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President's Message

There is lots of activity at the board level. I would like to share a bit of that with you. In February, the board held a retreat to discuss the issues raised and the information you submitted on the questionnaires that were filled out at the January meeting. Much of this information will be discussed at future board meetings, some will be addressed at the committee level, and I will try my best to keep you informed.

Your responses on the questionnaires have given us some new direction. You have spoken about certain elements of our goals with indications that you would like to have more time for networking and for providing assistance to members that need help with their research and especially assistance for newcomers to the society, those just getting started and needing direction.

We are making an attempt to address your concerns. If you are in need of assistance or just have questions you feel are not being addressed please let us know. Call one of our board members, listed elsewhere in this newsletter; make an appointment to meet with someone either before or after the general meeting. We want to be a resource and to help you in your quest for your ancestors.

Do you have a special interest that you would like to see addressed during the educational portion of our meetings? Contact George Ridgeway and let him know of your interest.

when he can work something into the programs planned for upcoming the months.

On another note, you should be aware, by this time, that our spring conference was cancelled at the February board meeting due to the illness of our scheduled speaker. The board agreed to hold a conference in 2008. In the meantime, our society has been given

the opportunity to host the 2008 Washington State Conference and Annual Meeting. The SVGS board has agreed to take on this challenge. Bob Witherspoon, one of our members and a board member of the State society, has volunteered to be our Conference Chair for this event. He will be working with me, and George Ridgeway, our Vice President and Program Chair, in forming committees to further this end. You may be asked to participate in the planning of this event. Watch for more information on the upcoming plans for the 2008 State Conference.

As a planned event, the society will also be planning for the Heritage Fair in October. As you are aware, October is designated as Family History Month. There will be lots of opportunity for you to participate in this and other activities of the society.

I would like to congratulate and thank Iona Raney for another successful completion of a class for beginners in genealogy, and Laura Sparr for her class on using the computer in genealogy. The Internet class was also well attended. Our society also gained a few new members from this endeavor and we welcome them.

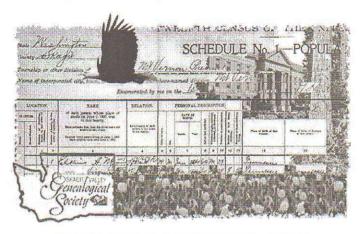
Another event at the State level is the upcoming conference and annual meeting to be held in Wenatchee on April 13 & 14 and hosted by the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. I look forward to seeing some of you in Wenatchee. There will be conference registration forms at the general meeting or call me and I will see that you get one sooner. The Wenatchee Center Hotel is the conference headquarters and reservations

> can be made by calling 1-800-663-1144 and asking for the Genealogy Society reduced rates. As with all non-profit groups, the board meetings are open to the public and I encourage you to attend the board meeting in Wenatchee to observe the functioning of this organization.



Hazel Rasar. President

Your Family Tree in "Skagit County Washington & Uts People!" Watch for details by Year End 2007 A.D.



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Comb Binding ...

For members, The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Arnold Stewart at 360-466-3288 he will make arrangements to bind your pages into a Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supbook for you. plies.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter accepts 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 or surnamesto be posted in the newsletter, please send to... Ye Editor

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming 2007

General Meeting:

Start time 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington No change in date or time.

27 March—Publication Chair Dale Hastin will be talking on "Surname and Locality Cards"

24 April—Sharon Johnson "Understanding and Using PERSI"

Welcome New Member(s)

Karen Breitling Sedro Woolley, WA Laura Berntson Sedro Woolley, WA Dottie Stephan-Chandler Burlington, Wa Scott & Angel Perry Mt Vernon, WA Vera Stuber Kirkland, WA

Burlington Public Library

900 East Fairhaven Avenue Burlington, WA 98233 Phone (360) 755-0760 Email: blibrary@ci.burlington.wa.us Hours: Monday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - Closed SVGS Library Collection located here. SVGS Volunteers available on Mondays from 11:00-1:00 to assist with questions. Joan Udd—SVGS Librarian



Spring Conference Cancelled

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Coming Events

Mar 31, 2007 Seattle Genealogical Society—Spring Seminar William "Bill" Dollarhide will speak on "Wagon Roads in Colonial America," "Forgotten Public Land Records," "State Censuses and Substitutes," and "Civil War Genealogy."

