President’s Message:

Summer is here and many of you will be heading off on vacations, family or school reunions and hopefully genealogy research trips. If you are going to visit libraries, archives or genealogy societies, remember to call ahead to be sure they will be open when you arrive. It would be so disappointing to arrive at a repository in order to finally find the proof you need to extend your family line another three generations and find they are closed. Many genealogy societies reduce their hours in the summer. Often times, by calling ahead, they will accommodate your schedule and find someone who can open their library for your use.

Home again, share your discoveries, toils and troubles with members of your local society, put an article in your society newsletter or bulletin. If you are fortunate to be designated the family archivist, you may be bringing home family heirlooms and keepsakes. Have a show and tell session at your society’s next meeting.

Have a wonderful and fruitful summer. 

Sue Semenza Ericksen, WSGS President

Upcoming Board Meeting

Annual Meeting will follow the awards presentations at noon on Saturday September 12. WSGS Board of Directors will hold their regular quarterly board meeting with dinner at 6:00 pm at the Spokane Dinner Club on September 12. Visitors are welcome.

We Could Use Your Help!

WSGS is in need of people to assist with the following positions. These are board positions and job descriptions are posted are the WSGS website.

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs

Conference Liaison
Education Chairperson

If interested, please contact WSGS president Sue Ericksen at ericksen@wabroadband.com or at 509-865-3572

Washington State Genealogical Society
Conference and Annual Meeting
September 11-13, 2009
Hosted by
Eastern Washington Genealogical Society
Davenport Hotel, Spokane, WA
Featured Speaker Megan Smolenyak
Details on page 9. For further information:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waewgs/

Online registration available
UPCOMING EVENTS

Is Your Event Not Listed?
Your preferred avenue for getting your events listed in the newsletter is via your regional representative, the newsletter editor or both. Don’t have a regional representative, send it directly to the newsletter editor at hrasar@gmail.com. Announcements sent to the WSGS mailing address are often too late for the newsletter to post in a timely manner. Ed.

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Jul 1 Fiske Genealogical Library  call 206-328-2716 at 1644 43rd East, Seattle or visit their website www.fiskelibrary.org

Jul 1 South King County Genealogical Society  will host its Out to Lunch Bunch at the Yankee Grill & Roaster at 1 So. Grady Way (bottom floor of the Holiday Inn) Renton, Everyone is welcome to join this group. Let Betty know if you plan to attend at blj938@aol.com or 253-631-0640

Jul 4 Seattle Genealogical Society  will be closed for the Independence holiday.

Jul 8 The Seattle Public Library  Darlene Hamilton offers “Beginning Your Family History Research” 6:00–7:30 pm at the Rainier Beach Branch, 9125 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, WA. Call 206-386-1906 after June 15 to pre-register.

Jul 9 Eastside Genealogical Society  general meeting. Active group with about nine special interest groups.

Jul 9 NARA’S Pacific Alaska Region-Seattle will have their Brick Wall Genealogy Discussion Group from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, bring your lunch and your brickwall problem.

Jul 9 The Seattle Public Library  John LaMont offers “Genealogy: Databases and the Internet” 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Rainier Beach Branch, 9125 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, WA. Call 206-386-1906 after June 15 to pre-register.

Jul 11 NARA’S Pacific Alaska Region—Seattle will hold two workshops. One on “Methods of Finding and Using NARA Records” 11 am to 12:30 pm and “NARA Online” from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Jul 11 PS-APG Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will host a “Let’s Talk Genealogy”. A fun discussion of the topic we like best. It is also a picnic at the President of the Chapter’s house: 15745 Wallingford Ave N., Shoreline. Noon until about 5:00 pm. Check the website for more information: www.psapg.org

Jul 11 Heritage Quest Research Library  Jim Johnson offers “Canadian Research” (new and previous class material), $10 fee 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., www.hqrl.com/index.html

Jul 11 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society  Roxanne Lowe presenting “The Name Game: Learning about the popularity of Given Names Through the Generations”; 10:00 am at the Hoquiam Library meeting room at 470 7th Street.


