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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

This is the last time I can send you a message. I have enjoyed being Interim President for such a great group of people. In particular I would like to thank every board member for his/her help in making my position interesting as well as making our Society operate successfully. I see publications from other societies as well as have contact with other officers and am very proud of our Society.

It is exciting to be part of a group that accomplishes so many things such as: reading cemeteries and publishing the results, proof reading the results for publication, collecting and processing newspaper obituaries for the file, working to save old cemeteries, being available at our library to help others – some just beginning their search, putting on classes for beginners, sending out meeting notices, notifying members of meetings, putting together and mailing the newsletter, arranging the books at our library, taking minutes at meetings and getting them distributed, maintaining records of our finances, maintaining membership records, arranging for programs for our general meetings, answering queries for genealogical information from people outside the area, filling requests for our books, running the raffle at meetings, keeping Society archives up-to-date, tending the traveling library at meetings.....I realize this is an incomplete listing of things our Society volunteers have accomplished. It takes all these things and more to allow a Genealogical Society to operate – all by volunteers. Think about this the next time an officer or chairperson asks for help! And become a more active part of SVGS.

Again I wish to thank all of you for your support in making my job of Interim President so exciting and interesting. In closing I would like to publicly thank my better half for all her help and support in listening to my ideas as well as problems to go with being Interim President, the message-taking as well as typing that I ask her to do. Thanks S.W.F.

JOHN FISHER

**GENERAL MEETINGS are held at
THE MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EAST 1511 BROADWAY, GOOD SHEPHERD HALL
7:00 P.M.**

ANNUAL MEETING IS MAY 28

ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY will be held. If you would like to serve your society volunteer to have your name put on the ballot.

PROGRAMS

May 28 **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS** will be discussed. Bring your research questions and other members will try to help you overcome the hurdles. **PREPARE YOUR QUESTIONS NOW!**

June 25 **The MELUNGEONS** will be the topic. Learn about these people who were mainly inhabitants of the southeastern portion of the United States, presented by Laura Pemberton Sparr. You may have this ethnic heritage in your bloodlines!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETS

The General Special Interest Group is being renewed. Meet at the Presbyterian Church in the small conference room on Friday May 31 from 10 am to 12 Noon. This is the Friday following our regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 28. Past participants say the group was helpful, enjoyable and interesting. At the next meeting please have your suggestions ready if you feel you could attend on another day or evening. Call Peggy if you need a ride at 848-1159

NO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST

The NEXT BOARD MEETING IS JUNE 5TH, 2002

Held the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a. m. Burlington, WA.

Washington Federal and Savings Bank Conference Room.

All members are welcome.

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1930 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau released original and confidential records on April 1, 2002. A gold mine for genealogists, history buffs and nose neighbors. If you already have the census records from 1920 you can hope to learn what happened in that 10 year span; learning about their marital condition, and whether they actually worked, being they were in a "Great Depression". It tells what year they immigrated, where they were born and the language they spoke before coming to the United States.

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LIBRARY REPORT

How recently have you volunteered to come to our SVGS library on Monday mornings? Summer is often the time when people come to this area on research trips and many want to find their ancestors that lived in Skagit County. It is a real satisfaction to help someone find a long lost relative! The Society continues to add items of interest to the library, so consider two hours out of a week this summer, to help from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

How many books do you own personally for your own research? If you would be willing to share your resources with other members consider making a list of the ones you would share. There is a white binder at the meetings where lists are placed along with your instructions of how you will share your information. It is available at the general meeting for use by members.

Remember our new program that allows members of SVGS to check out books at the Burlington Library when a volunteer is on duty on any Monday morning, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may keep the book one week, then return it on the next Monday. Bring your Membership card and the volunteer will help you with your selection if needed.

It is a pleasure for me to announce that there is now a library committee composed of Margaret Cookson, Darlene Libbey and Linda Ream. Thank you for volunteering! If any other members are interested in joining the committee please phone: JOAN UDD at 757-7907

THE STILLAGUAMISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society has lost their lease on the building at Jensen Park, and the library has moved into a different location at 135 Olympic, Arlington, Washington in downtown Arlington.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS FOR SKAGIT COUNTY

are now online after much work by the "bookstorelady" Darilee Bednar and her staff. Send her a message with some feed back on this presentation at: bookstorelady@Prodigy.net See the file at: <http://www.thirdstbooks.com/bellhs08index.html>

COPY MACHINE

Look for the research binder on the back table at general meetings. If you find a copy of a handout from a previous speaker that you would like to have, you may make a copy for five cents (5 ¢) a side.

