



TPCGS NEWSLETTER

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Meetings and Events Schedule

TPCGS monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month September through May. Meetings are held at Bates Technical College, South Campus, 2291 S. 78th Street, Tacoma, *Building E*

Meetings begin at 6:00 pm, with an educational session followed by a brief business meeting. After a short break the main presentation begins.

Guests are always welcome!

February 12, 2019 – 6:00 pm

TIMELINES

An important tool as we search for our ancestors.

Guest Speaker: Cyndi Ingles

March 12, 2019 – 6:00 pm

GERMAN LEXICON and FREE GERMAN WEBSITES

Guest Speaker: Sue Foster (nee Ursula Kaiser)

Meyer's Orts-und Verkehrs – Lexicon includes all place names as they were designated during the time of the German Empire (1871-1918). It is an invaluable tool in doing German research.

The Name Game

In researching individual names in your family history knowing the traditional English/European naming pattern is helpful. The following usually holds true:



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| 1st son - | named after father's father |
| 2nd son - | named after mother's father |
| 3rd son - | named after the father |
| 4th son - | named after father's eldest brother |
| 1st daughter - | named after the mother's mother |
| 2nd daughter - | named after the father's mother |
| 3rd daughter - | named after the mother |
| 4th daughter - | named after the mother's oldest sister |

Message from the President

By: D Becker, TPCGS President

Who are our immigrant ancestors?

All the talk of immigration this past year or so, and especially in the past few weeks, has made me think of my immigrant ancestors – who they were, when they came to this continent, and where they originally landed. For me, two sets of great-grandparents and two sets of great-great grandparents (parents of one more set of great-grandparents) were immigrants. That means six of my eight great-grandparents were either first or second-generation Americans.

As the remaining ancestors were of European stock, I feel very certain there are immigrants in those lines, too. And none of them came through Ellis Island. I'm sure of this, since my immigrant ancestors all arrived before 1892, when Ellis Island opened. (Ask me how I know that Joe Lombardi's ancestors entered through Ellis Island.)

We are a nation of immigrants, and it can be interesting to figure out when and where our own ancestors arrived.

BROWSING PERIODICALS

By: Theresa Cosgrove, Library Committee Chair



Publications exchanged with or subscribed to by the TPCGS are available in the Northwest Room of the Tacoma Public Library and may be found by a call number or hanging file designator (HF). Due to limitations of shelf space, some periodicals are stored in the Basement Stacks. If you provide the library staff with the call number, they will retrieve the journals for you. Just ask.

BROWSINGS beginning Oct 2018

Je Me Souviens Magazine, American-French Genealogical Society, Oct-Dec 2018, Vol. 41, No. 4.

- Acadians of the Diaspora
- Sophie Peine – La Petite Misère (an update)
- Cook like an Acadian
- Jean Pineau – Prince Edward Island Ancestor
- Acadian Festivals – Part 1
- “Dit” names Done Differently
- Parlez-Vous Français/Acadian?
- Great books: *Etymology of First Names* by A. Letourneau, *Cuisine de la Grandmere-Cookbook*, *Dictionnaire National des Canadiens Français 1608-1760* (Red Drouin Books) CD ROM, *The Descendants of David Letourneau (1616-Present)*

American Spirit, DAR, Nov/Dec 2018, Vol 152, No 6

- DAR and the Great War
- Oregon Trail & Marie Dorion
- Lily of the Mohawks, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
- Remembering Ocmulgee Indians
- Spirited Adventures: Billings, MT
- Spirited Adventure: Billings, MT & Our Patriots: Philip Mazzei
- The Bookshelf: *Cofounding Father: Thomas Jefferson's Image in His Own Time* by Robert McDonald; *Geo Washington's Barbados Diary 1751-52* edited by A. Anderson & L. Price.

Book Reviews

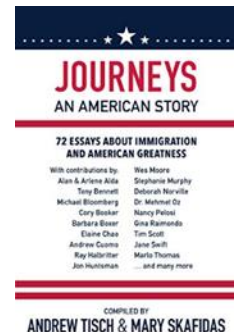
By: Jane Irish Nelson

Journeys: An American Story

Edited by Andrew Tisch and Mary Skafidas

This book contains 72 essays about immigration and American greatness. After all, where would America be without immigrants? Like all of our families, the origin stories contained here differ — some arrived during the earliest days of colonization, others are the immigrants themselves. But all the essays have one thing in common: how America has changed their lives. For the better. And how they and their families are dedicated to continuing to strive not only for the betterment of their families, but for everyone, not just in the United States, but throughout the world.