Jul 11 & 12 Mount Vernon Scottish Highland Games & Skagit Valley Genealogical Society  Laura Sparr will present a genealogical program “Researching in Ireland and Scotland” 11:00 am to 12 noon at Riverside Park, Mount Vernon

Jul 13 Jews Genealogical Society of Washington State  meeting topic will be announced on their website: www.jgs.ws/index.php Stroum JCC, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island. Doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm. $5.00 for non-members

Jul 15 The Seattle Public Library  Darlene Hamilton gives a tour of the Genealogy Section. 5:30 – 7 pm at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Call 206-386-4636 after June 15 to pre-register.

Jul 17 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society  BIGS Mentors hold a panel discussion demonstrating techniques for “Breaking Through Brick Walls” in your genealogical research. 10:00 am to 12 noon upstairs Bainbridge Island Library, 1270 Madison Ave N, Bainbridge Isle.

Jul 18 Jefferson County Genealogical Society  Aaron Hill from Salem, Oregon will give an overview of what DNA is and the particular types used in genealogy. Attendees who have been tested are encouraged to bring their results.

Jul 18 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society  Donna Potter Phillips will present: “Internet Education Class-Family Search Indexing.org to Find your Ancestors” and help other Researchers

Jul 18 South King County Genealogical Society  no meetings July or August. Visit their website for special interest group activities http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/index.html

Jul 18 Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers  Society Garage Sale at 1490 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor 9:00 am—4:00 pm.

Jul 23 University of Washington Certificate in Genealogy and Family History, information meeting on the UW Campus. Will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, visit their website for further information on this nine month program: http://www.extension.washington.edu/ext/certificates/gfh/gfh_gen.asp

Jul 25 & 26 Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Seattle Genealogical Society  will host a Society Tent at the Highland Games in Enumclaw. At the Enumclaw Expo Center (formerly King County Fairgrounds). Volunteers are needed to work two hour shifts from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. SGS member volunteers get a reduced entry fee of $7.50 instead of $15.00. Contact Jean Roth at jeanareth@juno.com or call (206) 782-2629 as soon as possible. Parking is $5.00
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Sep 1 South King County Genealogical Society Board meeting at the Greater Kent Historical Society (Bereiter House), 855 E Smith St., Kent from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sep 6 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society Stories from the Courthouses and Graveyards-- Members’ Research Excursions of Summer 2009 “Oh, the Places We Went”

Sep 9 Seattle Public Library Darlene Hamilton teaches “Beginning Your Family History Research” 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Northeast Branch, 6801 35th Ave. N.E., Seattle. Call 206-684-7539 after Aug 15 to pre-register

Sep 9 Tri City Genealogical Society Bruce Buzbee, founder and president of RootsMagic, Inc will do a presentation on “RootsMagic Genealogy Software”, at the Richland Maintenance Shops, 2700 Duportail St., Richland with mini classes from 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm followed by the general meeting and presentation at 7:00 pm.


Sep 12 Heritage Quest Research Library Jim Johnson will offer a class “Deciphering Genealogical Handwriting” at the library. $10.00

Sep 17 Seattle Public Library John LaMont teaches “Genealogy: Databases and the Internet”, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Northeast Branch, 6801 35th Ave. N.E., Seattle. Call 206-684-7539 after Aug 15 to pre-register

Sep 18 Bainbridge Genealogical Society A professional genealogist to be announced speaking on “Using the American Biographical Genealogical Index”, 1270 Madison Ave N, Bainbridge Island

Sep 19 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society Jim Johnson of Heritage Quest Research Library will present “Old Handwriting” 10:00 am at the Hoquiam Library, 470 7th Street

Sep 22 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Bob Witherspoon presents “Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness”, 7:00 pm at the Burlington Community Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf St, Burlington

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Oct 1 Mac Genealogy Group meets 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the dBug Resource Center, 9620 Stone Ave N, Suite 202, Seattle. For further information or to be added to their mailing list, contact Diane at dhetrick@earthlink.net.


