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MEMBERSHIP & DUES

The annual membership dues are \$20.00 per year for a single membership and \$25.00 per year for a family membership. The dues are paid at the September meeting. Please send your membership dues to Membership Chairperson c/o The TriState Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 21902, Bullhead City, AZ 86439.

PRIMARY PURPOSE

The TRI STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY was established in 1990. The society promotes further interest in genealogy and family history. It also provides fellowship and assistance to those interested in these subjects.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held from September thru May on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon at **MOHAVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HARGROVE LIBRARY**, 3400 Highway 95, Bullhead City, Arizona 86442 928-758-2420

Some meetings will be held at other locations. These meeting will be scheduled, announced at meetings and corresponded to members before that meeting is held. There will also be a calendar of meetings posted to our web page.

TRISTATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEB PAGE

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~azcanvtsgs/> Andrea Wetzstein is our coordinator. Please contact her at azgenealogymail-websites@yahoo.com with comments & suggestions.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting October 11, 2008 Mohave Community College Library Bullhead City, Arizona

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Susan Zmrzel with 13 members and 4 guests present. All were welcomed and an attendance sign-in sheet was passed around. All guests were asked to tell us where they are with their research.

There was a discussion of the MCC class taught by Leslie Bell and all of those who are taking the class explained what they found the most helpful.

Minutes of Sept. 12, 2008 meeting were read by Secretary Patti Goodman and will stand as read.

Treasurer's report read by Treasurer Mary Moffatt and was filed for audit. Mary explained checking accounts for organizations & clubs with all the banks in the area. Her research resulted in the best deal for us was Wells Fargo Bank. After more discussion it was vote that we change our club account to Wells Fargo. Mary was given the OK to proceed with the bank change.

Membership chairman Mary Moffett reported that we have 19 paid members.

Publicity and Program Chair Andrea Wetzstein explained what she found out about the trip to Lake Havasu Genealogical Society Library and it was voted to car pool on a Wed. in November. Andrea will organize trip more at our November meeting.

Susan and Andrea brought us up to date on the Cemetery project, Newsletter, Web Page and Mary Moffett updated us on the Federation of Genealogical Society.

Several announcements were read.

There was discussion on the World Archives project at Ancestry.com. The Genealogical Publishing Company sent Carol Leatherwood, at MCC library, an e-mail regarding purchasing books for the library and Susan will look in to it.

Meeting Presentation was on the 10 questions beginners ask, forms for beginners, October is family history month and the 10 ways to celebrate. Patti gave information on transferring movies to DVD, a scheduled digital picture class at MCC and the MCC computer teacher that charges \$25.00 an hour for those of us who need computer help. The program also included information on Find a Grave, taking photos of cemetery markers, Arizona death certificates, computer technology and HP on line classes. Also Frontier internet hard drive backup, California Internet Security Suite, and genealogy software programs

Meeting closed at 12:40

Respectfully Submitted; Patti Goodman, Secretary

**Minutes of the Meeting
November 8, 2008
Mohave Community College Library
Bullhead City, Arizona**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. Arizona time.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the October meeting were read by secretary Patti Goodman and will stand as read.

Membership:

Mary Moffett stated we have 21 members.

Treasurers Report:

Was read by Mary Moffett and we have a balance of \$740.18. The treasurer's report was accepted as read and will be filed for audit.

Publicity and Program Chairman:

Andrea Wetzstein explained the planned trip to Lake Havasn Genealogy Library on November 12 and we will meet at MCC parking lot at 8:30 A.M. She has maps for the drivers.

Andrea passed out flyers on "My Most Inspirational Ancestor Program" and a "Program Topics Survey" for the membership to complete and return to her. The "Program Topics Survey" will help to know what we all would like to have as a program or what we need help with.

It was voted to take the trip to Kingman Museum/Genealogy Library after Christmas.

Communication and Newsletter Chairman:

Susan Zmrzel said the December newsletter will be posted on the web page towards the end of December.

Federation of Genealogical Societies Delegate:

Mary Moffett asked to resign and have another member take the delegate position. Patti Goodman volunteered to take the position.

Susan updated us on the TriState Genealogical Cemetery Project proposal and the World Archives Project and a discussion was held on buying Mohave Community College Library a book a year thru the Genealogical Publishing Company or other genealogy book store.

New Business:

This year the membership voted not to have our annual Christmas party due to food not being allowed in the Mohave Community College Library. We will have a super program instead. We will bring an item from our ancestor and briefly describe the ancestor and item.

