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January—February 2003 Newsletter Committee

President's Message

Hoping each of you has already begun an absolutely marvelous new Year, and that it continues to get better and better; in fact let's set that as our intention for this five year (numerologically) – fabulous fun, frolic, adventure and change. This is also the year that intuition will have a large part to play in our genealogical research; are you ready?

It has been my pleasure to be serving as your president, and I plan to do a better job in that capacity; we have had many upheavals on the Board of Directors, mostly due to illness, so don't be surprised if you hear from me soon, probably by telephone, as we are in need of a newsletter editor (being currently capably handled by Hazel Rasar and Shirlee Fisher), a telephone chairperson (to coordinate the people calling members to remind them of the coming meetings), and an education chairperson (to coordinate classes and research trips). If any of these contributions to our society sound like fun to you please let me know, so we can talk further. We would love to have you on board....

A big thank you to each of you for your contributions to our society in 2002; each of the acts you did, and you for the fact that you did them, are so wonderful, and that gift of yourself is greatly appreciated and acknowledged. Now let's have a SUPER 2003.

Hugs and smiles Laura Pemberton Sparr



Salt Lake City Trip—2003

Hi there!

Wanna go to Salt Lake City with our gang of Serious Senior Sitazens who are Silently Slinking Southeast to Search for Ancestors?

Our plan is to leave from SeaTac on a non-stop Delta flight at 11:00am, Sunday, 23 March 2003, arriving in Salt Lake City at 12:15pm. Airfare is \$168.00 for the round trip. The trip home on 30 Jan is at a decent hour. Longer/shorter stay can be arranged.

As usual, we will stay at the Carlton Hotel. Their weekly rates are; Single room = \$379.56 Double room = \$212.44 for each person. (total \$424.88) Three to a room = \$156.73 for each person. (total \$470.20) Four to a room = \$128.88 for each person. (total \$515.52) The Carlton provides courtesy runs to/from airport, and three times daily to/from the Library. They also provide a free full breakfast daily.

You have to arrange to get to SeaTac, but the Bellingham Airporter c h a r g e s \$41.00 round trip from Mount Vernon (Cotton Tree Inn where you can park free) to SeaTac. From Oak Harbor or Anacortes, I'm pretty sure the cost is \$52.00. If interested, call or Email me for more data: 360-675-9774 or

<u>ceclague@whidbey.net</u>. I will need to know who, or how many folks you wish to room with, how to contact you, and any special needs.

Charlie Clague



Best of Luck to all genealogists and

may you find many new branches on your family tree during 2003



General Meeting:

28 JAN - 7 p.m. Follow up on Brick Walls by members from our very successful meeting last May.

25 FEB - A local writer, Margaret Marshall, will speak on *How to Write a Biography* She is a freelance writer who has been writing biographies for other people.

25 MAR - Jerry Handfield, Washington State Archivist in Olympia, WA will speak on his popular topic *What to Save From Grandma's Attic.* He is encouraging members to bring a small item from their attics or archives and he will appraise it for its value to the next generation. His lecture will include information on the importance of the State Archives to researchers and citizens.

22 APR - To be announced

27 MAY - ANNUAL MEETING Program to be announced

24 JUN - To be announced

SVGS Website:

Visit our website at http://www.rootsweb.com/wasvgs.

Do you have a family or personal website you would like to have listed with a link on our website, let us know. If you would like to have a website, our webmaster *Dan Royal* will be glad to assist you in setting one up.

Have some interesting websites you would like to see linked from our home page, contact Dan.

You can view the most recent issue of this newsletter on line, list the surnames you are interested in researching or volunteer to do look ups for our society.

Society Genealogist:

Diane is back home. She has been busy these past few months, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her son is doing much better and he has returned home to Mount Vernon. We would like to thank Lorraine Rothenbuhler and Donna Hinds for their efforts in providing back up and support to cover the queries received by our society.

