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President's Message

Genealogists, family historians and Genealogy Societies have a legitimate concern over the passing of recent laws concerning access to birth certificates for genealogical purposes. Finding prime source material such as a birth certificate for long passed family members is a cornerstone to genealogical work.

Provided for you this issue is material to make you aware of what is happening and hopefully motivate you to help change our representatives thinking. The following message was received by one of our members after she had written to Congressman Rick Larsen.

Laura

From: "Dabbs, Michael" <Michael.Dabbs@mail.house.gov>

Date: Tue Jan 11, 2005 8:03:14 AM US/Pacific To: "Joan"

Subject: Re: HR-10

Hello Joan,

My name is Mike Dabbs and I am an aide to Congressman Larsen. Congressman Larsen asked me to get back to you on the email you wrote him regarding federal recognition of birth certificates in H.R. 10. As you may know, the 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act (H.R.10), was never voted on by the Senate after it's passage in the House. Instead it was sent to conference with the Senate's version of the bill, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (S.2845), which passed both the House and the Senate and **became public law on December 17, 2004.** Congressman Larsen voted for S.2845 because it provides urgent reforms which are necessary for the safety of our country.

The language in S. 2845 concerning the minimum standards for federal recognition of birth certificates has changed from H.R. 10.

Section. 7211(b)(3) states:

(3) **MINIMUM STANDARDS-** Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall by regulation establish minimum standards for birth certificates for use by Federal agencies for official purposes that--(A) at a minimum, shall require certification of the birth certificate by the State or local government custodian of record that issued the certificate, and shall require the use of safety paper or an alternative, equally secure medium, the seal of the issuing custodian of record, and other features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting, or otherwise duplicating the birth certificate

for fraudulent purposes; (B) shall establish requirements for proof and verification of identity as a condition of issuance of a birth certificate, with additional security measures for the issuance of a birth certificate for a person who is not the applicant; (C) shall establish standards for the processing of birth certificate applications to prevent fraud; (D) may not require a single design to which birth certificates issued by all States must conform; and (E) shall accommodate the differences between the States in the manner and form in which birth records are stored and birth certificates are produced from such records.

Congressman Larsen wants you to know that as the Secretary of Health and Human Services works to establish these security measures, he will continue to monitor all developments and certainly keep your views in mind. If I can assist you in any other way, my contact information is listed below.

Michael Dabbs

U.S. Representative Rick Larsen (WA-02)

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National News

RESTRICTING OUR ACCESS TO RECORDS.

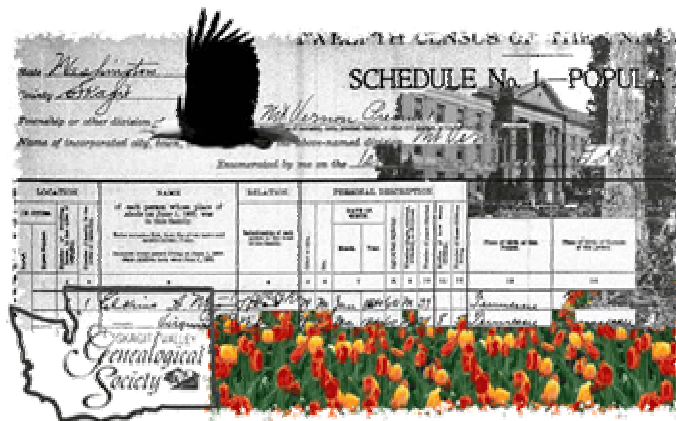
The U.S. House of Representatives is considering a bill, House Resolution 10 (H.R. 10), which seeks to restrict access to birth certificates. David Rencher, chairman of the Record Access and Preservation Committee, a joint committee of the National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), has sent a letter to the bill's sponsor, Congressman J. Dennis Hastert, recommending an amendment to the bill that make a distinction between certified and non-certified copies and excludes records more than 100 years old. A copy of the letter is available on the FGS site at: <http://www.fgs.org/rpa/formalactions.htm>.

To view this bill, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Enter HR10 in the search box for "Bill Number."

