with 2oz tea, 1/2lb sugar, 1/2lb molasses, and 21 quarts of water per week.

In addition to this passengers will require to take with them some little extras- say a little more tea, sugar, &c., some coffee, a little bacon, a few eggs, &c., the quantities of which they may easily calculate, by laying in sufficient with the above for a voyage. The ship provides berths to sleep in, three feet six inches wide for two persons, and others four feet six inches (adapted for families with young children). Passengers have to find their own bedding, and such small cooking and eating utensils as they may require. Tin ware will do and can be got cheap here or in Liverpool. The best information about America, &c., is to be had in the Emigration Guide and Almanac, price 4d., which can be sent to the country postpaid, on receipt of sixpence, or postage stamps, on application to any of the emigration agents.

[From Cathy Joynt Labath Ireland Old News <http://www.IrelandOldNews.com/>]

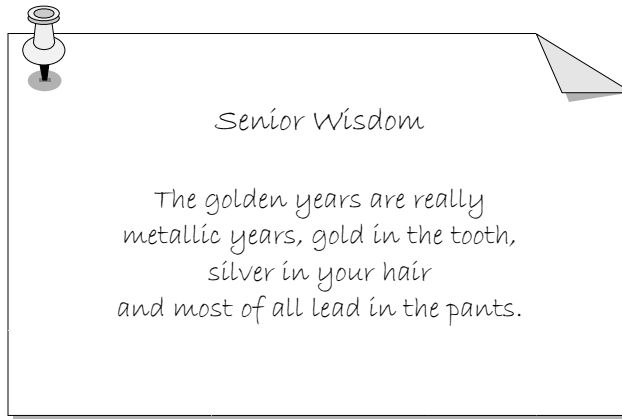


WANTED

*** VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ***

Do you have time on your hands? Could you donate a few hours a week [or a month] to Eastside Genealogy Society to help keep our operation running smoothly? EGS is only as strong as our volunteers. Here are a few recent openings due to illness, moving, grandchildren needing care, or personal life changes.

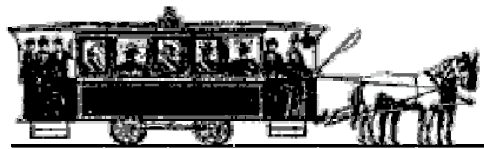
- **Research assistants** - Library volunteers to staff Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoon help sessions. We need two people.
- ~~**Supply Table Coordinator** - Do you love books? We need someone to chair our supply table, order books and supplies. **FILLED**~~
- ~~**Webmaster** needed to update, maintain and/or re-design the website for 2006. **FILLED**~~



Local Meetings and Events

1. The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, January 14, 2006, 10:30-12:00 noon. The location is The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Chris Himes, former mayor of Redmond, will be speaking on North Education Hill, its past and future. Bring your memories and photos of Education Hill as you remember it "back in those days". Dianna Broadie of the Redmond Planning Department will be asking for ideas for a time capsule for the new city hall. Don't miss this meeting! To receive the monthly newsletter, contact Society president Judy Lang at 425-885-2919, or email your request to redmondhistory@msn.com. Books, note cards, and free historic walking tour brochures are available in our office which is open Monday - Thursday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Visit our website: www.redmondhistory.org.
2. Eastside Heritage Center Wish List:
 - WWI and II photographs of those on the Eastside who served in those wars, taken during the war years of family gatherings, the Red Cross, air raid drills, VFW or Houghton Shipyard; Japanese families on their farms and those sent to internment camps; Celebrations when the war was over; soldiers boarding trains.
 - Military uniforms or memorabilia that is now hidden away in your attic that you would like to donate to be preserved and exhibited in a display.
 - Holiday season photographs on the Eastside such as company parties, family gatherings, Santa visits at the Mall, stores, streets and homes decorated for the season, and winter scenes.