Newsletter:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Your society is in need of a newsletter editor. The newsletter editor has the responsibility of development, computerization and distribution of our newsletter. The newsletter is published 5X yearly.

Education:

With regrets, Peggy Green has had to resign as Education Chairperson. If you are interested in assisting with any of our society education classes, please contact any board member.

Publications:

Hazel reports that the Mount Vernon Cemetery publication is in the proofreading stages. **Volunteers are needed** to assist with this portion of the project.

Library:

Volunteers: Please wear your SVGS name tag when you volunteer at our library. It will identify you and perhaps encourage visitors to ask questions. If you do not have your name tag with you may make one from the labels located in the volunteer folder. It is in the top drawer mid way back. **Thank you**.

Schedule for volunteers: January 27 - Donna Hinds; February 3 Colleen Thulen; February 10 Darlene Libbey; February 17 Closed for Martin Luther King, Fr. Day; February 24 John & Shirlee Fisher; March 3 Darlene Libbey; March 10 Colleen Thulen March 17 Joan Udd March 24 Lorraine Rothenbuhler.

All members, you are still welcome to check out up to three books from our collection for one week. I would encourage you to do so. Your SVGS librarian

- Joan Udd

Membership:

Donna Hinds reports that total membership at this time is 143. Membership badges are available, contact Donna if you need to order a new one or to order a replacement. If you have not done so, it is now time to pay your 2003 membership dues. Remember, your name will be removed from our mailing list if not paid before the February 25th meeting. Members are being asked to wear name badges at SVGS meetings. If you have one, please wear it at the next meeting, or order one from our membership chairperson. Otherwise, please wear a disposable name tag on a temporary basis.

Projects:

John Fisher reports that the reading of the Hamilton Cemetery is waiting for better weather. The reading of the Bow Cemetery is in progress. The teams have completed the reading of the Concrete Cemetery as well as the Bayview Cemetery. Now volunteers are needed to computerize these latter two. Members wishing to help with this phase please contact John Fisher or Hazel Rasar. We will be happy to get you started.

Traveling Library:

New for circulation is a set of 3 CDs: *Military Records: Civil War Service Records* contains 5.3 million records (unfortunately most S-T surnames are not included), fully searchable details include name, company, unit, rank at induction and discharge, allegiance, and roll statistics. This index was developed by Ancestry. Com. See Shirlee Fisher at the next meeting if you would like to borrow these for your research. Donated by Hazel Rasar.

While you are at it, how about checking out the other materials available in the library for your use. Check them out and return them at the next meeting.

<u>NEW MATERIALS IN SVGS LIBRARY</u> <u>Donated by Bob</u> <u>McMullen from the library of Genevieve</u>; former SVGS member who has passed on.

Compendium of Historical Sources by Robert A. Bremer; 1993

Land & Property Dictionary (notebook) By Karen Lynn Forbes

Military Service Records—Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications 1985

U.S. Vital Records Catalog Ancestry, Inc 1985

U.S. and Special Census Catalog Ancestry, Inc 1985

The following four items will be found in the 4 drawer metal file by subject:

Migration:

American Migration Guide by John W. Heisey 1985

Ohio:

Sources for Genealogical Searching in Ohio by Betty L. McCay 1973

English Family Research by J. Konrad 1984 rev. ed.

Scotch -Irish:

Scotch-Irish Family Research Made Simple by R.G. Campbell 1982 rev. ed

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 8, 2003 Fiske Genealogical Foundation presents New England Migration Seminar with Dr. Ralph J. Crandall, Executive Director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 8:30 am—3:00 pm, 1644 43rd Ave East, Seattle, WA, 98112 -3222. Topics include: Migration from New England to the Upper Midwest; Migration from New England to the West Coast; and NEHGS Resources Available for Off-Site Access. \$30 non-members -\$20 Fiske members. Attendees will receive a coupon for one day of free research at the Fisk Library, a \$5 value. If you register by February 8, 2003, receive coupons for three days of free research, a \$15 value! Seating is limited.