Concerned U.S. family historians who wish to contact their congressional representative can go to: <http://www.house.gov/> and enter their zip code. Follow the link to the representative's website to obtain his/her contact information

ON PRIVACY, SECURITY (AND NOW, TERRORISM).
 Read what Gary Mokotoff, editor of Nu? What's New, has to



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Calendar of Events

Attention !!

Winter 2005

General Meeting:

January 25 Heidi Thomas, a local writing instructor, will provide an introduction and overview of her "Memoir Writing Course". This may provide a good push for some of us to write our family history.

February 22 Darilee Bedner, owner of Third Street Book Emporium in Marysville, has many books and school year books in her store. She will show some of her local year books and explain what her book emporium has to offer genealogists. She is also the Gen Web Project Coordinator for Skagit County. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waskagit/>

22 March Barbara Ricketts, will update SVGS membership on what is available at the local Family History Center in Mount Vernon.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The Year 2005 is here! All society dues are payable by January 1. If your dues have not been paid by the end of February you will be removed from the society mailing list.

Centre for Resource & Research

Laura Pemberton Sparr announces that the library has been moved to the **Center of Spiritual Living facility**, 1508 N. 19th Street, Mount Vernon. Check your e-mail for a notice, drop her a note at centre4randr@hotmail.com, or call her cell at 425-231-6945. The plan is to be open on Thursdays, with other times by appointment. See you there!

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter is now accepting business card size advertisement. The cost will be \$10.00 per issue and the editor can help put one together for you if you don't have something ready.

If anyone would like queries to be posted in the newsletter again, I certainly wouldn't be opposed to it. *Ye Editor*

Comb Binding .. For members

The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Arnold Stewart at 360-466-3288 he will make arrangements to bind your pages into a book for you. Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supplies.

say on this subject in latest edition (Volume 5, No. 18, 10 October) of the e-zine of Jewish Genealogy.

<http://www.avotaynu.com/nu.htm>

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President Signs National Archives Budget

The following is an announcement from the **National Archives and Records Administration**:

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Dec. 9 -- Congress has passed and the President has approved a budget for the National Archives and Records Administration for Fiscal Year 2005 of \$321,291,000, which exceeds the President's request.

Overall, the budget, slightly greater than last year's appropriation, provides funding to meet the challenges presented by electronic records, address storage and preservation requirements, and improve the National Archives technology infrastructure.

The funds are part of the omnibus spending bill that includes funding for agencies and departments whose regular FY 2005 appropriations bill had not yet been enacted. The measure also authorizes a 3.5 percent pay raise for Federal employees.

Included in the total of \$321,291,000 are \$266,945,000 for operating expenses, \$35,914,000 for the Electronic Records Archives, \$13,432,000 for repairs and restorations, and \$5,000,000 for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, (NHPRC).

However, the legislation also includes a .83 percent (eighty-three one hundredths of one percent) across-the-board reduction on all accounts. This means an agency-wide reduction of approximately \$2,426,000 from the appropriated amounts.

In commenting on the budget, Archivist of the United States John W. Carlin said, "In this very tight budget climate, the President and the Congress again have demonstrated their support for this agency and the programs and services we provide that are so important to our nation."

Last year, the National Archives received an appropriation of \$316,322,000, with an across-the-board reduction of approximately \$1,866,000.

The new legislation allocates \$266,945,000 for base operating expenses, the level the President requested. It restores a cut the House had made in this account during its consideration of the Archives funding requests.

To meet electronic records challenges, Congress included the Archives request for \$35,914,000 for the Electronic Records Archives, to manage, preserve, and provide access to the Government's electronic records. This is the full amount requested by the President. It is earmarked for the first phase of the system.

To meet storage and preservation needs at our facilities nationwide, the lawmakers approved \$13,432,000 for the repairs and restoration appropriation, which included several items not in the President's request:

\$3,000,000 for site preparation and construction management

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Society News

Need a vital record?

Vital Records from the State of Washington cost \$17.00. However, as a fundraiser for SVGS, it will only cost you \$5.00 (and that's only if one is found)!

