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MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 23

THE MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH East 1511 Broadway
In Good Shepherd Hall

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER: "FINDING MAIDEN NAMES" by Laura Pemberton Sparr of the Sno-Isl. Genealogy Society and member of SVGS

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER: "THE MERCER GIRLS" by Peri Muhich of the Seattle Genealogy Society. This should be interesting as one of those girls had something to do with the Lighthouses of Whidbey Island.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 AM

OCTOBER 2-NOVEMBER 6 at Washington Federal Saving Conference Room

All Members are welcome to visit the board meeting

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BITS AND PIECES FROM THE BOARD

Education Chairman, Shirley Ijams, is organizing genealogy classes at two Senior Centers starting in September. Two members will investigate some new Insurance quotes.

One of the board members will write a job description or plan for a mentoring program.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

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YOU CAN DATE A LETTER

By the Stamp on the Envelope:

July 1885.....2 cents Nov 1917.....3 cents

July 1919.....2 cents July 1932.....3 cents

Aug 1958.....4 cents Jan 1963.....5 cents

May 1971..... 8 cents Mar 1974 ...10 cents
and up and up

My Favorite Ancestor.....GOV.....My Father
by Shirlee Weyer Fisher

Born in Iowa 24 January 1892 and named in infancy: **Aaron Menrath Weyer**, the Aaron from his maternal grandfather, the Menrath from his paternal grandfather. When he was about four years old his mother's older brother, **Samuel Parsons**, said that was just too much name for a scrawny redhead. " We will nickname him Governor – and call him GOV. And so it was from age four to his death at age 84 – and beyond. We family members still speak of GOV and his personality, sense of humor and general goodness!

GOV was a strong advocate of education – probably because he was denied that. From my earliest days it was understood schooling was the first order of business. There was no break; college followed high school, just as high school followed the elementary and junior high years; and my brother Dick and I knew that. Dick finished high school in 1943 and went to do his share in WWII and did not return, as he met his death in Germany in November 1944 at age 19.

GOV was also very patriotic – proud of the ancestors who had served in the Revolutionary War; and in the Civil War – the above mentioned **Aaron Parsons and Menrath Weyer** both served in the infantry in the NJ Volunteers. Aaron received a wound at the battle of Williamsburg, VA in May 1862 and carried the lead pellet near his heart for the rest of his life – he died in 1910. My parents never recovered from the loss of their only son, but GOV was proud of Dick's service! GOV did his share in France in WWI.

GOV left me a lot of memories and good family times. He also left me three books that he had written in his retirement...(1) about his life and memories growing up and until WWI; (2) about his experiences in WWI; and (3) about his return from France, his marriage to my mother and up until a short time after I appeared on the scene. He did not go any further. I'm sure it was because he could not bring himself to write about Dick – and had he gone beyond my first two and one-half years he would have had to do that. He was the very most important influence in my life! And though he has been gone for nearly 25 years – I miss him every day!

1880 Census on CD-Rom: The Society has purchased this major research tool from the LDS Church. There are 56 CD's, the largest census to be automated. A viewer must be installed and 20 CD's contain the National Index. The remainder is divided by regions of the United States, 38 states and 8 territories. Enter a name and a search is made of over 50,000 inhabitants. You will be instructed as to which CD will have your family. Insert the CD with the appropriate alphabetical listing. This program does not work with MacIntosh computers, or earlier versions before Windows 95, 4.0.

The membership is welcome to use it with a few guidelines set by the board. Diane Partington, Society Genealogist, will be the keeper and she will do requested look-ups, or a member may take the set home for a one-week period. Diane may be contacted at 336-5832 or E-mail nonie@cnw.com or Hazel Rasar, in Diane's absence.

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT OUR WEB SITE LATELY?

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasvgs> Researchers have been getting a great deal of use from our site.

