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President's Message

Hi All:

Having just taught a class in Internet Research I am reminded that there is wondrous information available online (especially, for genealogy, through the google search engine), but that we must be sure to take time to look for the original source of the information provided, as well as being sure if the information we find is a product of someone looking at one bit of information and then publishing it somewhere else, without verifying the facts themselves, as well.

Surfing is such fun; whether on a surfboard in the ocean or on the Internet in your home or local library, and there is absolutely no way you can do anything wrong just looking, so do not be afraid. The Burlington Public Library is a wonderful place in which to get started; especially since they have the Heritage Quest Genealogical site available, and if you purchase a library card you can access that census information from home, as well as the ProQuest site, which gives you access to auto repair manuals, county histories, magazine articles, and much more. The staff at the library is absolutely marvelous, and if you go there before the 20th you can view the fantastic display the committee for the new publication "Skagit County, Washington; 150 Year of Rich History and Heritage".

Don't forget the meeting is early this month. Come join us! Happy Hunting . . .

Laura

NGS NEWS RELEASE - 12 January 2004

By now you may have heard that in December 2003 the current Board of Directors of the National Genealogical Society released a statement announcing changes in the board. After accepting the resignations of the president, treasurer, and secretary, the remaining board members elected new officers and formed new committees.

It is important that everyone know that these actions were not taken lightly. Despite the board's initial confidence in a new management structure, a majority of the board came to be concerned about its effects on our organization. At the mid-November board meeting financial statements were not shared with the whole board. Then during the last week of November 2003 the board discovered for the first time that over a period of less than four months, NGS's investments had been depleted from nearly \$500,000 to approximately \$50,000.

Society News WE NEED YOUR HELP TO HELP FINANCE OUR BOOK PROJECT

Skagit County Genealogical Society has implemented a project to publish "SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON AND ITS PEOPLE – 150 YEARS OF RICH HISTORY AND HERITAGE".

Your society needs some financial assistance to offset the cost of advertising, printing forms and flyers as well as postage. As a member, you are invited to support SVGS with a tax-deductible contribution to our **publication fund**. Any assistance you can provide to further this project will be greatly appreciated.

Your assistance in informing your friends and neighbors of this project and encouraging their submission of information will help to make this project a success. We have already made many contacts in the community with offers of photographs and information relating to early schools, churches and other organizations and businesses.

Send your tax deductible contributions to SVGS, c/o Publication Fund, P O Box 715, Conway, WA 98238-0715 Special History Committee Hazel Rasar – Co-Chair

Thomas Robinson has given a generous contribution to our publication fund, and our society secretary, Iona Raney, has generously offered the contribution of a handmade lap quilt, as a raffle item for building our publication fund. **Thank You** to both of you. Look for further information on this raffle item in future newsletters.

If you have any great ideas for fundraising, please contact a member of the Special History Committee. We are willing to consider all suggestions. Committee members are: Dan Royal & Hazel Rasar, co-chairs; Laura Sparr, Tom Robinson, Jim Mowrer, Deanna Ammons, Lorraine Rothenbuhler, Darlene Libbey, Arnold Stewart and Larry Mowrer.

WANTED

The genealogical society has great need for a secretary. Let me tell you how it works. When I offered to do this job, it was a kind of "payback" for the society letting me belong, though I hadn't contributed, due to impersonating a snowbird for several years. When things changed, I jumped in and got my feet wet.

Now that you feel slightly guilty, let me tell you this job is not all that difficult. You go to a couple meetings a month,

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Mar-Apr & May 2003 Attention !! **Calendar of Events**

General Meeting:

- 23 March "Centre for Resource and Research" presented by Laura Pemberton-Sparr
- 27 April "Autobiographies" by John Fisher and a Book Report by Sharon Johnson
- 25 May- "Genealogical Research on the Internet" presented by Hazel Rasar

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 John Fisher at 360-293-4986 he will make arrangements to bind your pages into a book for you. Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supplies.