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has vital records (b, m, d) from many states. Not all records are available in all states. Their holdings can be found at familysearch.org. Click "Library"; click "Family History Library Catalog"; click "Place Search"; enter state you're searching for; from the records list, select "vital records". Do this for all the states you might be interested in. If you think your record may be in SLC, I will search and photocopy the record. Interested? E-mail, mail, or phone me with as much of the following information as possible, name, event, date of event, place, parents. Remember, you only pay if something is found. Information deadline to Sharon Johnson no later than February 11; *see page two for contact info to Sharon*.

Publications Up-date

The publication committee will soon be reviewing three new publications:

- 1] Update to our Funeral Home Index 1994-2003
- 2] Fir Conway Lutheran Church Cemetery in Conway
- 3] Fernhill Cemetery near Marches Point

Obituary Files

The SVGS Obituaries Files are now stored in the storage room in Burlington. Anytime anyone needs to get into the storage please call or e-mail **Diane Partington, Barbara Ricketts** or **Norma Keefe-Hills**; their numbers and e-mails are on our membership list. Norma is at the storeroom for 2 hours every Monday. Diane Partington can go when called. Special thanks Barbara and Norma for the organizing of the storeroom (with new shelves built by Barbara herself) and the up-dating and filing of the obituaries themselves.

Speaker Handout Collection by Lorraine Rothenbuhler

John Fisher has given the SVGS a collection of speaker handouts dated from Sept. 1984 to May 2004. Copies of these handouts will be available by contacting Lorraine Rothenbuhler at 360-856-1874. The following research handouts available are as follows.

- Primary and secondary evidence.
- Tips on writing a successful Query letter
- Organization of your genealogical research.
- Newspaper research.
- Naturalization and ship and passenger information
- Newspapers as genealogical sources.
- Getting you oxen out of the ditch.
- Organizing the genealogical paper trail.
- Sample of passenger list publications.
- Canada research.
- LDS Mount Vernon Family History research Center.

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Scottish counties and research.
 Researching maiden names
 Genealogy books at Mount Vernon Library.
 Preparing for the 1930 census.
 Miscellaneous microfilm at National Archives-Pacific
 Alaska region (Seattle).
 Utilizing church records for genealogical research.
 Climbing your family tree on the internet.
 Why writing own autobiography is so important.
 Researching the British Isles.
 Land Chronology and land records.
 Indexes (Available at the Seattle Public library).
 Genealogy resources available on the internet.
 German Genealogy.
 Finding living relatives.
 Irish records at Seattle Public Library.
 Paper trail of American Veterans.
 Instruction and suggestions for Physicians, Midwives and
 Undertakers.
 Glossary for Genetics and Genealogy for 2000.
 Guide to research at The Pacific Region National Archives
 German Genealogy Translating and considerations.
 The LDS Mount Vernon History Center.
 University of Washington Suzzollo Library Family History research.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH METHODS

If interested **contact Iona Raney ASAP**; Presented By the
 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

At the Burlington Senior Center Mondays, Jan 24 through
 March 7, 2005

\$30.00 for series of six classes.

Jan 24, 2005 1:30-3:30 p.m. Burlington Senior Center

Introduction to Family History and Home Sources. Some
 tools we use.

Jan 31 2005 1:30-3:30 p.m. Burlington Senior Center
 Primary Sources

Feb 7, 2005 1:30-3:30 p.m. Burlington Senior Center
 Secondary Sources

Feb 14, 2005 1:30-3:30 p.m. Burlington Senior Center
 Using Census Records

Feb 28, 2005 1:30-3:30 p.m. Burlington Senior Center
 Organizing Materials and Keeping Records

March 7, 2005 1:30-3:30 p.m. Burlington Senior Center
 Evaluation of Evidence and Sharing
 Research

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH METHODS ON THE COMPUTER

A two part sequel to the basic genealogy course. \$10 for the
 two classes

1. March 14, 2005 1:30-3:30 p.m. Burlington Senior Center
Computer Genealogy with Laura Sparr

2. March 21, 2005 1:30-3:30 p.m. Burlington Senior Center
Computer Genealogy II with Laura Sparr

**For information and to register for the series, call the
 Burlington Senior Center at 755 0102 or Iona Raney at
 757 8099.**

Coming Events

German and Slavic Family

Dr Roger P Minert, who teaches German and Slavic Family
 History at Brigham Young University, will present seminar
 on Saturday, 19 Mar, 2005, under the auspices of the Seattle
 Genealogical Society.