WEB SITES: 20 million used and rare books can be accessed at <http://www.bibliofind.com>

Photos on line of families, asking for help to identify them and recipes and stories are also posted.

<http://www.ancientfaces.com>

WEB PAGES: Are there any members who would like someone to set up a web site for them? Are there any of our members who knows how to do that kind of job? Would you consider donating \$ 50 a site to your Society? The person doing the work would waive the fee that would be paid to the Society instead. Clark County Genealogy Society does this for a fund-raiser and it could be a good one for us to try.

Call this Editor if you are interested.

Laura 724-5828 at Alger.

MEETING DATES FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR AND NEXT:

GENERAL MEETINGS: SEPTEMBER 25, OCTOBER 23, & NOVEMBER 27TH
 2002: JANUARY 29, FEBRUARY 26, MARCH 26, APRIL 23, MAY 28 AND JUNE 25

BOARD MEETS: OCTOBER 2, NOVEMBER 6, DECEMBER 4
 2002: JANUARY 8, FEBRUARY 5, MARCH 5, APRIL 2, MAY 7 AND JUNE 25TH

“CODE OF ETHICS” for Genealogy

This code of ethics defines the standard used by the more experienced researcher. It also offers the important aspects of research for the novice or beginner. A key point relates to the validity of the material, which means little if based on assumptions, best guesses, and personally unverified data, including data from books or the Internet, or from someone else’s unverified data. That verification usually requires seeing and transcribing or photocopying the original document and at a minimum requires stating the source of the copy, and from where it was obtained. The standards that should govern the behavior of researchers concern five distinct and essential areas.

- (1) Findings must be based on accepted research methods;
- (2) Interaction with other researchers and record custodial staff should be cordial and facilitative;
- (3) Intellectual honesty must be impeccable;
- (4) Claims regarding both self and service must be appropriately qualified;
- (5) Research materials must be treated with care and be made available to others when possible.

Each of these categories is elaborated in outline form.

I. Basis of findings

- A. Base findings upon facts or valid inferences based in fact.
- B. Accept a “preponderance of evidence” where direct proof is not possible.
- C. Be prepared to explain your methodology.
- D. Set out fully any conflicting data and use discretion in its interpretation.
- E. Accept that conclusions are based upon a preponderance of evidence and logical extrapolations, and therefore, are never absolute.
- F. Insist upon and support, by citing sources and documentation, the “chain of evidence” required for a given project.
- G. Maintain reasonable accuracy in recording and reporting information by placing quality over quantity.

II. Interaction with other researchers and custodial record staff

- A. Act with integrity, courtesy, and cooperation with fellow researchers and record staff.
- B. Support other researchers in becoming more competent.
- C. Strive to broaden and deepen your research skills.

III. Intellectual honesty

- A. Guard against dishonest or unethical practices.
- B. Do not represent as your own, the work of another.
- C. Never knowingly misquote a document, nor cite as authoritative a questionable source.
- D. Use whatever ethical means is available to guard against and to expose dishonest or unethical practices in research.
- E. Avoid withholding or concealing any factual data that stands contrary to your personal desires.
- F. Give full credit to sources and materials belonging to another.
- G. Observe strictly the canons of copyright law.

IV. Claims regarding self or service

- A. Do not represent yourself as competent beyond your training or experience.
- B. Do not make exaggerated, misleading, or false claims about the benefits of genealogical or historic knowledge.

V. Availability and care of materials

- A. Be supportive in the collection, preservation, and availability of appropriate books and records.
- B. Support making all public records accessible.
- C. Treat with greatest care and respect all public and private records and books made available to you.
- D. Return all records, books, and materials to the proper or designated place in a timely manner.
- E. Take responsibility in the preservation and care of archival and library materials.

Submitted by member John Fisher, Edited from the Daniel Boone & Frontier Families Research Association who reprinted by permission of the Genealogical and Historical Council of Sacramento Valley.