The meeting presentation was on how to add photos to your Family Tree Maker Software along with other tips and tricks.

The meeting was closed at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted Patti Goodman Secretary

**Minutes of the Meeting
December 13, 2008
Mohave Community College Library
Bullhead City, Arizona**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Susan Zmrzel. There were 13 members present and 4 guests. All were welcomed by Susan and the guests were asked where they were with their research.

Membership:

Mary Moffett passed out membership list of 22 members.

Meeting Minutes:

Secretary Patti Goodman read the minutes of November meeting and the minutes will stand as read.

Treasures Report:

Account Balance of \$1008.45. Report accepted and will be filed for audit.

Publicity & Program:

Andrea Wetzstein reported on our trip to Lake Havasu Genealogical Society Library. There was discussion on our up coming trip to Kingman to visit the Mohave County Genealogical Society at the Mohave Museum of Arts and History. A date of Wednesday January 14, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. has been scheduled.

Communication and Newsletter:

Susan Zmrzel states the newsletter will be sent to Andrea to post on the web page as soon as she gets the minutes of our December meeting

Tri State Web Page:

Web Master Andrea Wetzstein states we have new pictures up.

Federation of Genealogical Societies Delegate:

Patti Goodman states we are in process of transferring the title of delegate from Mary to her. Mary is paying the dues that are due now and sending in the paper work.

Cemetery Project:
Update by Susan

Announcements:
A new book out is entitled Google Your Family Tree.

A list of upcoming Genealogy classes at MCC was announced.

Andrea passed around her vender information from the Family History Expo in Mesa from 11/14 & 11/15.

Patti talked about the Descendent of a Pioneer project by the State Genealogy Society.

Old Business:
Discussion of which books to order to donate to MCC. At this time Mary Moffat will check in to the books "Evidence Explained" by Elizabeth Shone Mills and "Google Your Family Tree" by Daniel M. Lynch. She will coordinate with Carol Leatherwood of the Mohave Community College Library.

Program:
We all brought an item or picture of our Ancestor and told the story connected to it.

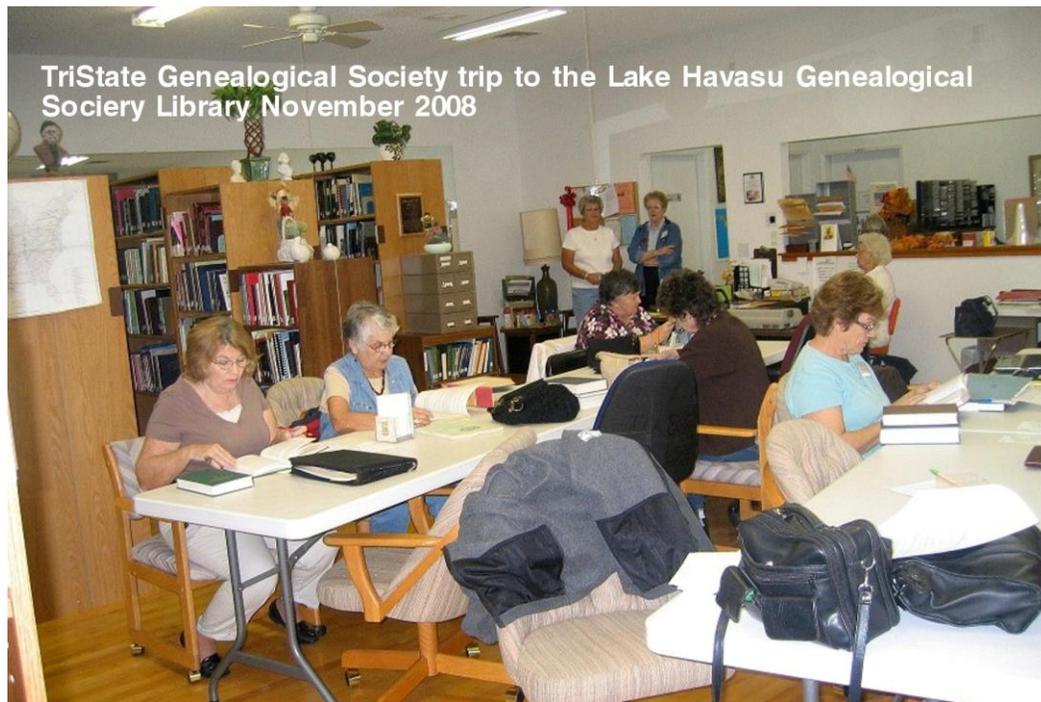
Meeting closed at 11:52

Respectfully Submitted

Patti Goodman

Secretary

TRISTATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS



On November 12, 2008 members of the TriState Genealogical Society car pooled to Lake Havasu City, Arizona. There we visited the Lake Havasu Genealogical Society Library at 2126 N McCulloch Blvd, Suite 17.