Mar 31, 2007 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society—Annual Spring Seminar. with Richard Kyle Advanced Internet Research and Patty McNamee Seattle National Archives Registration at 8:30 and program starts at 9:00 am and lasts til 4:00 pm with cost of \$20.00 & includes lunch.

April 13-14 2007 - Wenatchee, WA

The Washington State Genealogical Society will hold their 2007 Annual Conference and Business Meeting at the Wenatchee Center Hotel & Conference Center, hosted by the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. The theme will be, "Climbing Your Family Tree." More information will forthcoming, but you should think about getting your reservations at the hotel now as there are other activities going on that weekend in Wenatchee. The hotel telephone number is 1-800-663-1144 and tell them you are with the Washington State Genealogy group. The rate of one night (1 or 2 people) is \$93.00 plus taxes. We have 40 rooms reserved and can get more, if needed and they are available. Details will be posted as they become available, but be sure to mark your calendars now, so you don't miss the date!

Apr 28, 2007 Abbotsford Genealogy Society Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada sponsors "Roots Around the World". See http://www.abbygs.ca/2007seminar.htm

May 16-18, 2007 NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair Rediscover Virginia 400 Years of Family History to be held at Richmond, Virginia, hosted by the NGS with the Virginia Genealogical Society, The Fairfax Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia. For more information see: http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2007/

Aug 15-18, 2007 Federation of Genealogical Societies/Allen County Public Library Conference "Meeting at the Crossroads of America to be held at the Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information see: http://www.fgs.org/2007conf/FGS-2007.htm

Sep 29, 2007 Seattle Genealogical Society Fall Seminar Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr., FASG, will speak on "When the Sources Are Wrong!" "Tracing the Origins of Early 18th-Century Palatine & Other Emigrants" "Family Tradition: separating Fact From Fiction in Research," and "Genealogy in the New Millennium: Where We've Been & Where We're Going."

Correction from last issue:

Member Jeannette Mowrer who passed away recently was mistakenly listed as the wife of Jim Mowrer but is in fact the spouse of Larry Mowrer. Sorry for the confusion. \mathcal{D} an



Message from Joan the Librarian

On Monday April 16 at 5:30 p.m. the Burlington Public Library will have a

"Book Brigade". A line of library staff, library supporters and community members will stretch from the old library to the new building. A few books will be passed down the line to mark the closing of the old building. It will be fun to participate in this historic activity and I am inviting all members of our Society to participate. Our collection of books has been housed there for many years and the staffs have been very supportive of our activities. So, mark your calendars and wear your name tags to this fun event.

During the month of April the Burlington Library will move its collection to the New Burlington Library, in the block just to the southeast of the current location. This will necessitate the closing of the library during the month of April for all users. The genealogy materials will also be moved as a service from the Burlington Library.

The new facility takes up a whole block and will allow approximately three times the space we currently occupy. Also, the vertical file materials will be housed in horizontal drawers with space on the counter above for use. A microfiche and also a microfilm reader, printer will be close by as well as computers that read and also write CD"s. It is also my hope that the media library, or traveling library will be located permanently in the library to be used there or checked out as may be allowed. This is an exciting time for the genealogical library and I can hardly wait until everyone can see the new facility.

Four new books will be on our shelves once the move to the new facility is completed.

BLEED, BLISTER, AND PURGE - A History of Medicine on the American Frontier by Doctor Volney Steele was donated by Joyce Liston.

Thank you Joyce for this fascinating account of the peculiar medical practices and remedies used, as well as the medical advances of this time. This book will be located in the Montana state section.

EVIDENCE! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian by Elizabeth Shown Mills. This little volume clearly and simply explains the genealogical standards for citation and analysis and also provides over 300 models for conventional as well as online materials. The Reference section will be the location for this book.

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS 3rd Ed. by John Grenham and A NEW GENEALOGICAL ATLAS OF IRE-LAND 2nd Ed. by Brian Mitchell can be used together.

The first book, a reference and a body of source materials will compliment the Atlas, which provides descriptions and maps of parochial and civil administrative divisions. Both will be located with other books on Ireland in the foregn countries sec-

tion.