Oct 10 Heritage Quest Research Library closed for their annual seminar. See pg 4

Oct 10 Heritage Quest Research Library Jeanie Barndt will offer a FREE class on “Washington State Genealogy Resources at HQRL.” (online, on shelf), 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
### SEMINARS & CONFERENCES and other All Day Events

**July 11**  
**PS-APG (Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists)** will host a “Let’s Talk Genealogy.” It is a fun discussion of the topic we like best “genealogy.” It is also a picnic at the President’s house: 15745 Wallingford Ave N. Shoreline, WA. Starting time 12 noon and it will go to about 5 p.m. The President has a lot of great online subscriptions and wireless so we can do some sleuthing. Guests are welcome. Go to the PS-APG website and click on Meetings and there will be a flyer for more information.  
www.psapg.org

**July 18**  
**Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers**  
9am - 4 pm 7th Annual Garage Sale will be held at Roby McGee’s house, 1490 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor. Questions call Julie at 360-678-1940

**July 25 and July 26**  
**Pacific Northwest Highland Games** at the fairgrounds in Enumclaw. The Seattle Genealogical Society will host a Society Tent. Go to this website for more information:  
http://www.sshga.org/home.htm

**Sep 2-5, 2009 Federation of Genealogical Societies**  
2009 Conference “Passages Through Time” Additional information:  

**Sep 11, 12, 13, 2009 Washington State Genealogical Society**  
Conference and Annual Meeting “Forward to the Past” Spokane at the Davenport Hotel. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak will be the featured speaker. When making reservations be sure to tell them you’re attending the WSGS conference to get your discount.

**Oct 3**  
**Whatcom Genealogical Society**  
Jim Johnson and Steve Morrison will present “On the Move: For Gold, the Quakers and the Outlaw”. Topics will include “Westward Migration During the Gold Rush Era, 1840-1865”; “Immigration to the U.S. and By Way of Canada”; “Profile of a Quaker: Friends in the Middle Colonies”; “Outlaw Genealogy: Finding the Outlaw in Your Family”. Bellingham Technical College, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, $30 for the seminar, $10 for a box lunch, if postmarked no later than September 24; or $35 seminar fee without lunch for late registration. Further details available in August.

**Oct 10**  
**Heritage Quest Research Library** presents annual seminar at Tacoma Elks Club. “Digging on Distant Shores” - all day. $35.00 Watch for further information.

**Oct 17**  
**Seattle Genealogical Society** will present "Sharing Generations, Past and Future" with keynote speaker John Hughes, director of the Washington State Legacy Project followed by two workshops [beginning genealogy and one for grandparents & kids] and 3 tracks [oral history; ways to share your family history; using technology to share your family history]. Watch for further information.

**Oct PS-PGA — Puget Sound, Association of Professional Genealogists** will host a tour of the King County Archives, 1215 E. Fir St, Seattle. The archives are open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday with research by appointment only. Their website:  
www.kingcounty.gov/operations/archives.aspx

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**Oct 14**  
**Tri City Genealogical Society** will hold a mini class at 6:15 pm by Ray Baalman, TCGS librarian. General meeting at 7:00 pm with Janis Littlefield, past president & current webmaster on “How Do You Access the Current Genealogical News”, Richland Maintenance Shops at 2700 Dduportail St, Richland

**Oct 16**  
**Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society** will have a workshop on using the American Biographical Genealogical Index. Mentors will be available to assist.

**Oct 18-25**  
**Clallam County Genealogical Society** “Salt Lake Research Trip”  
Society contact at http://olypen.com/ccgs

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**Nov 1**  
**Eastern Washington Genealogical Society** “Problem Solving Panel of Experts” to help with your problems.

**Nov 7**  
**Eastern Washington Genealogical Society** Miriam Midkiff “Online Record Keeping”

**Nov 7**  
**Heritage Quest Research Library** Beverly Bills will offer a class “Christmas in the Colonies” at the library. $10.00

**Nov 11**  
**Tri City Genealogical Society** will hold a holiday potluck at 6:00 pm followed by the Annual meeting and “Show ’n Tell”
EBSCO Publishing Makes Footnote.com Available to Libraries

Access to Footnote.com might now be available for free at your local library. The following announcement was written by EBSCO Publishing:

EBSCO Publishing Becomes Worldwide Library Distributor of Footnote™ Historical Digital Archive and Genealogy Database.

IPSWICH, Mass.--EBSCO Publishing (EBSCO) and Footnote have announced a distribution deal making EBSCO the exclusive worldwide distributor of Footnote.com for libraries and institutions. Footnote.com combines original historical documents and personal histories, creating a unique historical and genealogical resource.