Seminar lectures will include 1) Introduction to German
 Phonetics as it applies to the spelling of personal names; 2) A
 Day in the Life of the Farmer and Craftsman (tradesmen in
 Germany); 3) Family History Research in German Speaking
 Countries other than Germany and 4) Family History
 Research in Hessen

The event will be at the Lake City Elks Club on Bothell
 Way NE and NE 145th Street, Lake Forest Park, between 8
 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 if preregistered by 7 Mar, and
 \$55 at the door. This includes the
 seminar, syllabus, continental breakfast, and soup/sandwich
 buffet luncheon.

Seattle Genealogical Society is at P O Box 15329, Seattle,
 WA 98115-0329

19-29 Jan 2005 - Salt Lake City, UT The Fiske
 Genealogical Library plans a research trip to Salt Lake City,
 UT. Please visit their website **at**
<http://www.fiskelibrary.org/>

20-27 Jan 2005 - Salt Lake City, UT Donna Potter Phillips
 has organized a research trip to Salt Lake City, UT. For more
 information check the The Eastern Washington Genealogical
 Society website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waewgs/> or
 email Donna at donnapp@earthlink.net. (Trip not
 sponsored by EWGS>)

5 Mar 2005 - Kent, WA Gene-A-Rama. Mary Clement
 Douglass, CGRS, will present four sessions. Further
 information will be posted as it becomes available.

19 Mar 2005 - Vancouver, WA The Clark County
 Genealogical Society is holding their Spring Seminar
 featuring **Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List**. Mark your
 calendar now so you will be able to attend. It will be held at
 the Washington State School for the Deaf. Please visit their
 website at <http://www.ccgswa.org/>

17 Apr 2005 - Mercer Island, WA The Jewish Genealogical
 Society of Washington State will host two lectures on one day
 by Steve Morse, of Ellis Island fame and fortune. This will be
 a Sunday and we will try to schedule this after church hours.
 More details on their website <http://www.jgsws.org/>

22-23 Apr 2005 - Yakima, WA The Yakima Valley
 Genealogical Society will host the Washington State
 Genealogical Society's Conference and Annual Meeting.
 More details will be posted as they become available.
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wayvgs/>

Message from Joan the Librarian

When you come to your SVGS library you will see a little bit of a new look. With the addition of a new four-drawer file to the SVGS Library a reorganization of the materials was necessary. The new file drawer has space for the quarterlies that have been stored on the book shelves. This has given the book shelves a little more room and, I feel, looks so much better. Drop by and see what you think.

The newly published booklet of the holdings of the SVGS Library is on top of cabinet 2, they are clearly marked, and is for your use there. Also on top of the cabinet are the most recent periodicals. The back issues are in the first drawer. Take time to read some of the articles, they are very helpful.

Two new additions are here. The Images of America Series has a new publication Sedro Woolley, Washington, Copyright 2003 by the Sedro Woolley Historical Museum. This 128 page paper back is filled with black and white pictures of people, places and events of historical interest. It will be found in cabinet #2, drawer 2, Skagit Co., Sedro Woolley file. Yarns of the Skagit County by Ray Jordan is the other paperback, copyright 1974. These reminiscences, historical sketches, timber tales and Indian legends and stories give a lot of the flavor of the area. This little volume has an index of names and places and will be found on the shelf with other Skagit County books. This book was found in a second hand bookstore with the help of the owner. Often books of interest to the library that are out of print can be found in this manner. Garage sales too, can be a source. So, if you frequent these places and see something that may be of interest, please let me know. The library would like to have more items about areas in Skagit County, there may be some gems out there!