I found these essays are all very thought-provoking — as they made me consider just what the immigrants in my own family faced as they made the momentous decision to travel to a new country. The book includes blank lined pages at the end, with the suggestion that you write your family's story. Some of the authors are well-known, from many different fields; while others I was unfamiliar with. I believe this is a book that every American should read and take to heart. Highly recommended.



If you are the last living link between your grandparents and your grandchildren —

Don't Break the Chain

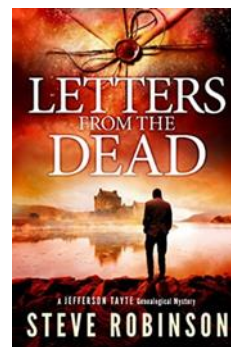
Book Reviews

By: Jane Irish Nelson "Continued"

Letters from the Dead (Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Mystery #7)

By Steve Robinson

Damian Sinclair hires genealogist Jefferson Tayte to try to discover who his 4th-great-grandfather was, since his 3rd-great-grandfather was illegitimate, and no father's name was on his birth certificate. In addition, the family has inherited some letters that could lead to the location of a fabulous ruby. But the clock is ticking, as family members are murdered, and the letters appear, one by one, leading JT onward. Some chapters take us back to India in the 1820s, to the life of the letter-writer, Jane Hardwick, and her interactions with the Christie family. Slowly, JT pieces the puzzle together, but will he escape with his life? Very fast-paced and hard to put down. Despite the multiple deaths in both time periods, for some reason I didn't really feel their immediacy, as they all occurred "off-stage", as it were. Recommended.



NEWS THEN, HISTORY NOW

Cathedral Dedication



HistoryLink.org

On January 23, 1851, Bishop Augustine Blanchet dedicated *St. James Cathedral* on land adjacent to *Fort Vancouver*. In 1885, a new *St. James Cathedral* was completed in the city of *Vancouver*. It served as the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church in Western Washington for more than two decades, until Bishop Edward J. O'Dea moved the diocese to Seattle.

By: John J. Caldbrick/Posted 8/29/2009/HistoryLink.org Essay 9126

Tribal Reservation

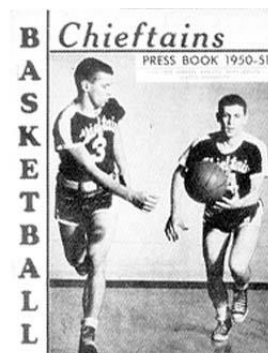
On January 20, 1857, President Franklin Pierce signed an executive order that established the *Muckleshoot Reservation* along the White River near the city of Auburn. The *Muckleshoot Indian Tribe* is composed of descendants of the Duwamish and Upper Puyallup people who have inhabited the region surrounding the White and Green rivers for thousands of years.

By: Antonia Kelleher/Posted 12/21/2016/HistoryLink.org Essay 20261

Teams of the Court

A rare upset occurred in the world of sports on January 21, 1952, when the Seattle University basketball team beat the Harlem Globetrotters by a score of 84 to 81. Much of the credit for the Chieftains victory went to the "Flyin' O'Briens" – Ed and John – who went on to become the university's athletic director and a King County Commissioner, respectively.

By: Walt Crowley/Posted 1/21/2002/HistoryLink.org Essay 3675



<http://www.historylink.org>



TPCGS Members are Encouraged to Visit Heritage Quest Research Library

Heritage Quest Research Library is a nonprofit genealogy library in Sumner, Washington, managed and staffed entirely by volunteers. HQRL's collection includes books (15,000 titles), and microfiche; this facility also houses a bookstore where you can purchase genealogy books, and the *Flip-Pal* with accessories, family tree forms, software and supplies.



Volunteers help you get started researching and recording your ancestors. Classes are available for in depth learning. Your membership or day use fee allows you to access library books and multiple genealogy data bases from our 6 library computers. WiFi is available.

Located at [1007 Main Street](#) Sumner, WA, (253) 863-1806 the library is:
Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday,
and 10am-8pm on Wednesdays. The library is closed on Sunday.
 Check the webpage at <https://hqrl.com>

TPCGS Needs donations of USED BOOKS to sell at our upcoming 2019 Spring Seminar



If you or someone you know has books to donate... please bring to our next meeting. For more information speak to Jane Irish Nelson.

