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"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do."Mark Twain

FROM THE PRESIDENT: The Fishers have many genealogy books in our personal library from which we have extracted information for our family histories. Now, they are not often used but we want to continue to keep them for future reference. I wonder if other members of our Society are in the same situation. We would like to make the information in these books available to our fellow members. All of this makes our books more useful to more people. We would plan to ask the borrower to sign a receipt with the date, phone number, name and Society Membership number along with the name, author, etc. about the book.

John Fisher

In response to John's suggestion, please E-mail or Snail-mail your list of books you would like to share with the other members of this Society, to the Librarian, Joan Udd. I have donated most of my books to the Society Library but I do have two very expensive volumes I would do look ups for other members. The book is called:

"THE PALATINE FAMILIES OF NEW YORK" 1710 by Henry Z. Jones, Jr. Vol. I & II. Laura Kennedy

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 4th TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT DECEMBER
NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON JANUARY 22nd ---FEBRUARY 26th
At the MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT EAST 1511 BROADWAY
IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY: JEAN ROTH of the Seattle Genealogical Society will speak on "ELLIS ISLAND" In April, 2001 the American Family Immigration History Center opened at Ellis Island. On line, the records of 22 million immigrants between 1892-1924 are available. For more information email: pr@ellisland.org for cost and reservations.

On the Internet www.ellislandrecords.com For more information on tracing your roots of immigrant families: www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson15.htm

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY: RUTH MOEN, local author & publisher from Sedro-Woolley, will tell us how she got her books published. Have your questions ready for a lively discussion after her talk.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE for all members and payable annually in January. An application form is on the last page. This Society has no paid positions and is an organization of volunteers. **No billing reminder is sent to members**

NEW MEMBERS to welcome. A new membership list will be in the March Newsletter.

Donald Parker Brown, 2101 E. 12th St., Everett, WA 98201-4011	360-771-4886, F 8-45
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS	
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THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Held the first Tuesday of the Month except July, August and December at 10:00 am in Burlington, WA. At the Washington Federal Savings Bank Conference Room. All members are welcome.

Would you like to be called on the phone as a reminder of the meetings and program? Or would you rather be E-mailed. Please let the telephone committee know what your wishes are the next time you receive a notice.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES 6125 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 9811

Call for Required Reservations 206-526-6501 E-Mail: seattle.archives@nara.gov \$10.00 Each

MORNINGS 10:00 to 12:00

February 05, 2002	Census Records,
February 12, 2002	Military Records
February 19, 2002	Immigration & Passenger Arrival Lists & Naturalization Records,
February 26, 2002	Land & Other Records,

NIGHTTIME 6:00 to 8:00

February 19, 2002	Census Records
February 26, 2002	Military Records
March 05, 2002	Immigration & Passenger Arrival Lists & Naturalization Records
March 19, 2002	Federal Court & Maritime Records
March 26, 2002	Native American Records

HELD IN THE UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM ————— A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

At the Peninsula College Campus on June 21-22, 2002 Sponsored by the Clallam County Genealogical Society. Contact the CCGS for information : www.olympen.com/ccgs at Port Angeles.

WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY IN JEPORDY**GOVERNOR LOCKE WANTS TO CLOSE THE STATE LIBRARY FOREVER !!!**

An SOS to all genealogy patrons to write to your State Rep and Gov. Locke to Protest this plan!!! Moving the Library to temporary quarters, Tumwater, near Olympia, has cost about \$1.5 million in one-time funding

The WSL was established by the Organic Act of the Territory of Washington as passed by Congress in 1853. Every state in the Union currently maintains a State Library Agency. If Locke eliminates the Library then Washington State will lose \$3 Million in Federal Funds. Over 50,000 State officials and government workers will lose their source of information through specialized collections of public policy. Expert professionals provide assistance and support to the public, students and state agencies.

These services substantially benefit rural libraries and also provide development services to all types and sizes of libraries in the state. It has the most complete collection of Washington State Newspapers, dating back to before statehood. No other Washington Library has the mandate to make this information available to the public at no charge. Locke's Budget proposal does not provide for an alternative provider or funds to continue this service. The budget calls for about \$ 9 million plus the \$ 3 million in Federal Funds.

The State Library opened on January 2, 2002 for customer's use. Visit the new location or call for info. The staff was able to keep all but a few services fully operational during the move. To receive answers to your questions, simply e-mail them at refq@statelib.wa.gov or call 360-704-821. Main information is at 360-704-5200 and toll free 1-800-562-6090 for non-reference related calls or to reach staff members.