BEFORE YOU THROW OUT THAT Old Newspaper or Grandma’s Go Go Boots

from the 60’s Call Pat Doran, the Curator at the Museum. Their mission is to collect objects that interpret the history of Skagit County “for all people, for all time.” 360-466-3365

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

WHATCOM GENEALOGY SOCIETY presents an all-day seminar **Saturday, October 6, 2001**
9 am – 4 pm. at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 2117 Walnut Street, Bellingham, WA (Corner of Holly & Eldridge, Broadway and Walnut.)

BETTY DRESSER LEONARD & SARAH THORSON LITTLE will speak on:

1. "ORGANIZING YOUR STUFF,"
2. "CEMETERY & VITAL RECORDS,"
3. "COLLECTING ORAL FAMILY HISTORIES,"
4. "A CASE STUDY IN AMERICAN GENEALOGY."

They will have Box Lunches Noon to 1:00, made to order for \$ 6 with your registration of \$ 20.00 by **October 1st**. The Seminar will cost \$ 25 after that date. Call **Bob Witherspoon** to register 360-734-9835
 E-mail him RGWSPOON@aol.com

THE SNO-ISLE GENEALOGY SOCIETY PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 3rd– **Margaret Riddle** of the Everett Public Library 7:00 p.m. at Martha Lake Community Center. 16300 Motor Place, Lynnwood, WA. NE corner of I-5 exit #183

NOVEMBER – **Margaret Ingram** from Albany, Oregon will present, "Writing Your Family History"

DECEMBER – **Norman Blye** will have a discussion of the "History of Lake Washington"

JANUARY – Show & Tell

TAPHOPHILES are getting together for another tour of cemeteries. The series is sponsored by SIGS, Washington Cemetery Project and the Washington GenWeb, led by **Kevin Fraley and Laura Sparr**. On **September 15th** the group will visit Marysville, Tulalip Reservation, Arlington and Sylvana, 9 cemeteries. On **October 13th** they will see Stanwood and Camano Island, 8 cemeteries. If you would like to go, just tell Laura and come dressed for tromping and the weather. No need for reservations, so last minute is all right too. Just find out first where to meet at 10 am. Call 425-337-2476 or e-mail LauraGNG@aol.com.

P.S. YOU ALREADY KNEW WHAT A TAPHOPHILE WAS, DIDN'T YOU?

(One who is interested in the study of cemeteries and gravestones)

STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY **October 8th** will have **Margaret Ingram** presenting "Writing Your Life History." The library is at 20375 – 71st NE Arlington, WA. 7:00 pm

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY **September 29, 2001** will have an all day Fall Seminar featuring **George Ott** of Heritage Consulting. "**MILITARY RECORDS THROUGH THE CENTURIES**" will be held at the First Congregational Church, in Bradford Hall, 1220 NE 68th St. Vancouver, WA 8:30-4:00 \$35.00 includes a box lunch. Mail PO Box 5249 Vancouver, WA 98668 or: Web www.ccg-wa.org

TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY **October 20, 2001**

Presents **Dr. George Schweitzer** to lecture "**FRONTIER RELIGION, INDIANA RESEARCH; & IRISH RESEARCH**" and a question & answer session. Held at the Tacoma Elks Lodge, 1965 Union Ave. South, Tacoma, WA. Visit the Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~watpcgs/tpcgs.htm

FISKE LIBRARY is planning a Salt Lake LDS library trip January 10-19. Call for your reservation. Call 206-328-2717 or see <http://www.fiske.lib.wa.us> The Winter Olympics are held in Feb. & March.

CLALLAM COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY www.olympen.com/ccgs will host the **2002 - Washington State Genealogical Conference** at Peninsula College June 22-23 at Port Angeles.

VETERAN RECORDS: Have you been told records you seek have been destroyed by fire in 1973?