Remember to bring to the next meeting your list of resources you have at home that you would be willing to share with others in the Society. You will, of course, make your own arrangements for sharing. A book is available in which to keep the list.

Thank you to all the members who have made their New Year's Resolution to serve as library volunteers on Monday at the Burlington Library.

They are:

Jan. 24, Hazel Rasar; Jan. 31, Linda Ream; Feb. 7, Colleen Thulen

Feb. 14, Jim Mowrer Feb. 28 Joyce Weimerslage Mar. 7, Darlene Libbey

Mar 14, Vonda Anderson Mar. 21 Diane Partington Mar 28 Arnold Stewart

SURNAMES REQUESTED

Surnames have been up-dated this month at the SVGS website. Your webmaster would like to request more names be sent in from membership.

This is a great way for people searching the web to find folks looking for the same SURNAME you are researching or looking for to communicate. Send or e-mail Dan Royal your Name, e-mail address and SURNAMES.

Webmaster: dmoroyal@earthlink.net

Exchange Newsletter(s) Shared

A Novel Idea!

ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE:

by Kurt Witcher

I want to take this opportunity to remind you of a long-standing service of the Allen County Public Library. For many decades, individuals who have not had a desire to officially publish their genealogical work have sent an unbound "master copy" to the Historical Genealogy Department. In exchange for the privilege of allowing us to make one photocopy for our collection, we provide the compiler of the work with one complementary bound photocopy in addition to returning the original master.

This is a great way to make sure your work is preserved and available for future generations of researchers. Having a copy at our library ensures your work is secure from any disaster like a fire, flood, hurricane or tornado that could befall your personal library.

Haven't we all heard of cases where personal papers were actually thrown away, or burned, by people who were cleaning up after someone died or was placed in a nursing home. I personally have seen items, which should have stayed in the family, including family bibles and family photo albums, mixed up in boxes with other junk at auctions.

Send unbound master copies with a note that says "Photocopy Exchange Program" to:

Steve Myers, Assistant Manager
Historical Genealogy Department
P.O. Box 2270

Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270
reprinted from the Tri-County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Batesville, IN, Oct-Dec 2004

Genealogical Resources

The Washington State Genealogical Society Every Name Index to Washington's 1910 Census.

Up-dated as of 29 Nov 2004, the following 35 of 38 counties have been completed and are included in this index: New counties added in this update are marked in Bold.

Adams, **Asotin**, Benton, Chehalis, Chelan, Clallam, Clarke, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Island, Jefferson, King - Part, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, **Pierce**, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, **Walla Walla**, Whatcom, Whitman, Yakima.

Not Yet indexed: King - part, Kitsap, Spokane.

Note: The present day county of Pend Oreille was part of Stevens county in 1910. Present day Grays Harbor county was named Chehalis county in 1910. Clark was spelled Clarke in 1910.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wagenweb/1910/>

for the new regional archives facility in Anchorage, AK, \$2,000,000 for continuing repairs to the plaza at the Johnson Library in Austin, TX, \$1,000,000 for design work for expansion at the Kennedy Library in Boston, MA \$750,000 for design of a renovation to the Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, NY, to upgrade the mechanical and electrical systems and to prepare space for a new privately-funded exhibit, \$500,000 for technical assistance for the private Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, CA. Last year's appropriations bill cleared the way for the Nixon Library to become part of our system of Presidential libraries.

Congress also boosted the President's request of \$3,000,000 for the NHPRC, the grant-making arm of the National Archives, to \$5,000,000. In FY 2004, the NHPRC received \$10,000

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 10, 2004 at 12:20 AM

Introducing the NEHGS Online Genealogist!

NEHGS is pleased to announce the new position of Online Genealogist.

Longtime staff member David Allen Lambert has been appointed to this exciting new role. This position will offer a new way to serve members and potential members of NEHGS via email. He will be offering research guidance, orientation to online resources and library-based collections, and will facilitate referrals to specific NEHGS staff experts and departments when required.