Library Hours:

Tuesday: 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00-5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Other times by appointment.

Library is closed month of August.

Library Telephone Number: (928) 854-5447

The library has:

- Over 2,000 volumes of family history and genealogy books
- Two computers
- Computer CDs of birth, marriage, death, census, military, pension, immigration, and family history records
- Microfiche reader
- International Genealogical Index (IGI) on microfiche and miscellaneous fiche
- Copy machine (15 cents per copy)
- Genealogy forms
- NARA forms
- Librarian guidance and/or help
- Surname file (share information with others researching like surnames)

If you go to their web page at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~azlhgs/> you will find, under resources, an on line index of their library holdings. It would be a good idea to check their index before you make a trip. When you arrive you will know what you want to look up and have a more efficient research day.

A couple of us took our lap top computers. You can get a wireless connection from the businesses etc in the area but the connection is not secured. The library it's self does not have a wireless connection.

We all enjoyed the trip and went to lunch at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers. Yum good!!!!

FROM EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER

October 25, 2008

Familybuilder Introduces FamilybuilderDNA

Familybuilder has introduced the lowest-priced testing service available for both YDNA and mtDNA DNA testing. The new service was introduced at last week's Illinois State Genealogical Society conference. Here is the announcement from Familybuilder:

NEW YORK, NY -- October 23, 2008 -- New York City-based Familybuilder (<http://www.familybuilder.com>), maker of Family Tree, the fastest-growing genealogy service on the

Internet, returns from the Illinois State Genealogical Society with tales from the road: Technology is changing the future of genealogy.

The 40th annual conference of the Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS), which took place last Saturday in Elgin, IL, was its largest in history. Familybuilder is pleased to report that the popularity of online genealogy services and internet-based research resources is making it easier and more fun for families to retrace their heritage, build family trees, compile family histories and reconnect with cousins across the globe.

“We’re the new kids on the block compared to the 40 great years the Illinois State Genealogical Society celebrates this year,” said David Rheins, Chief Marketing Officer for Familybuilder. “We were thrilled to be welcomed into their conference with open arms and great interest in how Familybuilder is seeking to bring the art and science of genealogy into the 21st century. We all agree that families are re-connecting with each other online and using the Internet to conduct research more than they’re visiting the dusty archives or local cemetery to build their family trees.

Familybuilder used the occasion to introduce its newest product, FamilybuilderDNA. “We are very excited by the reception we received for our highly affordable DNA test kit by the 250+ attendees of the conference. To date, using DNA testing for genealogy purposes has been cost prohibitive. Now, with our DNA test priced under \$60.00, we’re opening the doors of DNA-based genealogy research up for millions of people. Thank you for welcoming our family into yours, ISGS!”

By combining its social networking prowess with over 20 million family tree profiles built across its global network via Facebook, MySpace, Bebo, Orkut and Hi5, and the lowest price point found anywhere, Familybuilder seeks to bring DNA testing to the masses – with younger generations leading the way.

Familybuilder offers both paternal (YDNA) and maternal (mtDNA) DNA tests. The YDNA test is a 17-marker test (as compared to FamilyTreeDNA's 12 markers) and its mtDNA test will analyze 420 base pairs of the HV1 region.

Familybuilder's \$59.95 offering is the lowest available anywhere for YDNA and mtDNA DNA testing.

October 27, 2008

OpenOffice 3.0

I have written before about OpenOffice, the free replacement for Microsoft Office and several other office suites. It has perhaps 80% to 90% of the functionality of Microsoft Word/Excel/PowerPoint but has a much better price tag: free.

Most of the articles in this newsletter are written in a Macintosh-specific variation of OpenOffice, called NeoOffice. I have both OpenOffice and Microsoft Office installed on the computer I am using at this moment (a Mac laptop in use on board a cruise ship someplace in the Atlantic), but I prefer to use OpenOffice. It is simpler to use and runs faster. The free program does not have all the capabilities of Microsoft Office, but it does perform all the functions that I need.