The Footnote.com collections feature over 55 million images available from a content partnership with The National Archives and other regional archives—most never before available on the Internet. These digital images of records, preserved in the National Archives, represent a growing collection of historic documents.

Footnote includes material relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, US Presidents, historical newspapers and naturalization documents. A recent review rated Footnote.com higher than all other genealogy resources and called it "cutting-edge in every way."

Libraries subscribing to Footnote.com will be able to provide remote access to patrons looking to research their family genealogy or explore the images of the original source documents that are available online.

For further information visit these websites: www.footnote.com and www.ebscohost.com

Posted by Dick Eastman on June 10, 2009

Certificate in Genealogy and Family History

In this nine-month program, you will learn genealogical research techniques, including how to locate and interpret specific types of historical records, collect oral histories, use software and Internet resources and more. Explore how to interpret your family history within a political, economic, and social context. At the conclusion of the course, you will have completed your own family history research project. Information meetings: July 23 or Aug. 27, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, UW Campus. For more information visit http://www.extension.washington.edu/ext/certificates/gfh/gfh_gen.asp or call 206-685-8936 in the greater Seattle area, or 888-469-6499. Enroll now to start this fall.

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MyGenShare.com (almost ready for beta testing)

The planned launch of MyGenShare.com was set for May 2009. The launch of the website has been delayed for late summer. I have chosen to delay the launch so that the MyGenShare team can:

- Take advantage of new technology that will greatly enhance the user experience.
- Expand available content for patron use.

Prior to the launch of MyGenShare, we will conduct beta testing to give the website a thorough review to make sure it is ready to serve the needs of genealogists.

MyGenShare.com is a website where genealogists will find thousands of educational and mentoring resources for the beginner to the most passionate across hundreds of topics. Resources include a rich and growing selection of articles, tutorials, videos, podcasts, and slideshows.

Kindest regards, Barry J. Ewell
barry.ewell@mygenshare.com

Genealogy Tips

Are you researching a family that moved around a lot? Is it difficult to find records because you can't keep track of all their migrations? Using a mapping program, like Google Maps, can help you create a map that shows each locality where your ancestor lived. Google Maps, a free service of Google, allows you to add information about each place including details about what they did while there and the names of any records you have from that location.

To create a map in Google Maps, you will need a Google account. A Google account is created by using your email address and a password that you select. From Google Maps, click on the upper left hand corner link 'sign in'. From there either sign in or create an account.

Once you are signed in, click on 'my maps' and then 'create new map'. You can now click on placemarks (the blue balloon like objects) and place them anywhere on the map, and provide a title and information for each placemark.

As rumored for some time, the National Archives and Records Administration will soon close the Pacific Region office in Laguna Niguel, California. The following is from the NARA Staff Bulletin No. 584, May 2009: "Laguna Niguel - We are moving out of the massive Chet Holifield Federal office building, which formerly housed both the FRC [Federal Records Center] and the Archives, as well as many other Federal agencies. The Holifield building cannot be renovated to meet standards. In addition, visitorship and usage is low and does not justify the very high rent. Therefore, the archives will rejoin the FRC at its new facility in Riverside, which is about 50 miles from Laguna Niguel. The move is expected to be complete by spring 2010."

(Tips con't on pg 7)
Everton’s Genealogical Helper is MOST LIKELY About to be Sold

I can finally post a blog about what’s been going on - and coming up at Everton’s. I’ve been waiting for 3 months to do this… It’s been a long three months.

At some point a few months ago (I have no idea of the date), I’ve been told that Everton’s had a loan called, effectively taking most of the money in the bank account. On February 17, I got a phone call from my boss and was informed that there was no money - so I could no longer be paid. I was effectively laid-off as of that moment. I was asked to keep my mouth shut, as the company was being put up for sale - and they didn’t want me interjecting myself into the process. Out of respect for everyone involved, I did so (and it’s hard for me to stay quiet.) ( ☺ grin ☺)

I’ve now been told that verbal agreements have been made to sell the Genealogical Helper, Handybook for Genealogists, and other assets of the Everton operation. Final paperwork has not been signed, but should be within a few days.