Three audio tapes have been donated by Darlene Libbey. Tracing the Employed and Unemployed, Tracing the Immigrant Ancestor and Writing and Sharing family History, by Arlene Eakle. These tapes were made in 1983 and given at a conference but much of the information is still relevant today. Arlene Eakle is the lead editor of the reference work THE

SOURCE: Guidebook of American Genealogy, which your genealogical library owns. If you have looked at the two videos in our collection named "Do Your Family Tree" you will have seen Arlene in action.

Submitted by Joan Udd-Librarian

Burlington Public Library - Closure

Want to be a part of the fun at the new Burlington Library? Our SVGS genealogical collection of books, magazines and periodicals is located at the Burlington Library. With the closure of the old library and the opening of the new library, a Book Brigade is planned for Monday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. With a line of library staff, library supporters and community members stretching from the old library to the new building, it is planned to pass a few books down the line to mark the closing of the old building. Our society has been invited to join in this activity. Wear your name tag so that people will know who you are and that you are representing our society. The new building will open in mid-May.

The library will be moving our collection for us and we will want to stop by and say Thank You for their assistance in this effort

Society News

FROM THE BOARD!

At the last general meeting an announcement was made that we would be starting the business meeting at an earlier time with the program to follow.

Following further discussion at the last board meeting just a week ago, that decision has been reversed.

After discussion at the board level it has been determined that it is in the best interest of all concerned, at this time, to make no changes in the start time. We will continue to start at 7:00 P.M.

However, if you have questions and need help with any facet of your research, feel free to come in a little early and we will have someone available to answer questions and help you to get started. If you are able to stay late, we will also have someone available following the meeting to assist you.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program Society Volunteers! RSVP hours

Each one of you spends time on society business. Are you too busy to keep track of your time, or don't have an account with RSVP? Don't feel your time is significant enough to warrant

sending it in? WRONG!

You can credit the society with your hours. Sign in on a RSVP sheet wherever you are doing your volunteer time, meetings, library duty, and or committee time. All of the above qualify for RSVP hours. In the future, we will have a sign up sheet at each meeting or function for you to record your time.

RSVP needs your hours. Their funding is dependent on the



number of hours that they report to the appropriate state and/or federal agencies. Let's all get together and make our time valuable and support the RSVP.

Help SVGS By Eating

Associated Grocers will us 1 cent for each UPC (bar code) from any of their products. Associated Grocer products are under the "Western Family" and

ciated Grocer products are under the "Western Family" and "Market Choice" brands. The barcode will begin with "15400". You can cut out the barcodes or save the whole label and I'll do it Bring them to a meeting. Thanks for your support. Those pennies add up to dollors.

Submitted by Sharon Johnson

Genealogical News

Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation wants your DNA

The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation is inviting all those who do genealogy research to submit their DNA (for free) to them along with your pedigree chart. When you participate, you then receive a discount coupon for a second test to obtain your personal DNA profile for Relative Genetics, an accredited DNA testing company. A Y-chromosome test costs \$95 and a mtDNA (mitochondrial DNA) also costs \$95 with a coupon. The coupon discount is valued at \$60. The normal fee for those tests is \$155.

The Soreneson database is searchable for free. The Foundation is a non-profit organization located in Salt Lake City. The director, Dr.Scott Woodward, is (or has been) a professor at BYU.

For more information, go to their web site: www.SMGF.org or call 801-428-1050. There will also be information at the Membership table at the next membership meeting, March 27. Submitted by Barb Johnson

EVERTON'S GENEALOGICAL HELPER ONLINE

In the past, Everton has only indexed the last ten years of the Genealogical Helper. Subscribers will soon have the opportunity to access more than 200 issues. Each issue contains up to

200 pages.

"This is a huge data set. The images are clear and readable and the OCR will be very accurate and usable to our readers. Instead of searching through thousands of pages to find a question your relative asked, you can perform a simple search and find the information you need in a matter of seconds," said John Ivie, Senior Programmer, WorldVitalRecords.com.

The Everton Genealogical Helper collection will be housed in the Reference section at WorldVitalRecords.com.

"Over a half a century of data, inquiries, book reviews, articles on family history and genealogy, as well as personal insight to research in the field, make this data set an invaluable collection for our subscribers," said Yvette Arts, Director, Content Acquisition, Posted by Whitney Ransom.

Approximately 10,000 pages of information of the Genealogical Helper to be available January 31st at WorldVitalRecords.com.