One of my friends recently switched from Microsoft Office 2007 to OpenOffice 3.0 on her Windows system. She reports that Microsoft Office ran so slowly on her aging Windows XP computer that she had to wait and wait for many commonly-used functions. Office 2007 also has a very unusual user interface that she found difficult to get used to. She downloaded the new OpenOffice 3.0 and found it to be much faster as well as simpler to use. I doubt if everyone will agree with her, but many people will.

The new OpenOffice version 3.0 has set a download record in its first week of availability. Most surprising is the fact that over 80% of the downloads were from Windows users.

If you would like to obtain a powerful word processor/spreadsheet/presentation program at no charge, I'd suggest you download the free OpenOffice software at <http://www.openoffice.org> .

October 28, 2008

Itsourtree.com Releases Free Family Tree Software

The following announcement was written by Itsourtree.com:

October 28, 2008 - The software enables users to edit and create a family tree on their own PC. If desired, they can then upload it to itsourtree.com and share it with relatives and friends. The Home Edition offers state-of-the-art usability and technology at no cost. Besides operating in the standard GEDCOM format the software also allows the printing of various familial lists in an appropriate genealogical standard. Itsourtree.com co-founder Sven Schmidt states: "Like Google's strategy of turning the expensive Keyhole software into the free Google Earth, we decided to offer a software that is usually pricy for free." Co-founder Daniel Grözinger adds: "This is a 'thank you' for all the support we have got from our users. This also extends our internet strategy of offering top quality at no cost."

Itsourtree.com, the fastest-growing family network worldwide, is a strong complementary to other genealogical resources. So far, more than 5 million families use the platform to combine genealogy with the fun of family communications. Download <http://www.itsourtree.com/infocentre/home-edition>

November 17, 2008

Online Genealogy Dictionaries and Lists

I have been collecting URLs (Web addresses) of various online dictionaries and lists that are useful to genealogists. These are useful when trying to decode foreign or obsolete words often found in genealogy work. Here are a few of my favorites:

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy: <http://www.eogen.com> (Disclaimer: This is a site that I created but the data has been created by many different people. In fact, you can also add data to the Encyclopedia of Genealogy.)

Abbreviations Found in Genealogy: FamilySearch has an extensive list at [https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Abbreviations Found in Genealogy Records](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Abbreviations_Found_in_Genealogy_Records). Other lists may be found at : <http://www.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html> and <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sam/abbr.html> and <http://www.genealogy.com/Glossary/glossary.html> and <http://www.geisheimer.org/info/gene/abbr.htm>

A List of Occupations, many of which are archaic. You can discover what your ancestor really did at: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dav4is/Sources/Occupations.html> (with emphasis on England and its 16th and 17th century colonies) and <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rigenweb/ocupaton.html> and <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~genepool/jobs.htm> and <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wiashlan/occupations.html> and <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/misc/occupations.shtml>

“Cousinship” - What is a second cousin twice removed? This and other cousin relationships are explained at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2008/02/what-is-second.html

Cyndi's List of Medical Terms: <http://www.cyndislist.com/medical.htm>

Archaic Medical Terms, Diseases and Causes of Death: <http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/Index.htm> and <http://rmhh.co.uk/illness.html> and the MedTerms Dictionary with both modern and obsolete terminology at <http://www.medterms.com/script/main/hp.asp> and <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~billingh/disease.htm> and <http://cancerweb.ncl.ac.uk/omd/> and <http://www.neonatology.org/classics/old.terms.html> and <http://www.genealogy-quest.com/glossaries/diseases1.html>

Glossar: Die Familie: An annotated English-German glossary of terms frequently found in genealogy research: <http://german.about.com/homework/german/library/blfamilie.htm>

Meanings and origins of first names - an etymology (the origin of words) and list of the most popular names: <http://www.behindthename.com>

Old handwriting in genealogy research (with images of handwriting samples): <http://www.amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/oldhand.html>

Old Style Abbreviations - Proper Names (with images of handwriting samples): <http://www.amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/x-prop.html>

Abbreviations on Gravestones: http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/misc/grave_symbols.shtml

Military Abbreviations Found on U.S. Grave Markers: http://genealogy.about.com/od/military_records/a/abbreviations.htm

Cemetery Junction Directory - A directory of more than 20,000 cemeteries, arranged by state. Search by cemetery and family name. Links to obituaries and genealogical societies in the U.S, Australia, and Canada: <http://daddezio.com/cemetery>

Where to Write for Vital Records - Addresses and guidelines for contacting each U.S. state or territory for vital records and documents: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>
There are many, many more such lists online. You should be able to find them with any search engine. However, the above is a list of the ones I keep handy.