Some 10 million duplicates of 20th century military records have been found by the Veterans Administration. Write again to National Personnel Records, GSA 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, MO.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION NOTICE:**IF YOU WANT RECORDS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION WRITE TO:**

SSA GENEALOGY ATTENTION MOD 12 ET UNIT DESK, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, WILKES BARRE DATA OPERATIONS CENTER, 1150 EAST MOUNTAIN DRIVE ROOM 264, WILKES BARRE, PA 18702-7997

FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001 FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR COPY:

You may pay by Credit Card, check or money order. Photocopies are 10 cents a page plus postage.

Original Application for SS card (Form SS-5) with a SS number provided.....	\$ 27
Original Application for SS card with SS number NOT PROVIDED	29
Extract of SS Number Application, SS number provided.....	16
Computer Extract of SS Number Application SS number NOT PROVIDED.....	18
Search for Info about Death of an Individual, SSN provided.....	16
Search for Info about Death of an Individual, SSN NOT PROVIDED.....	18

FAMILYDISCOVERY.com SCAM!!!! Sending a check for \$ 59.95 will get you zero! A collection of "Award Winning" databases is a group of links to free web sites. A lifetime membership to this outfit is a real scam, so don't be tempted!

"OVER THERE, OVER HERE" coming soon to the Skagit County Museum.....

Everyday in America 1,500 war veterans die. The memories of these men and women who served our country will disappear unless we make an effort to preserve their stories and recollections. The Museum is working on an exhibit that tells the stories of our Skagit County WWII Veterans. Memory Books are being distributed in September to record reminiscences in a journal format. They also take artifacts, photo's and documents related to the war. Call the Museum if you can contribute with money or contribute memories. Phone: 360-466-3365

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: A site for those of you who have ancestors who settled on federal land in the states, AL, AR, FL, IL, IN, LA, OH, MI, MN, MO, MS, WI. Get the legal description after searching the Land Patents at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov> then you can find the Section, Range and Township on the plat maps.

DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF THE 34 MEMBER "LEWIS & CLARK" EXPEDITION:

Families have inundated the Clatsop and Pacific County Genealogical Societies for certificates and want to be a part of the celebration. These societies are hoping to publish a completed book by the year 2004. Contact the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, **Sharon Wodtke** at 509-694-9560

or E-mail wodtke@wa-net.com

NOTICE:

The Society is looking for an interested individual to maintain a supply of our publications in the storeroom. This will involve cataloging, sending for printing and assembly with our comb binder. Contact **Pam Denton or Hazel Rasar** if you can help.

TRANSLATIONS are available locally at the Language Exchange, Inc. located at 716 East Fairhaven, Burlington, WA 98233. Phone: 360-755-9910. They can interpret documents and they advertise that they will translate any language. You can mail, fax or e-mail your material and they will give you a bid on the cost, based on word-count, technical content, formatting and desired output. They also have classes available for those wanting to learn basic languages. They may be able to help you with those difficult documents you so eagerly searched for this summer.

ON THE FIRST WORKING DAY OF 2002 the UK Public Records Office plans to release the 1901 Census of England and Wales on the Internet. See the 1891 Census of the County of Norfolk at <http://census.pro.gov.uk/>

EXCERPTS from the SAN JUAN ISLANDER NEWSPAPER

Compiled by **Donna Macy Sand**, contributed and previously printed by Whatcom County Genealogical Society. *In the old days Skagit County was considered part of Whatcom.*

Jan 14, 1897 Mrs. W. Nichols of Fairhaven, formerly of San Juan died. M/M Nichols and daughter came here about 6 years ago and recently moved to Fairhaven so the daughter could attend school.

The infant daughter of **M/M. L. C. Larson** died at 6 weeks of age.

Jan 28, 1897 Charles Edward Cline has died. Born of German-Irish parentage at Danville, Illinois, July 8, 1853. In February 1872 he went to St. Louis, MO, then to Nebraska in 1876. In 1883 he came to the coast and settled in Lynden in 1884. He was married December 29, 1889 at Kent, to **Rebecca Lanning**, and has two sons.

