



TPCGS

NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

..... No Meetings in June, July and August

8 September Tuesday 2015 ... Members Share Summer Research Finds & Victories ...

(September Meeting Location to be announced)

6 pm pre-meeting and 7 pm regular meeting

The TPCGS Board is considering possible changes to the meeting format of future meetings.
Membership input is encouraged.

Message from the President

by D Becker, TPCGS President

Dragging your family along on cemetery research

Twenty years ago, I had the opportunity to do some research in Minnesota, where both my family and my late husband's family has ties. Both of our father's families were holding reunions about 150 miles apart, one during the last weekend in July and the other the first weekend in August.

My husband, Al Becker, was willing – more or less – to join me in wandering around a small-town cemetery in search of his mother's grandfather and grandmother. Our son, Jay, was most definitely NOT interested!

We got directions at the local store in Hill City (it is neither on a hill, nor is it a city), and headed out County Line Road. When we arrived at the cemetery, Al and I jumped out of the car and headed to opposite ends of the site. We began quartering back and forth through the rows of headstones, looking for the names of his mother's ancestors.

Jay was beyond disinterested, and stayed in the car, playing on his Game Boy device. However, he became hot and sweaty sitting there, and decided to see if he could speed things up so that we would go on to more interesting activities. He got out of the car, and wandered over to the closest headstone, read it, and called to his dad. Al went over to see what had caught Jay's attention, and then called to me "Is Charles Stewart on of the names?" This was the name of Al's great-great grandfather, who we thought had never left Canada. Charles son, Norman Cuthbert who was called Bert, was the one I had most expected to find, and he was buried next to Charles.

At this point, Jay thought we would leave, because we had found Bert, and Charles was a bonus. Of course not – from that point on, we found the graves of twenty or thirty more individuals with family surnames.

Jay was most disgusted! It finally took a thunderstorm to drive us out of the cemetery and back to town. His is – marginally – more interested in research now.

Webinars, Podcasts, and Blogs: Oh, My!

At our meeting on May 12th, Dusty Gorman presented a very information workshop on Webinars, Podcasts, and Blogs. Below, please find a sampling of some of the information contained in the handouts Dusty shared with our group.

Blogs:

A blog is a regularly updated website that is like a discussion or diary. Genealogy blogs can be mini lessons, technology tips, or ancestor profiles, etc. They are usually in reverse chronological order (the most recent post appearing first). On the side of the page you will usually see a way to see a different post.

A few great blogs:

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter:

<http://blog.eogn.com>

The Legal Genealogist:

<http://legalgenealogist.com>

The Genetic Genealogist:

<http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com>

Hoosier Daddy:

<http://roots4u.blogspot.com/>

Lists to find even more blogs:

Genealogy Blog Finder:

<http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/>

Cyndi's List – Blogs:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/blogs/>

GeneaBloggers – Genealogy Blog Roll:

<http://www.geneabloggers.com/genealogy-blogs/>

Blog Readers:

A blog reader is like creating a daily newspaper filled with all the blogs you choose to follow. You will always know when a new blog post has been written and you will always be kept up to date.

A few blog readers to choose from:

Feedly:

<https://feedly.com>

Reedah:

<https://www.reedah.com/>

The Old Reader:

Podcasts:

A podcast is a digital audio file that can be listened to online or downloaded to a portable media player.

A few podcasts:

The Genealogy Guys Podcast:

<http://genealogyguys.com/>

Genealogy Gems:

<http://louisalouisecooke.com/podcasts/>

Extreme Genes:

<http://extremegenes.com/>

Webinars:

Webinar is short for web-based seminar. It is a lecture or presentation that is played over the internet. These can be watched live or an archived version. I am going to break this into two parts. First I am going to go over the live webinar. How can you find live webinars?