FAMILY SEARCH

Summit County, Ohio Court Receives Grant to Digitize Records 7 October 2008

Hundreds of thousands of historic records will be freely available online
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, and the National Association of Government Archive and Records Administrators (NAGARA) announced on July 24, 2008, that Judge Bill Spicer and the Probate Division of the Summit County Common Pleas Court in Akron, Ohio, were awarded a 2008 grant for the digitization of Summit County marriage, birth, and death records. The court’s grant was one of only two awarded in 2008. This significant grant will make it possible for Summit County to digitally preserve and provide free online access to select historical documents.

The project targets 1840 to 1980 marriage records for over 550,000 individuals, birth records prior to 1908

for over 46,000 individuals, and death records prior to 1908 for over 22,000 individuals. A free, searchable name index linked to the digital images of the original records will be available to the public through the probate court's Web site www.summitohioprobate.com and the grant partners' sites.

“As a result of the grant, our Website, which was chosen as one of the 10 best in the country by the National College of Probate Judges, will now have the added distinction of being a model for the state and country for accessing historical court records,” said Judge Spicer. “Not only will it improve access, but by reducing the need to see the often-fragile originals, it will make the court's job of preserving hundreds of thousands of original records easier. The project is a far-sighted and important effort in preserving local history. On behalf of the court and the citizens of Summit County, I thank the project sponsors for selecting Summit County Probate Court as its 2008 grant recipient.”

This is the first year that this national grant was offered. It is sponsored by Ancestry.com and FamilySearch and administered by NAGARA. Under the grant, FamilySearch will digitize the original documents on-site in the Summit County courthouse by the end of 2008, and Ancestry.com will create an electronic index linked to the images. The entire project is scheduled for completion in 2009. The commercial value of the grant is estimated to be \$150,000.00.

Outside of this and similar business transactions, no legal or other affiliation exists between FamilySearch and The Generations Network.

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MISC INFORMATION

MOHAVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BULLHEAD CITY CAMPUS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH CLASSES

According to the Mohave Community College, Community Outreach Spring 2009 class schedule the following genealogy classes are scheduled. Please call (928-758-3926) or visit the college to make sure of times and tuition. Also, ask about a senior discount.

January 7 to February 11, 2009--Wednesday from 7pm to 8:50 pm--cost \$48--teacher Donna Chapin.

January 20 to February 24, 2009—Tuesday from 9am to 10:50am—cost \$48—teacher Leslie Bell

March 24 to April 28, 2009—Tuesday from 9am to 10:50am—cost \$48—teacher Leslie Bell

Descriptions for all three classes reads “An introduction to using computer software and the internet to research and catalog family lineage or history. The research will last generations. All classes in room 0507.

ARIZONA STATE ARCHIVES GET NEW HOME

Asked to show some of the more notable items in the Arizona State Archives, Jennifer Albin held up a rusty hatchet used in 1926 to commit one of the state's most notorious murders.

It might seem out of place amid the documents, maps and records dating back to territorial days, but this too tells Arizona's story, she said.

"The archives are very interesting and affect people's everyday lives," said Albin.

The hatchet tells the story of Granville Johnson, who killed his wife of a few months near Williams. His alibi fell apart when authorities found the bloody weapon in the woods with his name engraved on the handle.

Along with Arizona's Constitution and seemingly countless other items, the hatchet has a new home. The archives moved recently out of cramped space at the state Capitol into spacious, modern digs in the \$29 million Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Building at 19th Avenue and Madison Street in Phoenix.

The building, named after the longest-serving member of the Arizona Legislature, will be formally dedicated Jan. 15.

"The new building has 50 times more room than the old building and we are all very happy with the move," said Melanie Sturgeon, history and archives division director for the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

Albin said people frequently use the archives to prove they own land or to prove their citizenship after they leave the U.S.

The building houses a large collection of genealogy information, which brings many people to research their family history and ancestry.

Map librarian Julie Hoff said the new building features climate control that keeps the archives section at 55 degrees, which preserves documents longer.

"Previously I could only show the maps for three hours a day," Hoff said. "Now they are available all day during normal business hours."

A tour of the new building started in the reading room, which is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and features microfilm readers and wireless access for laptop users.

The microfilm readers make Arizona's largest collection of newspapers available to the public, and soon all of the collection's newspapers from 1880 to 1922 will be available online.

The heart of the archives lies behind locked doors and isn't open to the public. There are large stacks of books and documents storing newspapers from the 1800s to today, along with court dockets and old photos.