Volunteers Needed

Education Chairperson Board Position

Your help is needed to fill this empty seat on the governing board of your society. Please help us out. Also, remember that our board meetings are open to all members, so come join us the first Wednesday of each month at Washington Federal in Burlington at 1:30 pm

Fund Raiser Chairperson Board Position

We are looking for a volunteer (s) for fund raising and/or grant writing, particularly in relation to the new history book project.

excepting summer months, take minutes and print those up. You send get well cards and condolence cards and congratulatory cards now and again. That's all there is to it. If somebody wants you do to something else, let them know that's not in your job description. Takes maybe 5 hours a month.

See? Piece of cake. I'm willing to mentor you to share the little secrets I've learned, and substitute for you when you cannot come.

If you would like to investigate this task, get in touch with Iona at 757-8099 or at iona1@juno.com or with Laura Sparr at 425 238 1579 or laurasparr@hotmail.com, or with Hazel Rasar at 424 6528 or h.rasar2@verizon.net.

Believe me, this is better than two of the other jobs the society needs to fill. Those are Education Chairman and Fund raiser. Lots better. Call me. Iona

Welcome New Members

The Society is excited to welcome new and returning members to the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society.

Solveig Marie Lee Peggy Green David Lee Whittaker Ann Mayer Dorothy "Dottie" Cross Dorothy Johnson Sterling Cross Walter Johnson Sheila Gifford Judy Clifford Yale Gifford Norma Keefe-Hills Nancy Richardson David Martens Rita M. Schulze M. Jo Martens

Genealogical Resources

Workshop Schedule for Spring 2004, for the National Archives and Records Administration at Sandpoint in Seattle 10 am to 12:30 am

\$10 per class. Pre-register at 206-3365115 or Email at seattle.archive@nara.gov

April 6 Beginning Genealogy

April 13: Census Records

April 20: Military Records

April 27: Immigration, Passenger Arrival and

Naturalization (intermediate to advanced)

May 4: Land and Other Records

May 11: Native American Research - Emphasis on Five Civilized Tribes (intermediate to advanced)

May 18: What's available in the Original Records at

NARA-Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle?

May 25: Preserving Your Family History - Archival

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

This will be your last newsletter if your dues have not been paid. All society dues are payable by January 1.

Dear HeritageQuest Online User, (This can be all of our membership, check out the Burlington Public Library website.. Ed.)

NEW! On February 25, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah and Vermont were added to the 1920 U.S. Federal Census head-of-household name index.

COMING SOON! In mid-March, Texas will be added to the 1930 U.S. Federal Census head-of-household name index. Watch for a future e-mail announcement.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY? HeritageQuest Online now includes:

- The complete U.S. Federal Census page images for all decades 1790-1930.
- The complete U.S. Federal Census name indexes for 1790-1820, 1860, 1870, 1890, 1900 and 1910.
- A partial U.S. Federal Census name index for 1920. The states currently available include AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NV, NM, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT, VT and WA.
- A partial U.S. Federal Census name index for 1930. The states currently available include CT, DE, MD and VA.
- Over 20,000 separate family and local history works, including 7,922 family histories, 12,035 local histories, and 258 primary sources.

Reprinted from HeritageQuest Online Product Management

UPDATED - Libraries and Museums http://www.academic-genealogy.com/media.htm

Library and Museum information for the amateur to professional researcher, with Library of Congress, Harvard, worldwide library links and their LC and Dewey and variations of these classification systems.

Includes in addition to the Tutorial - *How to research genealogy with WorldCat via First Search (OCLC)*. More than 45,000 libraries in 84 countries and territories around the world use OCLC services to locate, acquire, catalog, lend and preserve library materials. Also, includes an update on the LDS Family History Library modified Dewey subject classification system.

Submitted by email from Tom Tinney, Sr.

BURLINTON LIBRARY NEWS

Home page features digital photos of SVGS filling the display cabinet with memoralbilia of the past. Explore Heritage Quest Online while you are there.

Visit at: Burlington.lib.wa.us

Current Status on the Washington State 1910 Census Index

As of **5 Jan 2004**, the following **29** of 38 counties have been completed and are included in this index: New counties added in this update are marked in **Bold**.