David Allen Lambert

David has been on the staff at NEHGS since 1993 and has published many articles. David's genealogical expertise includes specialties in New England and Atlantic Canadian research, military records, and Native American and African American genealogical research. He looks forward to helping you in your genealogical research!

New Databases on NewEnglandAncestors.org Social Security Death Index Update - Free Database! The SSDI, taken from the U.S. Social Security Administration's Death

Master File, is one of the key resources available to genealogists today. It contains those individuals who were assigned Social Security numbers and whose death was reported to the SSA. It contains the names of almost seventy million individuals, most of whose deaths were recorded after 1965.

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Blogs Explained

"Blog is short for "web log." The web site Blogger.com defines a blog as "a web page made up of usually short, frequently updated posts that are arranged chronologically - like a what's new page or a journal. They contain information related to a specific topic." Does that sound familiar? Yes, this newsletter has been a Web log, or blog, for almost nine years!

In some cases blogs are used as daily diaries about people's personal lives, political views, or even as social commentaries. In other cases, a blog is an e-newsletter. The truth of the matter is that blogs can be shaped into whatever the author wants them to be.

Blogs are becoming popular among genealogists, both for news and for keeping journals of research activities. They obviously work well for newsletters. Family societies are discovering that blogs are also excellent methods of coordinating research among several members. There are a number of genealogy blogs available today..."

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 14, 2004 at 06:30 AM |

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"Skagit County, Washington and Its People! 150 Years of Rich History & Heritage"



Accepting photographs and family history information for our history project. Example of submissions...

Monte & Rena King Family Birdsview, WA—1916

"In 1906 Monte J. King came from Fruitport, Michigan to Washington State to work as a steam engineer at the Hightower mill near Birdsview. His brother in law, Hal Howell was a bookkeeper there. In 1907 his wife Rena followed with 6 children: Carl, Ethelyn, Howard, Maurice, Miriam and Kathryn. She was accompanied by her parents Jason and Ellen Bennett."

Submitted by Glenrose (Bust) Williams

Check also...
<http://www.stumpranchonline.com/King/>

From Ye Editors Desk

OBITUARY NAME INDEX FILE IS ON-LINE THIS JANUARY

Hazel Rasar & Dan Royal

It is regrettable that the majority of newspapers in Skagit County, Washington State do not allow access to the archives of their publications. Therefore, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society has collected and filed as many obituaries as possible. We accept no accuracy for the content of the newspaper articles or the obituaries..

Obituaries of Skagit County come from multiple sources. This information has been extracted from available weekly newspapers in the smaller communities as well as from the daily editions of the Skagit Valley Herald. Due to name spellings, some obvious errors in dates, etc, and/or typographical errors the Society is not responsible for any errors found in this database. Not all information is available in all obituaries, as some articles may contain only a death or funeral notice. Many of our collection have been donated previous to the organization of the society, and most of these notices do not contain either the newspaper or the date of publication. They have been included here to make the pertinent information available. In some instances, newspaper articles relating to the deaths of individuals have been preserved.

Some Background: The obituaries have been collected since 1987 when our society was organized. An initial contest gave us a few early obits but none that were consistent. When Dee Ackerman of the **Whatcom County Gen Society** passed away she had been collecting obits from the Courier Times and the Skagit Argus for many years and some of her files covered the years from 1980-1986, but we have no way of knowing if this is a complete collection as these are both weekly papers and the majority of obits are published in the Skagit Valley Herald. Then a few years ago, Barbara Harris and her nephew Kenneth Klaus donated some papers from the 70's but I am not sure how many or if they are a complete collection of years. We have no way of knowing for certain on this. Mollie Sackman, John and Shirlee Fisher and others in the society have been in charge of clipping obituaries from local papers since the society was formed. Barbara Ricketts and Norma Keefe-Hills are presently doing that job. The clippings were filed and the Obituary Name Index File was put together in Excel format by Hazel Rasar. Barbara and Norma continue this work.