Mar 15, 2003 Clark County Genealogical Society featuring Dr. John Philip Colletta. Topics will include: Breaking through Brick Walls: Use Your Head; The County Courthouse: An enormous "Trunk in the Attic" for family historians; Documentation: How to cite your sources; Our National Archives: An overview for genealogists. 611 Grand Boulevard, Washington State School for the Deaf; Registration 8am-9am; Seminar begins at 9am. Registration before Mar 6, 2003 will include a box lunch. CCGS Members \$40, Non-members \$45. Contact society for further information

Mar 15, 2003 - Jefferson County Genealogical Society will feature Laura Pemberton Sparr speaking on three topics: Documenting Your Sources; Evaluating Evidence and Organizing Your Research. Will also feature a Resource Corner on Using Computers. Contact society for further information.

Apr 12, 2003—Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island All day Seminar at China City in Freeland; Speakers - Gerald and Connie Lenzen Presentations include: Exploring your roots in the County courthouse; Tax records for the genealogist; Probate research; and "Over the Pond to Germany. Heritage Quest books for sale. Chinese Buffet lunch included in the \$35 charge.

May 3, 2003 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will feature Myra Gormley Seminar. Topics will include: 1) Before Ellis Island: Pre-1820, 1820-1892, USA & Canada; 2) You Just Think You've Looked Everywhere for Your Ancestors - Looking beyond the Usual Resources. Registration 8-9am program begins at 9 am at the Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way, NW, Silverdale, WA. Cost is \$20 for PSGS members and \$25 for non-members. For further information contact Cindy Spores at cindys@oz.net or 360-871-0202. or visit: www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.htm/

Why Did You Become a Genealogist?

Please!! We would like your input. Write a short essay telling us what inspired you to become a family historian and the benefits you find as a member of our society. Submit your responses to our society address in care of the newsletter or bring it to a society meeting. Wouldn't you be interested in how others respond?

Don't Waste Your Library Time

"When visiting an 'away-from-home' library, you never have enough time to finish your research. After finding information about one of your ancestors, never take time to totally read through all the ancestor's information. Instead, photocopy the relevant pages for casual review later at home.

"Also, copy the title page of the book or the volume, issue and year as well as the name of the library and call number of the source of your newly found information. This way, if you should find later that you need to copy additional pages, you know where to find the original if you can't find it elsewhere."

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Volunteers Needed

Newsletter Editor Board Position Education Chairperson Board Position Telephone Chairperson

Your help is needed to fill these empty seats on the governing board of your society. Please help us out. Also, remember that our board meetings are open to the public and all members, so come join us the first Tuesday of each month at Washington Federal in Burlington at 10 a.m.

Preserve Your Paper Records

There is now a spray called "Archival Mist" made by Collage which can be sprayed on paper to make it acid free. It will not effect the ink, colors or adhesives and even works on newspaper clippings and scrapbooks.

It has been proven by libraries and archives to prolong paper at least five times its normal life. You can get further information by calling 1-800-926-5524.

Reprinted from the Odom Family Tree, Apr-May 2001 via the WSGS newsletter Nov-Dec 2001.

Wanted!! Library Patrons

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We are seeking dedicated amateur family history researchers to utilize the valuable resources of our library.

Our genealogical library collection is located at the Burlington Public Library, 900 E. Fairhaven, Burlington, WA 98233 360-755-0760 There is a volunteer SVGS member at the library every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist you, books from this collection may circulate to members only if checked out with one of our volunteers.

Library hours: Monday thru Thursday 11 a.m.—8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays and Holidays

"Are you bored with the Internet? Why don't you try good old fashioned genealogical reference books again?"