I’m pleased to also be able to inform my readers that I have been asked to again direct the publication of the magazine, which will be taking a change in direction - one that I think my readers will be happy with. We have verbal and rather broad agreements only at this moment. Again, I expect all this to be settled shortly - and I plan to immediately go about getting out the next issue of the Helper.  Posted Leland Meitzler Genealogy Blog, May.16, 2009

10 Ways to Use Twitter for Genealogy

Twitter isn’t just a place to exchange meaningless thoughts in 140 characters or fewer. For plenty of people, it’s a place to meet and learn from people who share your interests. Genealogy, for example.

Here’s how family historians can use Twitter in their research:

1. Find other genealogists. Click Find People to search for folks with genealogy in their username. If you regularly read a blog, look on the blog for a link to Twitter. Once you find people you like following, see who they follow (listed on the right side of the person's Twitter profile).

2. Learn about research resources. Many bloggers (including yours truly) feed their posts to Twitter, so you click the "tweet" to see the whole post. You’ll also pick up tips in people’s tweets about the latest records they’ve found.

3. Get opinions on genealogy Web sites and products.

4. Ask questions. You can just throw it out to your followers, or direct your question to someone using @ and the user name, like this: @FamilyTreeMag.

5. Be heard by people who work at genealogy companies. Use Find People to search for the company name.

6. Get links to how-to advice. Tweets are 140 characters at most, but people often link to helpful articles they’ve found online.

7. Hear about industry news. It’s like having thousands of eyes and ears looking for even obscure and not-yet-announced stories. If you see RT in a tweet, that means someone is repeating the tweet of someone he or she follows—you can see how the news gets around.

8. See how funny genealogists can be. One to follow: @TheGenealogue

9. Find events. Genealogy societies, libraries, museums, and conferences often tweet upcoming events.

10. Get cheap stuff. Many companies use Twitter to publicize sales and giveaways (some are exclusive to Twitter followers). Online backup service @Mozy, for example, has regular Twitter giveaways.

To sign up for a Twitter account, go to Twitter.com and click Get Started—Join. Then follow Family Tree Magazine at @FamilyTreeMag.

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 Posted by Diane Haddad
Become a Fan of Genealogy on Facebook


What is the purpose of these Genealogy Facebook Pages?

1. Provide a forum to share genealogical discoveries
2. Post insights related to the genealogy industry as a whole
3. Provide a way for people to identify themselves as “fans” of genealogy
4. Share updates from experts and prominent genealogists

How do I become a fan of genealogy and family history on Facebook?

Simply click on these links: Genealogy and Family History. * You must be a member of Facebook to become a fan of genealogy and family history.

Why should I become a genealogy and family history fan?

Combined, the genealogy and family history groups have nearly 10,000 members, and the groups are growing at a rapid rate. Here you will find 10,000 people who love genealogy and family history just like you do. You can connect with other genealogists, and get the latest genealogy buzz for free!

The Life-Saving Secrets in Your Family Tree

The Wall Street Journal has a great story that tells how genealogists can even save or prolong the lives of the people that mean the most: their loved ones.

In the article, Anna Wilde Mathews writes:

Heredity plays a strong role in many health problems, ranging from Alzheimer's disease to macular degeneration and immune-system disorders like Crohn's disease. Though scientists have discovered genetic markers tied to many illnesses -- and tests have been developed to determine which patients have such markers -- these currently account for only a small portion of the risk for some diseases. That's the case with maladies such as stroke, most types of epilepsy and schizophrenia.

Many doctors say that keeping track of your family history can be a better way to gauge your risks than getting genetic tests. Family records might turn up correlations that tests can't yet fully explain.

You might want to read the entire article at [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124467618643403993.html].