Adams, Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Grant, Island, Jefferson, King - Part, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Whatcom, Whitman, Yakima. Not Yet indexed: Asotin, Chehalis, Clark, Garfield, King -part, Kitsap, Pierce, Spokane, Walla Walla. 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. http://www.rootsweb.com/~wagenweb/1910/

Coming Events

March 20, 2004 Clark County Genealogical Society is having Dr John Philip Colletta return for their Spring Seminar. A registration form in a .pdf form can be found at the society website. Registration deadline is March 11, 2004, don't be the last on your block to get signed up for this great event!! For more information see our website www.ccgs-wa.org phone number 360-750-5688.

20 Mar 2004 - Chimicum, WA Jefferson County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar_with Gary Zimmerman, President of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation. Topics: "Finding the origins of our immigrating ancestors." "Maps on the Internet where to find them an how to successfully print them out." www.rootsweb.com/~wajcgs/

10 Apr 2004 - Yakima, WA Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Spring Seminar: to be held at the Latter Day Saints Church 705 S 38th Ave, Yakima, with Patty speaking McGinty on "Migration Patterns From Virginia, South Carolina, and the Special Collections For The Southern States. Registration at 8:30 Program 9:00am - 4:00pm Fee is \$20 (if paid by April 1, 2004, \$25 after) and includes lunch. No Host Dinner will follow at 5:30. Location will be announced at a later date. www.rootsweb.com/~wayvgs/spring04.html

17 Apr 2004—Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island with Hank Z Jones, Jr. At Useless Bay Country Club, 5725 South Country Club Drive, Langley, WA. Topics include "When the Sources are Wrong"; "Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine Emigrants"; "Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research"; "How *Psychic Roots* Became an "Unsolved Mystery" Registration cost for the entire day is \$45.00 (U.S.) and includes the four genealogy sessions, luncheon (including a vegetarian selection) and morning and afternoon coffee/tea and goodies. www.rootsweb.com/~wagsswi/seminar-2004.htm

24 Apr 2004 - Olympia, WA Olympia Genealogical Society Spring Seminar with Sherry Irvine. Topics include "Background to Irish Research"; "Heritage Centers in Ireland"; Church Records in Ireland"; Tithe Applotment Books". 9am-3pm United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE. Registration for non-members \$35 with lunch available for \$10 until Apr 17. www.rootsweb.com/~waogs/seminars.htm

19-22 May 2004 - Sacramento, CA The National Genealogical Society Conference in the States; presents "A Golden Prospect." Visit their website for detailed information. http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/

5 June 2004 - Port Angeles, WA Clallam County Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar at the Port Angeles Public Library. Featured speakers will be Donna Potter Phillips and Betty Kay Anderson . www.olypen.com/ccgs/ccgsmeetingschedule.html#seminar

5 June 2004 - Spokane, WA Eastern Washington Genealogical Society of Spokane will host an all-day German Seminar in the main auditorium of the Spokane Public Library. Brown bag your lunch. Featured speaker will be Sabine Schleichen of Muenchen, Germany, a professional researcher and lecturer with 15 years experience researching the German Archives.

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

18-19 June 2004 - Kirkland, WA

Washington State Genealogical Society presents "RootsSearch II - Preserving Your Family's Milestones," hosted by Eastside Genealogical Society and South King County Genealogical Society. Featured speaker will be Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, Certified Genealogist, author and speaker, in a presentation on Friday evening and three additional presentations on Saturday. The Saturday program will include many additional speakers covering 20 topics. To be held at the Lake Washington Technical College, 11605 132nd Ave NE, Kirkland, Washington For further information visit www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs/

Centre for Resource & Research

Laura Pemberton Sparr continues to have open hours at her Source Library for Genealogy, located in the Prime West Complex at 2203 Highway 99 South, Suite #10, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Open 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Wednesdays & Thursdays. She will be offering Genealogy Classes, Workshops and individual instruction at the Centre. She can be contacted by cell phone at 425-231-6945 or leave a message at 360-424-5783

Skagit County Families Remembered

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society wishes to remember for posterity in a special edited obituary section the recently deceased and/or their family who came to Skagit County at least 30-50 years ago. Where we can find their family (paternal or maternal) in any source- such as census reports; from the 1885 Washington Territory Skagit Co. Census to the recently released 1930 U.S. Census for Skagit Co.; 1906 Snohomish/Skagit History book; - we will add in the last paragraph. This will also help us with our special ongoing book project on Skagit Pioneers.