Here are some places that offer free webinars:

Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

<http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234>

Southern California Genealogical Society and Family Research Library:

<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

Georgia Genealogical Society:

<http://www.gagensociety.org/events/webinars>

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society:

<http://wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=127>

Minnesota Genealogical Society:

<http://www.mnngs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38>

Florida State Genealogical Society:

<http://www.flsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=253>

Utah Genealogical Association:

<http://www.infouga.org/cpage.php?pt=11>

A calendar for genealogy webinars:

<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/geneawebinars-calendar.html>

*Most Genealogists
Eventually Come to their
Census...*

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar – April 25, 2015

Everyone who attended the TPCGS Spring Seminar featuring *Connie Lenzen* walked away a winner taking with them a wealth of great information. Some of the topics shared by Connie Lenzen included search strategies when adoption touches our families; how to overcome obstacles and challenges searching for female ancestors; probate research and how to break down brick walls with evidence analysis.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's seminar such a huge success. And, big thanks to all the vendors and members who donated Raffle prizes, Door prizes and items for the Silent Auction.

Some of our lucky Door Prize winners were:

Family Tree DNA won by Connie Davis
Mocavo Gold won by Mary Baze
Newspapers.com won by William Harmon
Fold 3 won by Madelyn Cataldo
Legacy Family Tree Deluxe 8.0 software won by Roberta Larson



The Raffle Bunny Karen Ehglund



The most popular Raffle tickets were:

1 st – Ancestry membership	– 61 tickets
2 nd – Newspapers.com	- 29 tickets
3 rd - Fold 3	– 26 tickets
4 th – Mocavo	- 21 tickets

**Checking in at registration
Gretchen Campbell and Elaine Workman**



Marie Hayden selling our books

Janet Baccus, Ellen McKenna and Gail Sanders selling lots of books



Paying close attention to Connie Lenzen



BROWSING PERIODICALS

..... By Elaine Workman

Publications exchanged with or subscribed to by the Society 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.

INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL

American Spirit (DAR, Washington DC) Vol. 149.2 March/April 2015: director of the Washington Legislative Office for the ACLU Laura MURPHY defending freedom; Sarah MOUGHON awarded certificate 1847; Wyoming women paved the way 1869 first state to grant women right to vote; Nantucket's old gaol; St. Michaels, MD colonial roots of a coastal town; Felicity or Harriet? Colonial Americans looked to their Bibles, their values, their surroundings or their family heritage when choosing names; Esther DEBERDT REED's contributions to the Revolutionary cause; four DAR founders Mary DESHA, Mary SMITH LOCKWOOD, Ellen HARDIN WALWORTH, and Eugenia WASHINGTON; indispensable charter members Alice MORROW CLARK, Helen MASON BOYNTON, Mary H.L. SHIELDS and Mary E.M. MCDONALD; charting family history in the DAR Museum's quilts; GODEY's Lady's Book founding of a fashion plate; the dawn of revolution - how the Stamp Act aroused Americans to defend their liberties. (HF)

AROUND THE U.S.A.

ID Idaho Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Boise) Vol. 58.1 Spring 2015: Pocatello land holders 1891 cont'd; Eagle Rock's energetic forward-looking founders J.M. "Matt" TAYLOR and Robert ANDERSON; in 1974 Trudie HERDA Lila WILCH and Jo GREER started a group called "family scanners" enhancing the collection of family history texts in The Caldwell Library to be largest between Boise and Portland; Linda AVERY Rene DELANEY and Christa KLEMME share their experiences at the 2015 Rootstech Conference; Winchester Museum hosts ID history project for 4th and 5th graders in Lewis Co., ID; 1940 letter from Marguerite TOBIN LORANG. (929.1/ID11)

MN Minnesota Genealogist (Minneapolis) Vol. 49.4 2014: narrative of Samuel Mills SCHOLLES 1879 trip on horseback across Wisconsin and Minnesota; tragedy in the BARR family-echoes of death; Liisa PIK and the ship Empress of Ireland; branches, clusters, and FAN research; DNA for genealogists another piece of problem solving evidence. (929.1/M666M)