Genealogy Apps for the iPhone & iPod Touch

Useful genealogy apps at the iTunes store offers a number of family tree viewers for the iPhone (and iPod Touch), including:

Shrubs - Dick Eastman reviewed this interesting genealogy program for the iPhone and iPod Touch. Unlike many of the genealogy apps available for the iPhone, Shrubs is a stand-alone program and can import a GEDCOM file from your desktop genealogy program of choice. View it in iTunes

FamViewer - Another stand-alone genealogy viewer, FamViewer accepts GEDCOM imports from your desktop genealogy software, as well as from Ancestry.com. View it in iTunes

GedView - Yet another stand-alone GEDCOM viewer for the iPhone. GedView, by David Knight, offers individual and family views, as well as sources and notes. View it in iTunes

Reunion for iPhone - As you might expect from the name, this iPhone/iPod Touch app works directly with the Mac OS X genealogy software, Reunion 9, including syncing capabilities. View it in iTunes

MobileFamilyTree - Designed to work with Synium's MacFamilyTree software, this mobile application for the iPhone and iPod touch lets you view your tree and even make changes to it on the go, and keeps these changes in sync with your MacFamilyTree files. View it in iTunes

FamCam, a free photo sharing application by FamilyLink. Excerpted from Kimberly Powell, at About.com posted Monday June 22, 2009

Genealogy Tips

(con’t from pg 5)

Angel Island is often called the "Ellis Island of the West." It is an historic site because it now commemorates the lesser-known side of American immigration history than its Eastern counterpart: the hardship that Chinese newcomers faced at the hands of immigration officials enforcing race-based laws.

Although it was billed as the "Ellis Island of the West", within the Immigration Service it was known as "The Guardian of the Western Gate" and was designed control the flow of Chinese into the country, who were officially not welcome with the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.
California Digital Newspaper Collection

The California Digital Newspaper Collection offers over 200,000 pages of California newspapers spanning the years 1849-1911: the Alta California, 1849-1891; the San Francisco Call, 1893-1910; the Amador Ledger, 1900-1911; the Imperial Valley Press, 1901-1911; the Sacramento Record-Union, 1859-1890; and the Los Angeles Herald, 1905-1907. All the issues are available online and can be viewed on your computer.

Additional years are forthcoming, as are other early California newspapers: the Californian; the California Star; the California Star and Californian; the Sacramento Transcript; the Placer Times; and the Pacific Rural Press.

The newspaper collection has two search modes: basic and advanced. Also available is a calendar feature that allows you to select a specific issue date and browse it.

The basic search allows you to enter any word or phrase and the entire collection is searched for matches. Advanced searching allows you to refine your results in various ways. The "Search in" field allows you to select which newspaper titles you would like to search. The default is set to search "all newspapers," but you may click on a single title or multiple titles. To select a single title, simply click on the title you want to search. To select multiple titles, click on the first title you are interested in searching, then hold down the control key (ctrl) as you click on your other selections. You can also sort the results in any of several different methods:

1. Best Match First: This Google-like utility arranges the results to present the most relevant results first, providing you with the best possible matches.

2. Publication Title: Arranges the results alphabetically by newspaper title.

3. Date: Arranges the results chronologically by date.

4. Page: Arranges the results in page number order. With "ascending" selected in the second drop down menu, the results will be organized with all front pages displayed first, followed by all the second pages, then third pages, etc. This reduces browsing for users who are searching for a specific page. (For example, a user might know that the obituaries regularly occur on page 3 of a daily paper.)

5. Article Title: Arranges the results alphabetically by the first word that appears in the title.

The California Digital Newspaper Collection is supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.


New Seattle Passenger Lists 1882-1957

Filed in Ancestry.com, Digital Documents Online, Immigration/Emigration, Internet Genealogical Research, Online Databases, Online Searchable Indexes on Jun.21, 2009

Alerted by the latest Ancestry Weekly Discovery, I clicked over to Ancestry.com and spent a few minutes playing with their new Seattle Passenger and Crew Lists, 1882-1957.

In searching for the Surname, Meitzler, I found an entry for 63 year old John Meitzler. He arrived in Tacoma, Washington on 31 Aug 1926 on the William A Mckenney, having come from Vancouver, British Columbia. Based on his age, he was born about 1863. This entry is found on Line 17 of a page on Microfilm Roll Number: M1383_119. See the following illus-
**Finding Ancestors' Border-Crossing Records**

Entry laws tightened today for those crossing the US/Canadian or the US/Mexican border on land—**now you must have a passport or an acceptable equivalent to get across.**

It’s a bit more of a hassle, but at least future genealogists will have records. Plenty of our ancestors immigrated, then up and moved across the border. Some went back and forth several times.