"Since 1947, long before the Web, Web 2.0, and community websites, Everton's Genealogical Helper magazine has been connecting family history researchers and printing their research results, offering an invaluable aid to millions of other researchers," said Walter Fuller, President and Publisher, Everton Publishers.

The Genealogical Helper emphasizes content, continuing education, and research resources, for both professional genealogists and amateur family history researchers. Leland Meitzler, one of the founders of the genealogy industry, was recently named the managing editor of this magazine.

"This information, along with a wealth of highly informative articles, lists, book reviews, etc., has made the Helper the 'bible' of the industry for 60 years. We at Everton are extremely pleased that this data, in its entirety, will now be available through WorldVitalRecords.com," Fuller said.

WorldVitalRecords.com is currently using optical character recognition (OCR) to index the Genealogical Helper issues from the past 60 years (1947-2007).

"The Genealogical Helper represents the modern era of genealogy research. We are pleased to include this valuable reference tool at WorldVitalRecords.com. So much of what we know today as genealogy research techniques have been introduced and defined in the Genealogical Helper, and there is a lot of great information on each page," said David Lifferth, President, WorldVitalRecords.com. Wed 24 Jan 2007 Announcement

World Vital Records Launches First International Data Set

The following is a press release written by World Vital Records:

Provo, UT -- 09/06/2006 -- World Vital Records launched its first international data set today containing 13, 585 Scottish Death Records from 1747-1868.

"This Scottish data launch is the first of many exclusive international data sets that we will offer to our users at World Vital Records. The name World Vital Records entails an international scope, and we are working diligently to make information from a variety of countries accessible," said Yvette Arts, Executive Vice President, World Vital Records.

The Scottish Death Records were extracted from parish records of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. Dr. Shauna C. Anderson, from the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Biology at Brigham Young University prepared the Scottish data sets.

The Scottish Death Records are a unique data set containing death records, as well as information about the cause of death (in some cases also the modern cause of death), the individual's parish, county, and estimated date of birth. Each record also contains a geocoded map highlighting the location where the individual died.

"It is so exciting to add the geographic information to our international databases. This feature makes the data so much more useful to people doing research in geographic locations in which they may not be familiar. I do think that this will revolutionize international genealogy research," said David Lifferth, Director of Development, World Vital Records.

World Vital Records is currently building international communities which will include vital records, podcasts, blogs, discussion boards, user generated content, and training from experts in genealogy and family history. Individuals who have an affiliation with genealogical or historical societies or consider themselves to be an expert and would like to assist WorldVital-Records.com in setting up its virtual genealogical communities, should send an email to international@worldvitalrecords.com.

Volunteers who have experience with vital records, historical documents, biographical data, and are fluent with a foreign language or a native resident are especially needed. Individuals should include the country in which they are interested as well as their experience with genealogy as it pertains to that country.

Finding your ancestors can be overwhelming, and expensive. At WorldVitalRecords.com, we've made it easy and affordable for individuals to connect to their families and find answers to their genealogical questions. Led by Paul Allen, who after founding Ancestry.com, which became the largest genealogy company in the world, now aims to be the number two player in the genealogy industry with WorldVitalRecords.com. WorldVitalRecords.com will offer users international record databases, references to top genealogical resources, a blog planet, podcasts, videocasts, Webinars, expert advice, training, and usergenerated content.

Posted by Dick Eastman (EOGN) September 7, 2006

Warning to all U.S. genealogists!

The following rate hikes are being proposed by the National Archives:

- (1) Passenger arrival lists NATF Form 81 \$25.00
- (2) Federal Census requests NATF Form 82 25.00
- (3) Eastern Cherokee applications to the Court of Claims NATF Form 83 25.00
- (4) Land entry records NATF Form 84 40.00
- (5) Full pension file more than 75 years old (Civil War period) NATF Form 85 125.00
- (6) Full pension file more than 75 years old (non-Civil War) NATF Form 85 60.00
- (7) Pension documents packet (selected records) NATF Form

85 - 25.00

- (8) Bounty land warrant application files NATF Form 85 25 00
- (9) Military service files more than 75 years old NATF Form 86 25.00

See the following website for the list of bureaucratic excuses as to why rates need to be raised from the current \$37.00 to \$125.00 for Civil War Pension files..http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocke t.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-3160.htm

For all the good that it might do, comments are due by April 27, 2007.