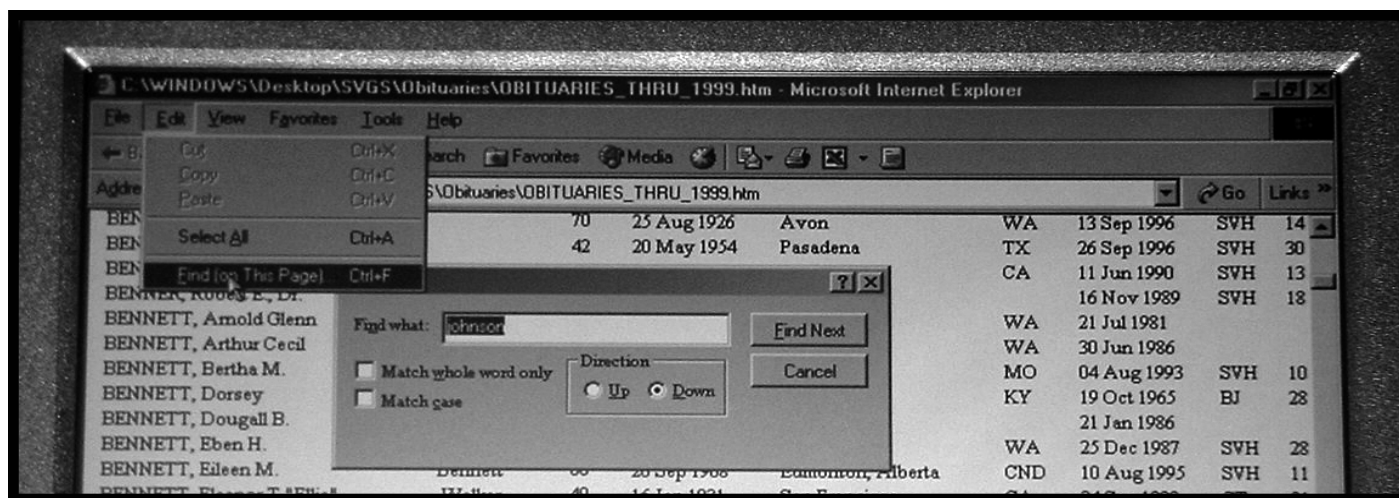
You may access the **Obituary Name Index File** on-line at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasvgs/> and follow link left by the webmaster or type http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasvgs/SearchResults/OBITUARIES_THRU_1999.htm

I haven't come up with the fancy search engine (*yet*) to make it easier to find the name you are looking for. But I will point out that you can use your web browsers **Search and/or Find** feature by going up to **EDIT**...scroll down to **FIND**...when the **Find what:** box comes up, type in the surname you are looking for...click the **Find Next** button and keep using this button until you find the person you are looking for, (or just scroll down) provided we have their obituary in our files. Obituaries in this index are also in alphabetical order to make it easier to locate your persons of interst. It should be easy to decide as Hazel Rasar put in a lot of work on this file: adding maiden names, birth, age, at death, death dates and whether the individual served in the military. Its very impressive and amazing work. Thank you Hazel.

Please note: This current file goes through the end of 1999 and contains 18,000 names. The file will be up-dated shortly through present, courtesy of Hazel, Barbara Ricketts and Norma Keefe-Hills. Also! Depending on how *fast* your computer is and if you are using the 'ol phone lines or the faster DSL, cable modem, etc. The file could take a while to download, please be patient. If you are having any problems, please contact the webmaster, who would be glad to look up a name for you.

Copies of these notices may be obtained by writing to our society and we will photocopy whatever is available for the cost of \$8.00 (full obit) \$3.00 death notice, also \$1.00 for additional pages such as newspaper articles. Please include SASE. Remit to: Skagit Valley Genealogical Society; att'n Genealogist, P.O. Box 715, Conway, WA 98238-0715. Or e-mail our genealogist from the website itself.

Correction: Last issues newsletter mistakenly showed a date of **Oct./Nov. 2004** on the header. It should have read **Nov./Dec. 2004**. Sorry for not catching that. *Ye Ed*.



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