Budget Genealogy



Free Charts and Forms

Ancestry has free charts and forms and blank census documents available for download. Blank charts and forms can be used to help you organize your research, and blank census forms can make it easier to see the format and column headings for various census years.

To access the blank forms, you'll need to have [Adobe Reader](#) installed. Adobe Reader has a toolbar containing various options, including zooming and printing. We recommend using the printing icon in Adobe to print rather than printing from your browser.

Visit our blank [charts](#) and [forms](#) pages on Ancestry or use the links below to download them individually:

- [Ancestral Chart](#): Record the ancestors from whom you descend.
- [Research Calendar](#): Account for every record source you've used.
- [Research Extract](#): Summarize information that may be difficult to reread quickly.
- [Correspondence Record](#): Keep track of people with whom you've corresponded.
- [Family Group Sheet](#): Compile a complete list of family members. You can also view or print a completed family group sheet from a family tree by clicking the tree name menu in the top-left corner and selecting **Family Group Sheet**.
- [Source Summary](#): Create a quick reference to information and sources you've found.
- [US, UK, and Canadian Census Forms](#): Read column headings and record information from censuses.

Courtesy of: <https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Free-Charts-and-Forms>

Famous Quote that applies to Questionable Genealogy:



*“Get your facts first, then you can distort them
as you please”*

Mark Twain

It is with heavy heart that we lost two very special friends this past month.



Ron Magden; Honorary Member

Dr. Ron Magden was born in 1926. He passed away after a short illness on December 31, 2018.

Ron helped our Society through some rough times. He made himself available when needed and also provided us with a meeting room at Tacoma Community College when we needed a place to meet. He will always be remembered and appreciated by TPCGS.

Jean Catherine (Harrison) Gobel

Jean was born in 1934 in Tacoma. She passed away on December 18, 2018 peacefully as a result of a short and brave fight with ALS. Jean was a very dear person. She helped TPCGS by typing Cemetery Records and also worked on the 4-volume set of *History of Pierce County, Washington*. Throughout the years, Jean donated several items to our TPCGS Seminar Used Book Sale. Jean will be greatly missed.

“MARK YOU CALENDAR” Upcoming Events

Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society 2019 Spring Seminar

Date: Friday & Saturday, April 26 & 27, 2019

Location: La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA

Topics:

- **More Than the Census – Our Families Did Exist Within Those Ten Year Intervals**
- **German Genealogy on the Internet: Beyond the basics**
- **Incorporating Social History into Your Research**
- **She Came from Nowhere... “A Case Study Approach to a Difficult Genealogical Problem**

Presenter(s): Dr. Michael D. Lacopo, D.V.M.

Cyndi Ingles, Creator of *Cyndi's List*

Registration: Friday Evening Dessert Buffet \$10 (Pre-registration required for this event)

Saturday Conference: Members \$40; Non-Members \$45; Postmarked by April 20, 2019.

No mail-in or online registrations after April 20th.

Day of Event add \$5 late fee. Day of Event Payment by Cash or Check only.

Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 tickets for sale at the door and during the seminar.

Door Prizes: All attendees will be eligible for Door Prizes. Must be present to win.



“MARK YOUR CALENDAR”
Continued

Seattle Genealogical Society

Free JAPANESE GENEALOGY SEMINAR

With Linda Harms Okazaki

Seattle Public Library, 1000 4th Ave., Seattle, WA

For more information contact: <http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org>

Puget Sound Genealogical Society

February 23/24 – Saturday and Sunday 9am – 5pm.

Antique Show at President’s Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds

February 27, 2019 ... Using the State Archives

March 2, 2019... Discovering Your Ancestors: Series II Presented by: Janet Camarata

March 5, 2019... Discover Family Tree Maker Presented by: Mark Olsen

March 27, 2019 ... Research Techniques for Genealogists. Presented by: Winona Laird

****All classes are held in the Heninger Room, Sylvan Way, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton**

For more information contact: educ@pusogensoc.org

Heritage Quest Research Library

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 CENSUS RECORDS: Why and how to use them (Classroom)

1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.

Fee: \$15

Monday, January 28, 2019 HQRL Volunteer Training (Training)

1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.

Saturday, February 9, 2019 HQRL OPEN HOUSE

For more information contact: <https://hqrl.com/>

2019 Northwest Genealogy Conference - August 14 – 17, 2019

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society

Featuring: Thomas MacEntee, Angie Bush and Michael Strauss

For more information contact: (360) 435-4838 email: info@stillygen.org

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Rain 1936

*54th and South Tacoma Way
Tacoma, Washington*

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