Hoff proudly showed off some of her favorite maps, including colorful bird's-eye views of Phoenix and Prescott from the 1890s.

Albin shared one of her favorite items: a comic from a 1948 edition of The Arizona Times of Phoenix. It shows two women gossiping, with one telling the other: "She's had terrible luck with both her husbands. The first one stopped coming around ... and the second one won't."

Sturgeon showed off a 1927 proclamation in which George W.P. Hunt, Arizona's first governor, serving the third of his four terms, declared George H. Kelly the state historian of Arizona.

Visitors who want to access the stacks must apply for a research card, which is good for one year and helps keep track of who is viewing the documents in case they are stolen. In the past, documents have been swiped and later turned up on eBay, Albin said.

WEB PAGES TO TRY

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War <http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/index.php>

It is our hope that this online database program will promote increased interest in the SUVCW National Graves Registration Project and take us to an entirely new level of achievement. Depending on the source referenced, there were between 4.2 and 4.8 million Union Civil War Veterans. Due to mass burials, unreported battlefield losses, burials at sea and other circumstances, we can never expect to register all Union graves, but with your assistance we will succeed in honoring the "boys in blue" to the best of our ability.

Sons of Confederate Veterans <http://www.scv.org/index.php>

Today, the Sons of Confederate Veterans is preserving the history and legacy of these heroes, so future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to insuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

Washington State Digital Archives <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx>

The Washington State Digital Archives is the nation's first archives dedicated specifically to the preservation of electronic records from both State and Local agencies that have permanent legal, fiscal or historical value. Birth, death, marriage and etc. Check it out!

If you are looking for obituaries (or articles) from newspapers in Washington, I would suggest going through the Washington State Library -- <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/>

The librarians will look up information from old newspapers anywhere in the state, all you have to do is fill out the email request form provided on the website -- <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/ask.aspx> As they mention on the form, you will need to provide them with a name, approximate date of the event, and location (for the McHone obituaries, I would suggest you ask they look in both the Sequim and Port Angeles newspapers). The librarians can also look up information in old city and county directories, among other things on file at the library. It's a really wonderful service they provide, and it's free as well.

Google News Archive Search <http://news.google.com/archivesearch>

News archive search provides an easy way to search and explore historical archives. In addition to helping you search, News archive search can automatically create timelines which show selected results from relevant time periods.

[USA.gov http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History_Family/State_Genealogy.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History_Family/State_Genealogy.shtml)

Official information and services from the U.S. government. Whatever you want or need from the U.S. government, it's here on USA.gov. You'll find a rich treasure of online information, services, and resources.

[The Genetic Genealogist http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/](http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/) The Genetic Genealogist examines the intersection of traditional genealogical techniques and modern genetic research. The blog also explores the latest news and developments in the related field of personal genomics. Download my FREE 28-page eBook: "I Have The Results of My Genetic Genealogy Test, Now What?"

A LITTLE HUMOR

From: Charlotte Meyer via WGW-Board-List on 21 Sep 98

You Know You're Taking Genealogy Too Seriously If ..

In order to put the "final touches" on your genealogical research, you've asked all of your closest relatives to provide DNA samples.

You are the only person to show up at the cemetery research party with a shovel.

You were instrumental in having "non-genealogical use of the genealogy room copy machine" classified as a federal hate crime.

Your house leans slightly toward the side where your genealogical records are stored.

You decided to take a two-week break from genealogy, and the U.S. Postal Office immediately laid off 1,500 employees.

Out of respect for your best friend's unquestioned reputation for honesty and integrity, you are willing to turn off that noisy surveillance camera while she reviews your 57 genealogical research notebooks in your home. The armed security guard, however, will remain.

You plod merrily along "refining" your recently published family history, blissfully unaware that the number of errata pages now far exceeds the number of pages in your original publication.

During an ice storm and power outage, you ignore the pleas of your shivering spouse and place your last quilt around that 1886 photograph of dear Uncle George.

The most recent document in your "Missing Ancestors" file is a 36-page contract between you and Johnson Billboard Advertising Company.

Ed McMahan, several t.v. cameras and an envelope from Publishers Clearing House arrive at your front door on Super Bowl Sunday, and the first thing you say is, "Are you related to the McMahans of Ohio?"

"A Loving Family" and "Financial Security" have moved up to second and third, respectively, on your list of life's goals, but still lag far behind "Owning My Own Microfilm Reader."

A magical genie appears and agrees to grant your any one wish, and you ask that the 1890 census be restored.