William C. "Bill" Newberg passed away Dec. 3, 2003, in Reno, Nevada, at the age of 92. He was born Dec. 17, 1910, in Seattle to Charles J. and Anna E. Newberg.

In 1911 the Newberg family moved from Seattle to a forty-acre farm east of Sedro-Woolley. It was on this farm where Bill grew up; he then attended Utopia grade school and Sedro-Woolley Union High School, graduating in the class of 1929.

At the urging of his mother, he enrolled at the University of Washington in Seattle. As the family had very little money, he knew that he would have to work his way through school if he wanted to get an education, though he had saved some money working in the woods. Although the country was now in a deep depression, he was able to find part time jobs, which eventually got him through the University, graduating in the class of 1933 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

One of the many jobs Bill had while going to the University was buying and selling new and used cars and he soon acquired a love for the automobile industry. After graduating, and with the degree in his hand, he headed to the motor city of Detroit, Michigan, where he soon landed a job with Chrysler as a driver and mechanic in the road-testing d e p a r t m e n t .

Later he went on to the Chrysler Institute of Engineering where he earned his masters degree in automotive engineering in 1935. This gave him the opportunity to learn not only the manufacturing side of the automobile industry, but also the

sales a n d marketing side, which would greatly help him in the years to come as he moved up in the management of ranks the Chrysler Corporation. 1939, Bill married Dorothy Beck of

Dorothy and Bill Newberg with poet Carl Sandburg in 1960. All photos from the Bill Newberg Grose Point, Michigan, who would become his shining star for the next 64 years.

When World War II broke out, Chrysler was asked by the government to be one of the prime contractors in Chicago to build the engines for the yet to be built B-29 Superfortress. Chrysler selected Bill to be the chief engineer. After the war, Chrysler promoted him to be vice president of the Airtemp Heating and Air Conditioning division.

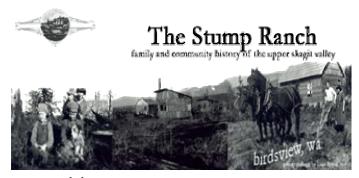
Then in 1947 he was promoted to division president. During the late 1940s he also served as a consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission. In 1950 he went back to Detroit as vice president of the Dodge division of Chrysler. In 1951 he was promoted to division president. In 1954 he was honored to be chosen to drive the pace car at the Indianapolis 500 motor speedway. Then in 1956 he was given added responsibilities as group vice president for all Chrysler automotive divisions. And in 1958 he was promoted to executive vice president, then later to company president.

Bill was also instrumental in bringing Lawrence Welk to national television in the early 1950s and he was a good friend of Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Danny Thomas, as Dodge sponsored their television programs. In 1956, he received the Most distinguished Alumnus of the Year award from the University of Washington.

In the 1960s, Bill retired from the automobile industry to pursue other interests. In 1974, he moved his family from Detroit, Michigan, to Reno, Nevada, where he resided until his death. Though he left the Sedro-Woolley area many years ago, he never lost his strong personal tires to his family, friends and to the community where he grew up.

Bill was preceded in death by his father and mother, Charles and Anna Newberg; sisters Gladys M. Day of Seattle and Mary A. Hoyt of Sedro-Woolley. Bill was a beloved husband, father and grandfather who is survived by his wife Dorothy of Reno; daughter Judy (Tom)... of Cambridge, Massachusetts; sons Bob (Lisa), Jim (Cynthia) and Bill Jr. (Kari); five grandchildren, one great grandson, one niece, Viola... of Lynnwood, Washington, and one nephew, Ed Hoyt of Sedro-Woolley.

Source: Thank you to Ed Hoyt for his permission to reproduce his Uncles obituary, which was posted at the Skagit River Journal. I found Bill with his folks in the 1930 U.S. Federal Census in Skiyou, Skagit, Washington. Charles



http://www.stumpranchonline.com



Mary Albertine Trueman McDougle, 101, a lifetime resident of the Lyman community, passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at her home surrounded by her loving family and caregivers.