Online Genealogical Chat Room

By the Clark County Genealogical Society

The chat room door opens about 6:45 p.m. The chat room can be accessed via the CCGS home page at <www.ccgs-wa.org> Click on the line telling of the chat room and follow the directions on the next page. It it's your first time with us, when you access the chat room (it's labeled conference room on the door), go to Options (underlined, red at bottom right of page) and click on it. Change the posting frequency from 5 to 20 to avoid the "jumpy" screen. Use your browser's "back" key to return to the chat room. Nancy Petersen and Pat Bauer hope to see you in the chat room soon. They enjoy a busy evening when there are lots of visitors with lots of questions. Reprinted from WSGS newsletter, Jan/Feb 2003

Comb Binding .. For members

The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call ahead to John Fisher at 360-293-4986 we will bring the machine to a meeting and bind your pages into a book for you.

Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supplies.

Family History Library Catalog

If you have been using the FHL Catalog CD at home instead of the online version, be aware that the one at http://www.familysearch.org was updated on October 12, and is now more current than the CD. The new search engine is easier to use also. The Family Search site was updated at the same time.

1910 Census Project

Do you remember when WSGS asked our society to assist with the 1910 project? Several members of this society helped this project by transcribing that census. Those of us who helped, can attest to the long hours and terrible eye strain from staring at poor photocopies and worse microfilm.

That project is now being placed on the Internet as the different counties are completed. Skagit County has been done for some time and is now online. This is a searchable database by soundex or surname using the edit function of your browser. Visit the Washington State GenWeb pages to see if you can locate your relatives. Not all counties are complete. < http://www.rootsweb.com/~wagenweb/1910/index.html

Territorial Census'

The Washington State Secretary of State Office has developed a webpage for the Washington State Sesquecentennial SVGS will be donating a copy of our databases for the 1885, 1887 and 1889 Territorial Censuses for Skagit County. These may be viewed online at a future date at:

http://www.secstatewa.gov/history

Select the category **Records Search.**

Be a Part of 150 Years of Washington's History

By State Archivist Jerry Handfield

In recognition of the March 2, 2003 anniversary of Washington Territory, the Washington State Archives is pursuing two projects to help preserve and disseminate Washington's territorial history throughout the state.

For one project, Archives would like to coordinate volunteers to make the Washington Territorial Censuses available online for a surname index search. Volunteers may work from home to input census data into a database created by the Office of Secretary of State. Passwords, instructions and transcribed copies of the censuses will be provided to those interested.

Also, the Archives is creating a Speaker's Bureau list related to territorial history. The list would consist of people knowledgeable about Washington's Territorial history and be made available to museums, libraries, schools, historical societies, or other organizations that would be interested in hosting a speaker. Our public list of speakers will contain only the name of the speaker, the topic(s), and telephone number or email address.

I encourage anyone who is interested in preserving and passing history onto the next generation to be a part of these important projects. If you are interested in these projects, please send us the following information either electronically or by mail.

Census Project Information

Name

Address

Email Address

Phone Number

Different skills i.e. proofreading or entering data

Speaker's Bureau Information

Name

Address

Email Address

Phone Number

Speaking Topics

Fees i.e. mileage or honorarium

If you have any questions, please contact me, Jerry Handfield, at (360) 586-2664 or Andrea Watts, at (360) 902-4176.

Office of the Secretary of State

PO Box 40220

Olympia, WA 98504-0220

awatts@secstate.wa.gov.

I look forward to working with you during the Territorial commemoration next year.

Sincerely,

Jerry Handfield.

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Note: Skagit County is already complete and online.

Researching in Virginia?