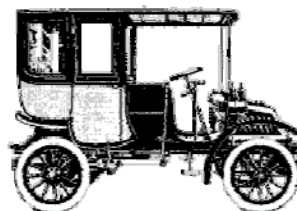
EGS 2006 MEETING CALENDAR	
EGS Group Name	Meeting Notice
EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday 10:00 AM)	The EGS Board will meet on January 5th at 10:00 AM at The Redmond Public Library.
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its general meeting on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library. The Supply Table opens at 6:30 PM.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Will meet Saturday January 28th at 9:30AM in the Community Room at Crossroads Mall . (Ray French, 425-746-7730 or rayf@oz.net)
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check EGS Bulletin each month for meeting time information)	Will meet on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at 9:30 AM at Firestation #22 in Houghton (Kirkland). (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or rosie@bodien.org.)
EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)	Meets every fourth Thursday at Crossroads Food Court. (Call Myra McDowell at 425-641-4650 or mcdowellml@yahoo.com)
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	Will meet Friday, January 6th, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, at Lake Hills Library. Please bring your notebooks or folders showing the research you are doing on one line of ancestors. (Call Maxine Klink 425-836-0930 or marymaxklink@comcast.net)
Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	Will meet Wednesday, January 4th at the Lake Hills Library, 10:00AM to 12:00 noon. Please bring your laptops, we will browse Irish websites of interest. (Call Maxine Klink 425-836-0930 or marymaxklink@comcast.net)
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	Will meet on Saturday, January 21st, 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Lake Hills Library in Bellevue. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or collectingroots@att.net)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	Will meet Tuesday, January 10th, 10:00AM to noon in the Regional Archives Bldg. at Bellevue Community College. (Gene Fagerberg at 206-783-4649, wefagerberg@jps.net)
Shore to Shore Interest Group (changes monthly, call Jan)	Will meet Monday, January 9th to go to the Fiske Library. This is a lively, interesting group and the Fiske Library is a treasure, so join us. (Call Jan Henderson 425-483-0334)



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Bellevue Regional Library NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760	Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Community Meeting Room NE 8th and 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA	FHC - Bellevue 10675 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690
FHC - Kirkland 7910 NE 132nd St. Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781	Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Bellevue, WA 425-392-5430	Lake Hills Library 15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350
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2006 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EVENTS

- January 12, 2006 Ormond Beach, Florida: The Halifax Genealogical Society will present Jean S. Morris speaking on "Moved by the Spirit: Mapping Your Way Across Pennsylvania." Details are available from Clyde. P.Stickney@Dartmouth.EDU
- January 22 Ypsilanti, Michigan: The Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County meeting will feature Dr. Brian Dunnigan, curator at the William L. Clements Library at U of M. He will speak on Michigan Maps. Details may be found at www.hvcn.org/info/gswc/
- January 28 Lake Havasu City, Arizona: The 12th Annual all-day genealogy seminar sponsored by Lake Havasu Genealogical Society will feature speaker Shirley Hodges. For details, contact gloharr@rraz.com.
- February 10-11 St. George, Utah: **Updated** The 2006 Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree, sponsored by My Ancestors Found and the Washington County PAF Users Group, will be held in sunny St. George, Utah, at the Dixie Convention Center. Early Bird Special! Cost is only \$35 for two terrific days of classes, demos, exhibits, and more. Prices will increase as of Jan. 1, so sign up today. Come and meet Dick Eastman and DearMYRTLE! More than 120 classes to choose from and terrific door prizes! For more information, go to www.myancestorsfound.com.
- February 25 Redding, California: The Redding Stake Family History Center of the Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will present its 17th annual Heritage Faire, an all day genealogy seminar featuring 20 different classes. Subjects include topics from beginning research to Internet and genealogical research using DNA. Other classes include: British, Irish, German, Scandinavian, and Native American research. Additional information can be obtained by e-mail to: ehomewood@charter.net
- March 10-11 Provo, Utah: The ninth annual Computerized Genealogy Conference at Brigham Young University has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday March 10-11, 2006. This conference is designed to be a how-to guide for everyone, including beginning, intermediate, and advanced researchers. The focus of the conference is to learn how new computer programs and advancements in existing programs can help you be more effective in genealogy and family history work. The featured presenter for this conference will be Cyndi Howells, owner and webmaster of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet. Details may be found at genealogyconferences.byu.edu
- March 25 Fairfax, Virginia: The Fairfax Genealogical Society's annual conference, "Something for Everyone - A Conference for Today," features speakers Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG; Linda Woodward Geiger, CGRS, CGL; John T. Humphrey; and Charles S. "Chuck" Mason, CGRS. Sixteen sessions include basic, intermediate and advanced lectures. Over twenty vendors with plenty of browse time, separate "Ask the Expert" sessions, and demonstrations. Information and registration are at www.fxgs.org
- April 7-8 Olympia, WA: Washington State Genealogical Society presents its 2006 Annual Conference and Business Meeting, Friday and Saturday, April 7th and 8th, hosted by the Olympia Genealogical Society at Olympia High School Performing Arts Center, Olympia, Washington. The topic is "Invading the British Isles" with Sec'y of State Sam Reed skirted to the podium with bagpipes and Irish dancers on Saturday. For more info check the OGS website www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs/index.htm
- May 13 Whidbey Island, WA: **Updated** The Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island presents its 2006 Spring Seminar on Saturday, May 13th and it will feature a nationally known Surprise Speaker, not yet revealed. More information later.



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