BOOK SALE IN JUNE

Do you have excess history books, and/ genealogical books and magazines that you are no longer using? If you would like to donate them to the society, bring them to the May 28th meeting for collection. **We will have a "Book Sale" at the June 25th Meeting.**

Sharon Johnson, Ways and Means

NEW DIRECTORY

Our Society is planning a new Directory to acquaint our membership with the workings of our society. It is planned to include a listing of the surnames and locale you are researching. If you have not submitted your information or need to update previously submitted information contact Lorraine Rothenbuhler at raine@cnw.com. The society would also like to know what Genealogy Program you use on your computer. This will enable other members to make contact with someone using the same program in the event they need assistance. This Directory will then be distributed to all members. Participation by members is encouraged. Please send your information to our society address in c/o the Publication Committee or by e-mail to Hazel Rasar at: hazar@earthlink.net

WE NOW HAVE COUNTY LIBRARY BOOK LISTS

There is a list of books which can be found at the Mount Vernon Public Library and at the LaConner Public Library. Thank You to **Donald Parker Brown** and **Arnold Stewart** for compiling these lists. These are compiled and have been placed in a notebook which can be found on the back table at meetings.

THE MOUNT VERNON CEMETERY

Arnold Stewart has copied the record books at the Mount Vernon Cemetery. The reading of tombstones is almost complete and computerization has begun. The publication committee will be asking for volunteers for proof reading in the near future. If interested in helping with this project please contact a member of the publication committee. They are **Arnold Stewart, Betty Hoffman, Lois Theodoratus, Sharon Johnson, Diane Partington, John & Shirlee Fisher**. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have spent time and energy reading the tombstones at the cemetery, and especially to **Molly and Leroy Sackman** who have spent many hours reading headstones.

Hazel Rasar, Publications Chair

THE SVGS WEBSITE

CHRIS FOX, one of our newer members, has volunteered to assist us with the website and will function as our society webmaster. Many of you surf the Internet on a regular basis, and Chris would like some input from our membership about what you would like to see on our site. Do you have some favorite sites that you would like to see linked from our website? If so, please let Chris know. He really would like to have your input on how we can make our website more useful and appealing to visitors. Thank you Chris for volunteering. You may e-mail Chris at: foxhunt@gte.net with any suggestions.

Publication Committee

IN MEMORIAM: *Harold Ross Olney, age 80, husband of longstanding member Eda Olney, passed away unexpectedly in Port Angeles, Washington on April 16, 2002. Harold worked as a purchasing agent for the City of Los Angeles and joined the U.S. Army on December 08, 1941 and was attached to the Signal Corp. Division. He served in China, Burma, and the Asiatic Theaters of war, under General Stillwell. He was discharged in 1946 and re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1947 serving in the Korean War. He married Eda Clare Avery on May 3, 1948 in San Francisco and worked for RCA and the local telephone company in Anchorage, Alaska. They moved to Port Angeles last fall to be near family.*
Skagit Valley Herald, April 19, 2002

SUBSCRIBE TO A HISTORICAL MAILING LIST

Historians of your state of interest have a lot of non-genealogical information in their mailing lists that will help you in your research. Remember most of these lists do not accept genealogical queries, but they frequently have historical questions. As with any other mailing list, you should not expect others to do your research for you. Transcriptions of early governmental legislative bodies may make reference to your ancestor if they were early settlers of the area. Some of these may be in outlines available at the LDS site bibliographies and others in the state's archives. Some web sites:

LDS <http://www.familysearch.org>.