April 29, 1897 Mr. Oscar W. Day died at home on Saturday afternoon. He was 48 years of age. He had two brothers: **A. A. Day** of Blaine, WA. and **B. A. Day** of Hastings, MN.

June 17, 1897 Annie Wilson of Fairhaven, died June 9, 1897, buried at Bayview Cemetery, Whatcom, an only child. Her parents reside between Olga and Doe Bay.

May 13, 1897 Mate Jenner, an old 49'er drowned in "Sameahmoo" Bay near Blaine last week. His boat capsized during a heavy wind.

July 8, 1897 Frank Shipman drowned in the Skagit River near Mount Vernon

September 16, 1897 Badly injured on Saturday, September 4, **Mr. Robert Kittles Junior**. Died at St Luke's Hospital, Whatcom, on Saturday September 11, age 30 years, buried on Jones Island beside his mother who died several years ago. He leaves his father, 4 brothers and 1 sister. Also a daughter of M/M O. H. Culver, at New Whatcom, died on September 11th.

December 16, 1897 married **Mr. Thomas Leavell** of Whatcom and Miss Minnie Fry, of East Sound, Dec. 8, 1897 by Rev. Thomas L. Dyer, at the home of her parents, M/M John N. Fry, East Sound.

SOCIAL SECURITY AREA DESIGNATIONS;

The first 3 numbers of your SS number tells what state you were born in.

<u>SSN</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>SSA</u>	<u>AREA</u>
001-003	New Hampshire	004-007	Maine	008-009	Vermont
010-034	Massachusetts	035-039	Rhode Isl.	040-049	Connecticut
050-134	New York	135-158	New Jersey	159-211	Pennsylvania
212-220	Maryland	221-222	Delaware	223-231	Virginia
232-236	W. Virginia	237-246	N. Carolina	247-251	S. Carolina
252-260	Georgia	261-267	Florida	268-302	Ohio
303-317	Indiana	318-361	Illinois	362-386	Michigan
387-399	Wisconsin	400-407	Kentucky	408-415	Tennessee
416-424	Alabama	425-428	Mississippi	429-432	Arkansas
433-439	Louisiana	440-448	Oklahoma	449-467	Texas
468-477	Minnesota	478-485	Iowa	486-500	Missouri
501-502	N. Dakota	503-504	S. Dakota	505-506	Nebraska
507-515	Kansas	516-517	Montana	518-519	Idaho
520	Wyoming	521-524	Colorado	525	New Mexico
526-527	Arizona	528-529	Utah	530	Nevada
531-539	Washington	540-544	Oregon	545-573	California
574	Alaska	575-576	Hawaii	577-579	D. C.
580	Virgin Isl.	581-584	Puerto Rico	585-586	Guam-Phl
586	Am-Samoa	587	Mississippi	700-726	Railroad Ret. Bd

SOME SCOTTISH OCCUPATIONS:

CROWNER	Coroner	HIND:	Farm laborer or ploughman
GHILLE:	Male servant	HAYMONGER:	Dealer in hay
BONIFACE:	Keeper of an inn	HAYWARD:	Keeper of fences
CADDIE:	Boy who ran errands	CLARK:	Clerk
CLERK:	Clergyman	GRIVE:	Farm overseer
BAILIE:	A person who looked after river fisheries	COTTER:	Tenant on a farm
ARTIFICER:	A soldier mechanic who does repairs	LOISTER:	Dyer

OUR SOCIETY SECRETARY IONA RANEY recommends members read the March 26th 2001 New Yorker Magazine found at the Burlington Library. "Sorting Fact from Fiction" from your cultural family and your genetic family. The two are often not the same.

**DON'T FORGET TO SAVE WESTERN FAMILY BARCODES
AND ROBERTS RED APPLE SLIPS**

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