The following is an example of our changing boundaries in this country that has continued until today. In doing our research, we need to be aware of these situations. Are You Looking In The Right Place? From the Carolina Herald and Newsletter, Vol.XXX, No. 2, April, May June, 2002. Thanks to Bell County Genealogist, P O Box 851, Killeen, TX 76540-0851

From 1728 to as late as 1863, a person born or living in Virginia could have been in:

- * Any part of Illinois from 1781 to Statehood in 1818
- * Any part of Indiana from 1787 to Statehood in 1816
- * Any part of Kentucky from 1775 to Statehood in 1792
- * Any part of Maryland from 1775 to Statehood in 1792
- * Any part of North Carolina from 1728 to 1779
- * Any part of Ohio from 1778 to Statehood in 1803
- * Any part of Pennsylvania from 1752 to 1786
- * Any part of Tennessee from 1760 to 1803
- * any part of West Virginia from 1769 to possibly as late as 1863

Reprinted from the Odum Family Tree, Oct/Nov 2002, Moultrie, GA

Minnesota Historical Society puts Death Certificates on-line

The Minnesota Historical Society has posted an on-line index to death certificates for the years 1908-1946. The index provides the name of the deceased, certificate number, date of death, and county of death. There are also fields available for date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name.

Once the entry is located, you can order a copy of the death certificate by just clicking on "Add to order". A printable copy of the order form will be created which includes the entry (or entries) that you have selected. The customized order form can be sent, with a check for the requested amount (\$8 per certificate), to the historical society. Go to < http://people.mnhs.org/dci/ > .

Births and Deaths on the High Seas

When a birth or death occurs on the high seas, whether on an aircraft or on a ship, the determination of where the records is filed is decided in terms of the direction in which the craft was headed at the time of the event.

If the craft was outbound or docked at a foreign post, requests for copies of the record should be made to the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

If the craft was inbound and the port of entry was in the U.S., write to the registration offices in the city where the craft landed in the U.S.

If the craft was of U.S. Registry, contact the U.S. Coast Guard at the port of entry.

Thank You, Dollie!!

For several years, Dollie Marquart has been folding, labeling, stamping and mailing our newsletters. She has recently relocated to Fort Smith, Arkansas to be near her family. We will miss her greatly, and want to thank her for the many hours she has donated to our society. Much appreciated.

Researching Missouri?

The Missouri State Archives includes documents relating to French and Spanish colonial rule, the New Madrid earthquakes, Supreme Court case files, the Civil War, Frank and Jesse James and Harry S. Truman.

A new database of WWI Service Cards has been placed on-line and is easily searchable. Check it out at http://www.sos.state.mo.us/archives

Interested in Settlement Patterns?

If your ancestors settled in Kentucky just after the Revolutionary War, they may have boundary lands from Virginia. Those who settled in Tennessee generally served from North Carolina, if your forebearers settled in Arkansas, Missouri or Illinois between 1816-1817 and initially held 80 or 160 acres, quite likely they served in the War of 1812. Reprinted from the Odum Family Tree, Oct/Nov 2002, Moultrie, GA

Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications

The Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications for Soldiers and Widows is now online at < http://www.state.tn.us.sos.statelib/pubsvs/pension.htm >.

This index includes the soldier's name and pension number. If the widow is filing, her name, the pension number and county are given. If the soldier, his unit is given. The details on how to order the application from the Tennessee State Library are also included.

New IGI at LDS Website

For some there may be a learning curve, since the new IGI will not be available on compact disk, so patrons will be forced to use the Internet site, whether they want to or not.

There is not going to be retrospective lineage linking of data in the new IGI. Basically, if data gets submitted that is already lineage-linked then it will continue to be lineage linked in the new IGI. There will be additional events shown for some of the entries that are in the old IGI. For example, many christening entries that were extracted from church records also have birth dates and/or burial dates, and, when those dates were captured, they will now be shown.

In the past, you had to go to the parish printout to see those additional facts.