NC Burke County Journal (Morganton) Vol. XXXIII.1 February 2015: Burke Co. road records 1787-1799 cont'd; in search of a Swedish Bible in the Smokies with family names BIRCHFIELD, BIRD, DOBSON, GARRISON, HALL, HYATT, JENKINS, KILLIAN, MACTAGGART, MARTIN, MORGAN, QUEEN, ROBINSON, STILLWELL, SHARPE, SHOOK, STALCUP, TABLOR, YOUNG contact pmullis7@gmail.com; deciphering two contemporary Joshua YOUNG's; bio sketches of authors Helen NORMAN and Patricia PAGE; 1931 voter registration list for Morganton Township no. 1 ABSHER-WORTMAN; 1931 voter registration list for Morganton Township no. 2 ABEE-ZEPP. (929.1/J826J)

OK Oklahoma Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Oklahoma City) Vol. 60.1 March 2015: Black History Month began Sept 1915 when Carter G. WOODSON and Jesse E. MOORLAND founded the Association for the study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH); Henry BLAIR invented the seed-planter patented 1834 and second African-American to obtain a patent; doctor of courage Dr. Alexander Thomas AUGUSTA; portraits of OK pioneers William Smith MCDONALD and George Victor BUCHANAN. (929.3766/OK40)

WA Fort Steilacoom Vol. 32.1 Spring 2015: Fort Steilacoom Army Post Cemetery was established in 1849 and remained active until 1868 containing remains of several who served there, Pvt. William AHERN, Capt. Thomas J. MONTGOMERY, Maj. Charles H. LARNARD, Lieut. William Alloway SLAUGHTER, Pvt. John M. CULLUM, Pvt. John BUCK, Pvt. William BUNCH, Pvt. William WALLACE, Pvt. Robert K. HUNTER, Lieut. John NUGEN, Edward J. CARR hospital steward, Pvt. Hugh PINKERTON, Pvt. John HAGARTY, Pvt. Eli HENZOO, Pvt. Matthew MCCARTY, Cpl. Morris DEROSIER, Sgt. William H. ARCHBOLD, Sgt. James R. THOMPSON and R.E. BURNETT rank unknown.

How You Can Help Your Genealogy Society

By: Jane Irish Nelson

There are many ways every member can help the society, from simple one-time volunteer opportunities, to taking on a position on the board. But first, *why* would or should you become involved? Remember, it is *your* society. If you get involved you can have a say in just what the society does, from the projects that are undertaken to the programs that are presented.

Some of the simplest ways to help are to just be friendly! At meetings, greet the visitors, and start a conversation. Or volunteer to bring cookies – we all enjoy a snack!

Others may involve a larger investment of time. For example, writing an article for *The Researcher*. But not every article needs to be long and involved. Maybe you've come across an unusual record, or used a surprising source in your research. Tell us about it!

Next year we will be hosting the Washington State Genealogy Society Conference instead of our annual seminar, so we will need even more volunteers. Some just during the conference, but we can always use all the help we can get during the planning phase. And the Seminar Committee has the final say on the topics that will be presented.

There are other committees that only exist for short periods of time. Each year the Audit Committee conducts a review of our finances, while the Nominating Committee seeks candidates for the elected officer positions. In addition, if necessary, the By-Laws Committee reviews the By-Laws and suggests changes.

Do you have an idea for a project the society could get involved in? Suggest it! It may be something no one else has ever thought of. Or would you like to form a Special Interest Group to study people from a certain area or of a specific ethnic origin? Go for it!

Get Involved!

Membership News

Is this your last newsletter?

***TPCGS dues are payable January 1 each year.
Only currently paid members receive a newsletter.***

Gift a Friend with a TPCGS Membership

THE NEW RESEARCHER'S CORNER June 2015

The 7 Waves of Immigration

At the March 10 meeting, Audrey talked about the 7 waves of immigration before the Revolutionary War. We all should know this, she said. Hmm. Not me. Never heard it, or forgot it. High school was a long time ago. The table at the back of room waved Audrey over and asked for a little educational review. I wrote a few notes very fast as she was talking, and it's a little sketchy. This is interesting information, and I find myself doing internet searches in spare minutes; my curiosity was peaked.

First: We all know the Pilgrims. Arriving in the Mayflower, one ship instead of the two that were supposed to make that 1620 voyage, theirs was the first settlement in New England that survived. They came mostly from the east and south of England. The Virginia settlers also came early on to acquire and develop large tracts of land. Most of the immigration information sites say around 75% of the southern immigrants were indentured servants brought to work that land.