State Archives of Maryland at <http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/>

Virginia Library at <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/>

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR GROCERY SLIPS FROM RED APPLE & WESTERN FAMILY BAR CODES. Bring them to the general meeting and give them to the Ways and Means Chairman Sharon Johnson

**Washington State Genealogical Society
Annual Conference and Annual Meeting on Friday & Saturday
June 21-22, 2002 in PORT ANGELES, WA.
Hosted by the Clallam County Genealogical Society, with help from Jefferson
County and Puget Sound Genealogical Societies.**

Featuring Shirley J. Reimer
Author of "The German Research Companion,
And editor of "Der Blumenbaum", The Journal of the Sacramento German Genealogy
Society.

**Held at the Peninsula College, 1502 East Lauridsen Blvd. Registration opens at
6:00 p.m. at the Union Bldg. on Friday, with opening remarks in the Little
Theater at 7:00 p.m. And a bonus presentation by Ms. Reimer entitled "Last
Chance, Charlie".**

Saturday registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and 16 topics from 9:00-5:00 including
Beginners, International, Experienced and Society management. Vendors will be on
hand and early registration saves you money if paid before June 12th. Visit
www.olympen.com/ccgs for information or call 360-417-5000 Registrar, CCGS PO Box
1327 Port Angeles, WA 98362 Some of the topics are: approaches for finding the
German hometown, cemetery and vital records. How to research in the Pacific NW
Center and the State Archives and maps relating history to genealogy. Planning a
research trip to the German Homeland, census and census substitutes and
streamlining your On-Line research skills.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

VICTORIA FAMILY HISTORY FAIR will be held at the Victoria Truth Centre, 1201 Fort Street in
Victoria, B.C. Canada, May 25, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$ 10 Canadian and will be available
at the door or you can reserve by sending an e-mail to: dixie@InterlinkBookshop.com with your name and the
number of tickets you would like. A tentative schedule is at: <http://www.interlinkbookshop.com/fair.htm>

INTERNATIONAL ROOTS CONFERENCE FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS tracing their
European ancestry, to be held at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, Michigan. For reservations mail to 24901
Northwestern Highway, Suite 313B, Southfield, Michigan 48075-2207, (2480415-0159). **July 14-18, 2002**
Email: Info@rootsconference.com

BOONE FAMILY REUNION (4th Biennial) Wilsonville Holiday Inn Select, Wilsonville, Oregon
Open to members of the society, descendants of the Boone family, genealogists, historians, "friends of the family"
and the public. 1630 Southwest Harbor Way, River Place D205, Portland, Oregon 97201 (5030682-5599
Email: jancmboone@aol.com **July 31-Aug 4, 2002**

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standard size, and are printed with archival quality paper using the highest quality ink designed for
permanent use.

The 15th Federally mandated U. S. Census continued from page 2

Locating your ancestors on the 1930 census won't be easy. I wish I had started a year ago. Prepare yourself for a lot of time that it will take to do a search. Anything you can do now will shorten the amount of time it will take when you finally decide it is time for your search.

If your ancestors lived in a small town you will have to search line by line and page by page.

Unlike the 1920 Census this 1930 census does not have a Soundex index for every state. **Only 10 states and portions of two others have been indexed using the Soundex system.** The 10 that have been indexed are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Seven counties in Kentucky -- Bell, Floyd, Harlan, Kenton, Muhlenberg, Perry and Pike -- and the West Virginia counties of Fayette, Harrison, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mercer and Raleigh.

There are old city directories and telephone books generally available in the reference sections of public libraries. Other sources might be; Social Security applications, old letters or envelopes, death certificates, birth records, naturalization records, ship manifests, wedding certificates, school records, church records, voter registration records and/or the 1920 Census.

For large cities look for city directories to find the address or use the geographic descriptions found in the T-1224 publication. You can use the microfilm at NARA of available city directories at <http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/citydirs.html>. These directories include every male of employable age, workers under the age of 20, male students, working women, widows, and girls of marriageable age.

M-1930 contains maps that show the streets within a county, city or political unit making up an Enumeration District. An Enumeration District is a basic geographic area of a size that could be covered by a single census taker within one census period. You need to know the ED number to search and each enumeration district is set up differently. Address indexes convert street addresses to ED numbers.