New Location: Point Plaza East, Building One at 6880 Capitol Blvd. South, Tumwater, WA
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Parking: Visitors park on either side of the building.

Please members and friends of the Library please write or E-mail your government to protest the governor's proposal. For more information contact: Nancy Zussy, State Librarian 360-753-2915 or Nzussy@statelib.wa.gov Anne Haley, Chair 509-575-4422 ahaley@yvris.lib.wa.us

MANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WEB SITES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors, Bureau of Land Management Land patent database and all National Park Service sites were disconnected from the Internet at the direction of District Court Judge Royce Lamberth. This action stems from the compromising of access to Indian Trust Management data accessible through the same servers. Select DOI Web pages will be made available to the public through USGS with court approval. They will be reconnected at any time after January 8, 2002.

From GEORGE MORGAN. Read his columns at Ancestry.com

REMEMBER: THE 1930 CENSUS IS COMING APRIL 1**FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES (FGS)
CONFERENCE CONTEST**

ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA ON AUGUST 7-10, 2002. Enter the contest and win a prize. Come up with a reason that would persuade the world to attend the Conference. Send your entries to Catht@aol.com
Entries must be E-mailed by midnight March 15, 2002. Ranked by a committee the top 10 winners will receive a prize. They will be posted on the FGS-CONF-L E-Zine on March 30th. The next top 100 will be shared through conference E-Zine postings. Visit the FGS site at <http://www.fgs.org/>

We are still asking you to save Red Apple Grocery tapes and Western Family Bar Codes

**LIBRARY NEWS
THE BURLINGTON LIBRARY**

Located at 900 Fairhaven, Burlington, WA 98233. Open 11:00 am to 8:00 p.m. daily
Sat. 11:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays. Librarian, Darlene Malloy, Phone: 360-755-0760

A member of the Society is available each Monday 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. to help you.

Books in the collection are available for use in the library.

If you have questions call Joan Udd 360-757-7907

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society has three panels of shelves on the south wall of the library. The books are color coded as to subject, plus a 4-drawer legal size file cabinet.

First panel on the left:

Reference – General – How-To and D.A.R. Materials, (yellow). Immigration, (light green),

Family Histories in alphabetical order, (red.)

Middle section:

Washington State & the Northwest, (dark green.) Other States in alphabetical order, (orange.)

Third panel on the right:

New England on Top Shelf, (peach.)

Remainder of States in alphabetical order, and Military, (purple.)

Other countries are (lavender,)

National and State Bulletins are kept in individual boxes such as:

(CO. IA. KY. OH. OK. PA. RI. and VA.)

Vertical File Cabinet:

Surname list of SVGS Members in a small file box on the top.

Drawer #1: Current newsletters, journals and quarterlies. **Drawer # 2:** Washington State by counties.

Drawer #3: Other states info, some comb bound and Canada. **Drawer #4:** Maps, including individual states, National Geographic Society and National Genealogical Quarterly. Small items, some clipped from periodicals and bulletins are located throughout the file.

MR DONALD PARKER BROWN

Many thanks go to Don Brown, one of our new members, for the hours of work he provided to compile a listing of the books in the SVGS Genealogy section of the Burlington Library. The papers he has generated on his computer are in a booklet the librarian keeps behind the check out desk. Anyone may use it.

Thank you, Don, from the Society and especially your SVGS Librarian. It will be reproduced and available for purchase on the back table.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR SALT LAKE ????

WHY ? Genealogy research

WHEN ? Sunday, 14 April 2002 to Sunday 21 April 2002

HOW ? Via Delta Airlines Round Trip

WHERE TO STAY ? Carlton Hotel

CONTACT ? CHARLIE CLAGUE, SVGS MEMBER

360-675-9774 or ceclague@whidbey.net

SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

Genealogical Beginners Classes

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH METHODSOn Fridays JANUARY 25TH THROUGH MARCH 1ST, 2002**\$ 30.00 FOR THE SERIES OF SIX CLASSES**

LOCATED AT THE BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

ALL SESSIONS BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

1. January 25th, 2002
Introduction to Family History (Genealogy) and Home Sources. Some forms we use, gathering information at home and interviewing. Taught by Peggy Green.
2. February 1st, 2002
Primary Sources. Contemporary to the event sources, vital records, courthouses, wills, land records and more. Taught by Colleen Thulen.
3. February 8th, 2002
Secondary Sources. Non-Contemporary to the event sources, such as family histories, published books, county histories, city directories and more. Taught by Sharon Johnson.
4. February 15th, 2002
Using Census Records. Follow your ancestors through various Federal and State Census records and learn how and where to look, what to expect to find. Taught by John & Shirlee Fisher.
5. February 22nd, 2002
Organizing Materials and Keeping Records. Suggestions on how to keep that paper trail manageable and retrievable. Don't miss it! Taught by Carol Thomson.
6. March 1, 2002
Evaluation of Evidence and Sharing Research. How to determine the best possible truth, when there is conflicting information, plus sharing your findings with others.
Taught by Janet Armbrust