Border-crossing records start later than ship passenger lists. Here’s a rundown of what’s available:

**Canada to the United States**

Until 1895, border crossings from Canada to the United States weren’t recorded at all. Thereafter, most border crossings are on microfilm known as the St. Albans lists (after the Vermont town where the US Immigration and Naturalization Services had its main office), with geographic coverage varying by year:

- 1895-June 1917: All border crossings
- June 1917-July 1927: Crossings east of the North Dakota/Montana state line
- After July 1927: Crossings east of Lake Ontario

Other 1895-and-later crossings also are microfilmed. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Web site has a handy list of the film. They’re digitized in the subscription site Ancestry.com’s immigration collection, too.

**United States to Canada**

Ancestors crossing to Canada weren’t recorded until April 1908. Even then, those considered returning Canadians, or who crossed where ports didn’t exist or were closed, weren’t listed. Library and Archives Canada has records; www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy. They’re also on Ancestry.ca.

**Washington State Pioneer Certificates**

WSGS would like to emphasize our Pioneer Certificates which are available to direct descendants of Washington pioneers who arrived before 11 November 1889 or First Citizen Certificates for those before 31 December 1900.

To assist local societies, libraries and applicants, a new brochure describing some resources and procedures is now available. Contact Frank McLean, 3811 McLean Dr, Yakima, WA 98902-3864 or FL635@yakimavalleywork.com to obtain copies.

Local societies are encouraged to take copies to local libraries, family history centers, genealogical meetings, etc.

**MEGAN SMOLENYAK**

**Keynote Speaker**


**Friday Evening, September 11**

Dinner 6:30 pm  $45.00  **“FIND THAT OBITUARY! ONLINE NEWSPAPER RESEARCH”**

The last couple of years have given us an amazing array of searchable online newspaper resources - both historical and contemporary (and some of them even digitized). Come learn how to tap into this treasure trove of information - especially those elusive and detail-filled obituaries.

**Saturday Morning—September 12**

**“TRACE YOUR ROOTS WITH DNA”**

“Genetealogy” (the marriage of genetics and genealogy) is graduating from pioneering research to standard practice. But what is it exactly and how can we use it to further our genealogical endeavors. Megan discusses her own and others’ experience launching and managing a DNA project.

**Saturday Afternoon—September 12**

**“REVERSE GENEALOGY: TECHNIQUES FOR FINDING YOUR LOST LOVED ONES”**

Connecting with living relatives has become important to many family historians. This presentation covers proven techniques for tracing 20th century friends and relatives from the past to the present.

**Sunday, September 13 (Special Session)  $30.00**

**Breakfast 9:00 AM  “BEYOND Y-DNA: YOUR GENETIC GENEALOGY OPTIONS”**

Surname studies using Y-DNA tests are a popular and obvious application of genetic testing for genealogical purposes, but are you aware of your other options? Come learn about mtDNA, SNP, BioGeographical and ethnic tests, as well as the Sorenson Project, and determine if one or more of them is right for you.
The serious researcher turns to genealogical source documents that capture the evolving history of a family. Among these important documents are marriage records, birth records, death records and census records. Many of these records can be found in the county or federal agency where the record was created, or as part of the collection on one of the branches of the Washington State Archives. The goal of the Washington State Digital Archives is to bring together, for the first time, a statewide comprehensive collection of the electronic records that capture this history, while preserving these records for future generations.

King County Marriage Records Series is now available online

Mar 09, 2009 -- The long awaited King County Marriage Records Series is now available online at the Washington State Digital Archives. Although the project will take nearly a year to complete, Marriage Certificates from 1855-2000 and Marriage Returns from 1891-1939 will be available and searchable as they are indexed, beginning with the earliest years. The collection contains over 1 million records.

Marriage Certificates, filed with the County Auditor following the marriage ceremony, provide marriage license number, date, and county; place and date of marriage; names and county of residence of bride and groom; names of witnesses; and name, residence, and official station of the person performing the marriage.

Marriage Returns, returned to the County Auditor from the person performing the marriage ceremony, contain more information than Marriage Certificates. Marriage Returns generally provide the names and birthplaces of the bride and groom and their parents; residence, age, race, number of previous marriages, and occupation of both parties; place and date of marriage; name and official station of the person performing the marriage; and names of witnesses.