She was born on October 11, 1902 in Lyman, WA, the fourth of eight children of Alf & Mary Albertine, who were early settlers of the Lyman area.

Mary graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School in 1922, after which she worked as a switchboard operator for the Lyman Telephone Co. She also wrote weekly articles for the Courier Times on happenings in the Lyman area. She also worked on the election board for several years.

On October 8, 1924 she married William Trueman, and from that marriage her 3 children were born. William passed away in 1936. On February 5, 1949 she married Cecil McDougle. Cecil passed away in 1986. She was also preceded in death by her parents; 2 sisters, Della & Frances; 5 brothers, Frank, Hank, Fritz, Ernie & Alfred; and a grandson, Larry Trueman.

Mary is survived by her 3 sons and their spouses... and numerous grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Ed. Note: Mary was definitely blessed with a long lived life and we hear there is some fun biography out there we might be able to publish on her life.

Sources: 1910 U.S. Census Lyman, Skagit, WA. Mary age 7 with her family; father Alf 49, mother Mary J. both born in Australia and shows Alf a farmer. Siblings include Della 12, Frank, 10, Henry 9, another Frank 6 (?Fritz) Earnest 3. 1920 U.S. Census Lyman, Skagit, WA shows Mary still at home at age 17. Added siblings are sister Frances 8 and brother Alfred 7. 1930 U.S. Federal Census West Lyman, Skagit, WA T626-2513; Page:1B; E.D. 72; Image 287 Alf 59 and Mary 53, with children and a grandchild at home. William 30 born England and Mary Trueman, now age 27 found in East Lyman E.D. 22 with sons Harold and James.

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Message from Joan the Librarian

NEW CONTRIBUTION TO OUR LIBRARY

Listed here is the generous contribution of books to our SVGS Library that Peggy Green has recently made. We thank her very much. Members are encouraged to think of our library when deciding to downsize, as the current phrase goes.

Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy - Val D. Greenwood

Organizing Your Family History Search - Sharon DeBartolo Carmack- Celebrating the Family: Steps to planning a family reunion - Vandella Brown

On Teaching Genealogy - Fran Carter

Genealogy Online for Dummies: Reference for the rest of us! - Matthew L. Helm includes a CD

Irish Records, Sources for Family & Local History - James G. Ryan Ph. D.—Irish Families: Their Names, Arms and Origins - Edward MacLysaght

Italian Genealogical Records: How to use Civil,

Ecclesiastical, etc. - Trafford R. Cole

Discovering Your Italian Ancestors: How to find and record... - Lynn Nelson

A. Cook(e) Book - from Mayflower to Present - Corrine J. Swaney—Civil War Genealogy - Geo. K. Schweitzer Ph. D New York Genealogical Research - Geo. K. Schweitzer Ph. D.—Pennsylvania Genealogical Research - Geo. K. Schweitzer Ph. D

Windham Township: Wyoming County PA 1787 - 1977 - Historical Committee—A Chronological History of the Mehoopany Township Schools -Wyoming County, Pennsylvania 1700 - 1952 - Hazelle Allen Brooks et al Holdings of genealogical Value in Minnesota's County Museums - Lucille L. Kirkeby

Descriptive Inventory of the New York Collection 1980 - Arlene H. Eakle et al— Pat Grisotti has also given two books to our library - Gleason Genealogy

1607 - 1909 edited by Lillian May Wilson, published in 1909 and Lineage Book of the DAR Vol. XLIX, published in 1919. Thank you Pat.

Library Volunteers are special people and I thank them for the help they provide. Spaces are filled through the month of May. If for any reason you are unable to fill the spot you have signed please let me know. Just phone me any time and if I cannot answer your call just leave a message. 757-7907

March 22 - Vonda Anderson March 29 - Darlene Libbey April 5 - Pat Grisotti April 12 - Darlene Libbey April 19 - Hazel Rasar April 26 - Arnold Stewart May 3 - Laura Sparr May 10 - Hazel Rasar May 17 - Linda Ream May 24 - Iona Raney May 31 Library is not open - Memorial Day Holiday

PIONEER PICNIC

Mark your calendars and reserve August 5, 2004 to join us at the Pioneer Park in LaConner. SVGS will have a table on display at this site.

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