Second: The Puritans came, also from England, a little different religion than the Pilgrims. Both built villages around churches. Settlers came as groups, with each individual having an occupation necessary to the success of the group.

Third: Huguenots, the French Protestants, came after the 1685 revocation of the Edict of Nantes, which protected them from persecution by Catholics. This group settled from Massachusetts to South Carolina, and moved westward to settle in the areas now known as the Bible Belt.

Fourth: Scotch Irish came from Ulster, Ireland, where they had settled from Scotland in the early 1600's. These immigrants went to the western edges of the middle colonies. Appalachia is peopled with their descendants.

Fifth: Palatine Germans originated from lands in Germany held by the Count Palatine, originally a prince of the Holy Roman Empire. Three thousand came around 1709, invited by William Penn. Another 4,000 went from Germany to England, and on to Ireland. Small trickles had been arriving since the 1680's, and settlers arrived until 1752. The Amish and Mennonites are their descendants.

Sixth: Cavaliers were associated with the Church of England. They came from southwestern English counties in the 1640's to 1670's, settling in the Maryland and Virginia areas.

Seventh: The Religious Society of Friends, founded by George Fox in England in the 1640's. Quakers first came to the New Jersey Colony about 1674, then settled with William Penn in Pennsylvania in the later 1670's.

Most of us probably have ancestors in several of these groups. Thank you, Audrey, for reviving what I should have learned all those years ago, and getting me started on some interesting reading.

Carol Rikerd

Heritage Quest Research Library Autumn Quest 2015



Finding Women from your Past

With Donna Potter-Phillips, Jill Morelli,
Janice Lovelace, and Janet Camarata
Live In-Person Presentations
Saturday, October 10th 2015, 8:15 am -
3:30 pm
At the Faith Covenant Church
1915 Washington St., Sumner, WA
98390-2020

Jill's Topic will be: Soldiers, Spies, & Farm Wives - Changing roles of women during the Civil War

How the Civil War was a game-changer for women in the USA.

Janice's Topic will be: Beyond online - Finding women in the Courthouse

Step away from the computer and search records stored in county courthouses.

Donna's Topic will be: Finding your Women on the Internet

How to utilize the internet to find female ancestors.

Janet's Topic will be: Difficult Women: The Ways our Female Ancestors Confound Our Research

Finding and following our female ancestors is not always easy. Many of the historical documents we rely on were created for men and it is the male's surname that is carried down through the generations. The names of our female ancestor's changed in expected and in some cases, unexpected ways. Using case studies, strategies and techniques will be shared for correctly identifying our difficult to find and difficult to understand.

Seminar Cost:

The seminar is \$50.00 per person.

Lunch is \$10.00 (includes gratuity) salad, sandwiches, dessert.

For More Information:

Contact the Heritage Quest Research Library (253) 863-1806

Book Review

Orphan Train: A Novel

By: Christina Baker Kline

Between 1854 and 1929 orphan trains regularly ran from cities on the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest carrying thousands of abandoned children.

This is the story of finding loving families, sometimes hard labor and possibly even servitude . A story about second chances and unexpected friendship.

Opportunity Knocks & It Is Free

Your VP of Education is making himself available this summer (2015) for six or so workshop sessions on writing memoir. Because we are a point in time, writing our story as we live it, we have much to leave behind for those future genealogists in our family. Why do I want to leave something behind you might ask. That is a good question that I can only reflect on the excited satisfaction I experience when I come across one of my ancestors diaries, journal, or letter that shares personal insights of the person in the times they are written. If that is not enough of an appeal to write your memoirs I don't have a better one other than your future family historians are left to their own guess work and research to adequately portray who you were in the times that you lived.

I will need at least 6 committed people to conduct the workshop, but no more than 20. If this hits a resonant accord with you, perhaps there are more in the future.

Thanks,
George W. Snyder
V. P. of Education, TPCGS

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You know you're A Genealogist When:

The highlight of your last trip was a cemetery visit.

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