For more information about King County marriage records program, contact Washington State Digital Archives at (509) 235-7509 or digitalarchives@seattle.gov.

World War I Veterans’ Records now available online

Apr 06, 2009 -- The World War I Service Statement Cards, 1917-1919 (Department of Veterans Affairs), recently indexed by Washington Historical Records Project volunteers, are now available and searchable online at the Digital Archives. Information contained in the records includes full name, serial number, race, place inducted, place of birth, unit assignments, ranks attained, engagements fought in, wounds received, dates served overseas, date of demobilization, and degree of disability (if any). Volunteer Sam Cagle has provided added value to the records with a glossary that fully identifies the many military abbreviations used in the records. To search on a veteran’s name, go to http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/TitleInfo.aspx?TID=640.

National Archives and Records Administration

Genealogy Workshops**
6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115; phone 206-336-5115
Seattle.archives@nara.gov

**NARA is now encouraging interested groups to schedule a workshop of their choice from the following list: Please contact Carol Buswell at 206-336-5151 or carol.buswell@nara.gov for more information.

The National Archives Online
Methods for Finding & Using NARA Records
Immigration and Naturalization Records
NARA Resources for Chinese Research
NARA Resources for American Indian Research—Pacific Northwest Tribes Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole, and Creek)

Beginning Computer Genealogy
Beginning Your Genealogy at NARA
NARA Immigration and Naturalization Records
US Military Records at NARA

Location: NARA-Pacific Alaska Region, 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Classes are held either in the upstairs Conference Room or in the new Learning Center.

Registration: Advance registration is advised. Classes are held on a first come, first served basis. To register, call 206-336-5115, or e-mail: seattle.archives@nara.gov, or in person during normal business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Mon-Fri. and 9-4 on the second Saturday of each month.

Cancellation policy: We reserve the right to cancel a class due to low enrollment or adverse weather.

Thursday Workshops 10:00 am– 12:30 pm
11 “Brick Wall Workshop” 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Saturday Workshops morning sessions 10 am-12:30 pm; afternoon sessions 1:30 pm-4 pm
See http://www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/seattle/public/workshops.html for other classes being offered to the general public.
WSGS Treasurer’s Report
As of June 9, 2009

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What’s This FamilySearch Alpha Thing?

Many of you have probably noticed the FamilySearch Alpha project which we’ve quietly been working on here at FamilySearch Labs. Other than listing it as a project on FamilySearch Labs and a few mentions in the FamilySearch Group on Facebook, we haven’t really shared broadly what we’re up to – until now.

FamilySearch Alpha is the beginning of a great new world. The purpose of the project is to replace the current www.FamilySearch.org website with a new site at the same address that integrates all of the new technologies and record sets we’ve been working on (like Record Search, Family Tree, Research Wiki, etc.) into one easy to use experience. Instead of using these tools individually, you will simply go to www.FamilySearch.org to work on your family history.

The first release will introduce a fresh new look and feel and integrate the following features:

- Search for historical records (leveraging Record Search and Library Catalog technology)
- Learning and how-to (showcasing the Research Wiki and Library Research Series)  And much more

Unfortunately the alpha site requires operating systems running Flash-player10 and higher, so would-be users running computers with Win2000 and before cannot view the site information.

Region One Gathering
Includes Officers and chair persons of Camwood Genealogical Group, Genealogical Society of South Whidbey, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Stillaguamish Genealogical Society, Whatcom Genealogical Society, Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers, and San Juan County. Other interested individuals are welcome.

Wednesday, September 23, will be a meeting at the Sno-Isle Genealogical Library. We will tour the library facility, do some research, have a social dinner and attend the evening meeting.

Japanese Evacuee Resettlement Records Online
At the Washington Digital Archives
Japanese Evacuee Resettlement records are now available online at the Digital Archives. At the conclusion of WWII (1945-1946) assistance was offered to those Japanese and Americans of Japanese ancestry, who were removed from the coastal states and housed in internment camps during the war. Funding for this assistance was provided by the federal governments War Relocation Authority and was administered by the Washington State Social Security Department. The researcher will find: full family names; the Assembly Center; family members living with the head of family; information about employment; and other family information. Japanese Evacuee Resettlement records can be searched using the simple search or Misc Historical Records in detailed search.
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