For many, the most exciting change will be the fact that data will now be updated frequently, possibly monthly, instead of every 2 to 3 years, as it was in the past. For a list of additional changes go to this page:

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Home/News/home_igi_news.asp

Washington State Death Index

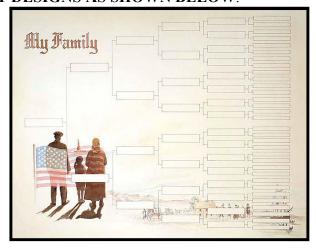
If you have access via a subscription to Ancestry.com, The Washington Death Index 1940-1996 can be searched online. Access is found under the Birth, Marriage, & Death database listing . If you don't have a subscription, perhaps someone you know does, and would look up some information for you.

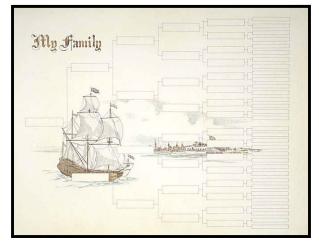
OUR SOCIETY IS ABLE TO OFFER ATTRACTIVE SIX GENERATION 22" X 28" COLORED ANCESTOR CHARTS AT A MEMBER DISCOUNT PRICE OF \$18.00 EACH. THIS IS A FUND RAISER PROJECT OF YOUR SOCIETY AND WE REALIZE A PROFIT OF \$8.00 A CHART. INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO FILL OUT YOUR ANCESTOR NAMES ON THE CHART IN SEVEERAL DIFFERENT FONTS WITH YOUR COMPUTER. THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE AT OUR MEETINGS.

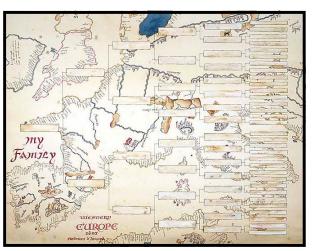
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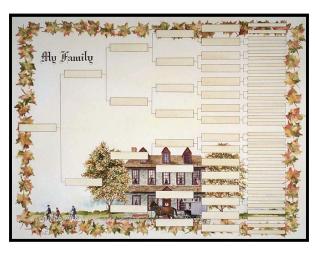
CHARTS COME IN SIX DIFFERENT DESIGNS AS SHOWN BELOW.













Society Donations by Deceased Members

Bob McMullen recently donated genealogical material belonging to his wife and former member, Genevieve. Our Thank You to the McMullen family.

Over the past several years members of our society who have passed on, have left their genealogical research and reference materials, as well as family data to our society. Each of these people has contributed to the materials located in our library. When items have been a duplication to something we already have in our library, we have taken great strides to make certain that the information is preserved or passed on to others with the same surnames and geographical locations. Some of these duplicate items have appeared at our yearly book sale at a greatly reduced price to anyone interested in that material.

Your society board would like to encourage each of our members and other friends of the society to make a copy of your genealogical material. Donate it to our library either in typed form or by CD. We will store that material and share with others the valuable information that you have spent so many hours collecting. Any resource or reference material would be a great addition to our library and expand the materials for many different regions, not only of the United States but also of other countries around the world.

Below you will find an excellent codicil for your will or personal papers. It will inform your family or representative of your desire to have your genealogical information preserved for future generations.

A Genealogical Codicil to Mu Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children or guardian:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my Geneaogical records, books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials.

Please remember that my genealogy endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and money. Therefore, please do not ignore my requests.

	Signature, Date	
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A contribution by June Layton, member Lewis County Genealogical Society and reprinted from the Lewis County Gen. Society Newsletter, May-June 2002

CZECHOSLAVAKIAN ANCESTRY CGSI Library Research Available

Czech Genealogical Society International volunteers will do research on selected books and reference material in their library collection. They are largely books with name indexes or are indexes themselves such as Leo Baca's Czech Passenger Arrival Lists (Vol 1-6) the ZCBJ (Fraternal Herald) Death Index, the Nebraska Kansas Czech Settlers Book and the telephone directories of the Czech and Slovak Republics. A listing of resources is available at CGSI Home page at : http/members.aol.com/cgsi. For more information call John Fisher (360) 293-4986 or email at irf@fidalgo.net

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