PLUS**FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH METHODS ON THE COMPUTER***A TWO PART SEQUEL TO THE BASIC GENEALOGY COURSE FOR \$ 10.00 FOR TWO CLASSES**AT THE BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER**10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON*

1. March 8, 2002
Computer Genealogy, with Hazel Rasar. A look at different genealogy programs and how they work.
2. March 15th, 2002
Computer Genealogy II with Hazel Rasar. Introduction to Genealogy using the Internet.

FOR INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP FOR THIS SERIES**CALL THE BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER AT 360-755-0752****OR PEGGY GREEN AT 360-945-1155**

There will be a waiting list to schedule later Seminars for those who cannot attend at this time.
Be sure to call Peggy Green if you fit into this category.

GENE-A-RAMA

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2002

First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th Street, located between 104th Ave. SE & 116th Ave SE on 248.

Pre-registration cost is \$ 20 all day.

Register before Feb. 15th after that date the cost is \$25.00.**The PROGRAM**

- 8:30 Cyndi Howells **The Ten Commandments of Internet Genealogy**
 10:30 Cyndi Howells **The Dos and Don'ts Of A Great Genealogy Home Page**
 1:00 Connie Lenzen **The Taxing Detail: Tax Records for Genealogists**
 3:00 Connie Lenzen **Twentieth Century Research: If I knew Them, Why Can't I Find Them**

Lunch can be had for \$ 7.50 each. Send your Registration and fee to Jean Fisher 24068 – 222 nd Place SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038. For information contact Sylva Coppock 425-235-8076 SylvaCop@aol.com

NATIVE AMERICANS SPEAK ON WWII EXPERIENCES AT SKAGIT MUSEUM CELEBRATION

A panel discussion with all-native participants will be held on Sunday, January 20, at 2 p.m. The Celebration will continue on Saturday, January 26, with **A Gathering of Artists**. A day of entertainment featuring native crafts from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. The Museum's major exhibit "**Over Here, Over There**," to further explore WWII, will be available in March.

The Museum is located at 501 South Fourth Street, LaConner, WA 98257, at the top of the hill. Information? Call 360-466-3365 or visit on the web: www.skagitcounty.net/museum.htm

If you are going to Virginia to do research, take a look before you go at the micro-film Index that John Fisher has donated, showing the genealogical holdings of all the counties of Virginia that are in the possession of the State Library. **Look at the Traveling Library** lists to see if you might be able to use any of the wonderful material there.

THE ARCHIVIST, Lorraine Rothenbuhler, will have the Member Pedigree Chart Book at the next meeting. Please take a look and bring your charts to be included with the other 88 family charts. See page 7.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE FACT THAT WHEN OLDER FAMILY MEMBERS MOVE they start throwing things away that might be good leads for your research? When you find out they are moving, send them a check and tell them to use it for postage to mail you memorabilia, such as old letters and other family items, they don't want anymore. You might be amazed at what will show up.

HERITAGE QUEST has a new CD-ROM with the Index to Pension and Bounty Land Warrant applications for the Revolutionary War. If you are researching ancestors in that war this new index can help you quickly find the records. This is a companion to the Heritage Quest digital microfilm CD-ROMs that contain enhanced images of the National Archives M-805 micro-film series. More than 80,000 patriot's records are copied from the microfilm's National Archives and Records Administration.

System requirements: 95/98/ME/NT/2000, Pentium 100+, 16 MB RAM, 4xCD-ROM and 88 MB free hard drive space, available for \$ 1995.

Original Records on Digital Microfilm CD's are available for \$ 19.95 each. There are 898 CD-ROM's in this series. The new address for the Library is:

HERITAGE QUEST LIBRARY 909 Main St. Suite # 5 Sumner, WA 98390

If you know the date your immigrant ancestors disembarked and in which port, look at microfilm of the newspapers of the time. In the New York paper, in the section called "Marine Intelligence," they list births & deaths and other useful information, with brief descriptions of the trip.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2002

APPLICANTS NAME _____

ADDRESS STREET & CITY _____

AREA CODE () _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

New Member _____

Renewal _____

Previous _____

Member _____

FAMILY \$ 12 _____

INDIVIDUAL \$10 _____

INSTITUTION \$10 _____