ADDRESSES: NARA invites interested persons to submit comments on this proposed rule. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Fax: Submit comments by facsimile transmission to 301-837-0319. Mail: Send comments to Regulations Comments Desk (NPOL), Room 4100, Policy and Planning Staff, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

1851 Census for all of Canada Available

The first complete index for the 1851 Census for all of Canada will be available for searching on October 24, 2006. This database will enable genealogists to search the 1851 Census of Canada by name, in addition to searching by location, with superior searching and viewing capabilities. This is the first time a comprehensive index has been made available, making it possible to track down ancestors who have been impossible to find until now without searching through reels of microfilm.

The 1851 Census offers information about the residents of Canada East (Quebec), Canada West (Ontario), New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. This was the first census taken after the rush of immigrants from the Irish famine. There are no census returns that old for Ireland; so, if you are looking for Irish famine arrivals in Canada, this census will be the first census to show them.

In this project, 1,487,802 names have been indexed. Since the population of Canada was just over 2 million, there is a good chance your ancestors' names will be found. Many of the 1851 census records were lost, so you will find numerous gaps.

You will need a subscription to Ancestry.com or to Ancestry.ca in order to search for ancestors by name and to view the images.

More information may be found at http://allcensusrecords.com/canada/census-news.shtml.

Posted by Dick Eastman (EOGN) October 23, 2006

Editors Note: This 1851 Canadian Census is were I really started making headway on my Irish Ancestry two years ago. My Owen Royal was found in New Brunswick and on one of the lines was recorded how long the family had been in Canada. This gave me a solid date that my paternal line emigrated from Ireland in 1830. Dan Royal

Queries & Surnames

SWARTHOUT - HASTIN LINE

Roeloff, f/o Tomys, f/o Roeloff, f/o Thomas, f/o Jacobus, f/o Rudolphus/Adolphus, f/o Jacobus, f/o Abraham, f/o Mirando, f/o Leonard Lewis Legrande, f/o Robert, f/o Helen Lavina (Swarthout), my grandmother. She was b. 13 May 1898, Cook, Johnson Co, NE; d. 4 Feb 1991, Anacortes, WA, bur. Union Cemetery, Lopez Island, San Juan Co, WA; mar. 11 Jun 1913, Bellingham, Whatcom Co, WA to George Hastin. Hastins are a Washington State Pioneer family.

Submitter: Ms. E. Dale Hastin, 2610 E. Section St. #92, Mount Vernon, WA, 8274, 360-424-0540

QUERIES:

HASTIN/HASTINGS - DENT:

Seeking information on wife of Absalom Hastings, Jr.. He was b. 27 Mar 1805, Mecklenburg Co, VA; d. 25 Sept 1876, Marshall Co, KY; mar. between 1827-31, poss. NC?TN? when, where, Evelina/Mary Dent, d. between 1870-Dec 1872 prob. Marshall Co, KY.

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HASTIN - WADE - RHODES

Seek death info, cemetery and hopefully picture of headstone of Absalom Hastin, b. 1 May 1761, Amelia Co, VA; d. 21/29 Jul 1835, Spartanburg Co, SC; mar. 22 Jan 1789, Mecklenburg Co, VA to Martha "Patsey" Wade. A couple of the daughters married into the Rhodes family.

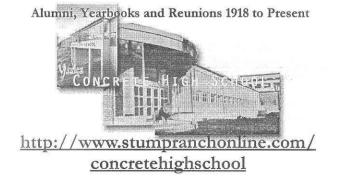
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HASTIN

Seek ANY!!!! info on Henry Hastin, supposedly b ca 1739, VA?; d. 1 May 1797, Mecklenburg Co, VA; mar. before 1759 to Aggy (Agnes?). Need all info on Aggy.

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I am sure you are all like me and have spent hundreds of hours gathering information. It would be a shame to see it lost in the next generation. Hope it does some good. Copy or Cut!

Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or Executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you **DO NOT** dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to 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. [If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to" and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known] In the event you do no 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.

[List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature	Date	
Witness	Date	
Witness	Date	

This was submitted by June Layton, member of Lewis County Genealogical Society, Newsletter May-June 2002.