Those few cities that have been address indexed include most of North Carolina for virtually all cities in the state. The "Cross Index to Selected City Streets and Enumeration Districts" is on Microfilm series M1931. Akron, OH; Atlanta, GA; Baltimore, MD; Berkeley, CA; Bronx, Manhattan (interfiled) and Brooklyn, NY; Canton, OH; Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Dayton, OH; Denver, CO; Detroit MI; District of Columbia; Elizabeth, NJ; Erie, PA; Fort Wayne and Gary, IN; Grand Rapids, MI; Indianapolis, IN; Kansas City, KS. Long Beach and Los Angeles City and County, CA; Memphis, TN; Miami (includes Miami Beach and South Miami) FL; Newark, NJ; Oklahoma City, OK; Omahs, NE; Paterson, NJ; Peoria, IL; Phoenix, AZ; Philadelphia, PA; Queens, NY; Reading, PA; Richmond, (Staten Island), NY; Richmond, VA; San Antonio, TX. San Diego and San Francisco, CA; South Bend, In; Tampa, FL; Tulsa, OK; Wichita, KS; and Youngstown, OH.

These web-sites are most useful for regions where neither of these indexes exist. Due to lack of resources not all cities are covered. Indexing was started during the depression years when the government was trying to create jobs. Following World War II, indexing was never resumed. The government has no plans to produce such an index, so it will be possible for private firms to do the job.

Some places you can look on the Internet for more information on the enumeration districts may be helpful to your search. See:

<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/genindex.html#regional/>
<http://1930census.archives.gov/>
<http://home.pacbell.net/spmorse/census>
http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/TWIT_Census1930

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Compiled by the Skagit County Historical Society Series, No. 6 was printed in 1979. It will give you an idea what is in this precious book. The librarian has it for reference at Burlington City Library 900 Fairhaven. Call 360-755-0760 and they will look for your item in the book.

THOMAS HASTIE JR.; FIDALGO ISLAND BEFORE THE BOOM by **CARRIE M. WHITE;**

LOUISA ANN CONNER From CONNER Letters; **DIARY OF A BUSY FARMER** by **W.J. CORNELIUS;** **KIRSTENA'S MEMORIES** by **MRS PETER LARSE;** **REMINISCENCES OF AN EX-INDIAN AGENT** by **JOHN P. McGLINN;** **THE McGLINN HOUSE** by **JOHN P. McGLINN;** **SOME RECOLLECTIONS** by **ALFRED POLSON;** **A MILLION PEOPLE** by **SAMUEL CALHOUN;** **AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SKAGIT PIONEER** by **JOSEPH DEWELLEY;** **A YOUNG MAN FACES LIFE IN FAR WEST,** from **E. A. SISSON DIARIES.**

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THE TOWN OF AVON; **MOUNT VERNON** by **HARRISON CLOTHIER;** **THE FATHER OF MOUNT VERNON,** by **MARTHA GATES PARKER;** **THE HARTSON FAMILY** by **RALPH C. HARSTON;** **CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB OF MOUNT VERNON** by **MAY SMITH WILLIS;** **COAL WAS BOOM AND BUST** from History of Skagit County.

To be continued in the next newsletter.

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AREA CODE () _____

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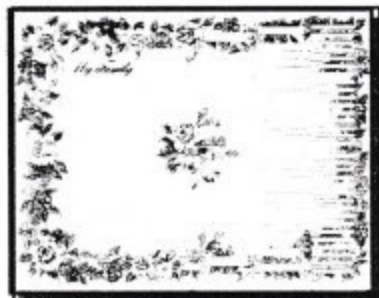
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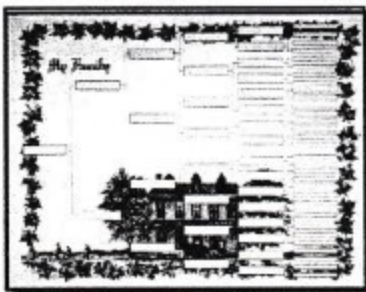


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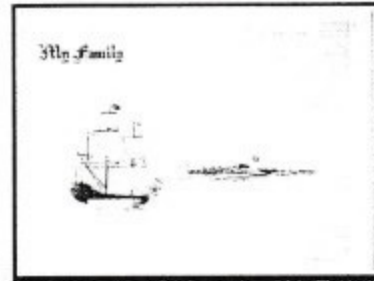
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