



TPCGS

NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS SCHEDULES

TPCGS monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month September through May. Meetings are held at Bates Technical College, South Campus, 2291 South 78th St, 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!*

SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING LOCATION

*LDS Family History Center
5915 S. 12th Street
Tacoma, WA 98465*

Message from the President

By: D Becker, TPCGS President

It's Fire Season and I'm in Montana - still - but scheduled to head home "soon". So, I may or may not be in town for our September Meeting should I be sent out again. This has been a loooooonnnnggggg summer!

While on the subject of Fire... I would like to share an interesting article available online regarding the 1890 US Census.

Prologue: Selected Articles

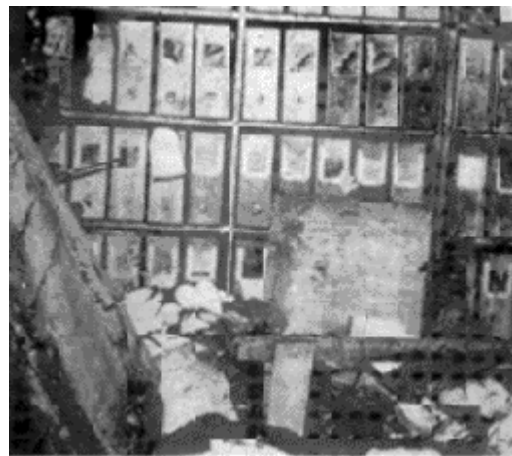
Spring 1996, Vol. 28, No. 1

"First in the Path of the Firemen"

The Fate of the 1890 Population Census, Part 1

By Kellee Blake

Of the decennial population census schedules, perhaps none might have been more critical to studies of immigration, industrialization, westward migration, and characteristics of the general population than the Eleventh Census of the United States, taken in June 1890. United States residents completed millions of detailed questionnaires, yet only a fragment of the general population schedules and an incomplete set of special schedules enumerating Union veterans and widows are available today. Reference sources routinely dismiss the 1890 census records as "destroyed by fire" in 1921. Examination of the records of the Bureau of Census and other federal agencies, however, reveals a far more complex tale. This is a genuine tragedy of records--played out before Congress fully established a National Archives--and eternally anguishing to researchers.



For more information about the fire, the National Archives published an article, ["First in the Path of the Firemen: The Fate of the 1890 Population Census."](#) in its Spring 1996 *Prologue*.



BROWSING PERIODICALS By Gretchen Campbell, VP Research

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.

WINTER BROWSINGS

The Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter Vol. 44 No. 4 December 2016

- Pioneer histories of Peter Cressinger; Mrs. H. R. Lyon; Mrs. George Bigenheimer of Mandan ND
- Obituaries for Monroe, Little Murrey, Larson
- Morton County Naturalization Records – names beginning with T

Fiske Genealogical Foundation Vol.23 No. 2 – Winter 2016

- Pioneer Sketches – Frank O'Brien; Heraldry and Family Crests;
- Library Acquisitions

Minnesota Genealogical Society Vol. 46 No. 4 Winter

- Peter James Savage, Jr. local baseball hero of Crookson Pirates
- Information gleaned from the obituary – check the details for the truth
- Two Ballerinas – Frances Mann and Anna Pavlova
- Humboldt Mill Bldg. Minneapolis History
- New England Historic Genealogical Society exploration
- Hints to find an Immigrant Family's place of origin

Idaho Genealogical Society Newsletter Vol. 58 No. 4 – Winter 2015

- Discussion of the Boise Family History Center
- Plan your trip to the cemetery
- Cemetery photography
- Kuna Historical Society
- Basque Immigrant's Experience in Idaho
- The Corder ancestor's trip to America
- Josephine Clovis Thomason -1920 to 2015

Redwood Researcher Vol. 48 No.

- Newspaper social brouings – Fountain Papers
- 1911 Humboldt Co. births
- Browsing's Humboldt Standard 1953; Ferndale Enterprise 1899
- Police Court Cash book 1905-1908
- Ancestors of Mabel LaVerne Alkern
- Ancestors of Betty Catherine Nessler

Kittitas Kinfolk – Vol. 29, No.1 January 2016

- Introduction to DNA Testing
- Family Bibles – Publication date of the bible? Entries in the same ink and handwriting? Chronological order? Familiar handwriting? Ancestry Probate information; 7 free genealogy websites for US

The Apple Orchard March 2016

- Family Search historical records strategies
- Write a good query
- Crop issues of 1912

Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol 61 No. 1 March 2016

- Newspaper clippings – early 1900's
- Story of Bass Reeves
- Slave narratives
- Thomas Cornwell in WW I
- History of the Baker Store in Stillwater
- Tidbits from the Choctaw News

Kansas Kin – Vol 54, No1 February 2016

- Early Medal of Honor Winners
- Five generations of the Metz family
- Civil War letters

Idaho Genealogical Society – winter 2016

- Eagle Historical Museum
- Heritage Stories
- Coins on Tombstone
- Estate items – memories of the deceased
- Bill's Story – a DNA adventure

Minnesota Genealogical Society Vol. 47, No. 4, Winter 2016

- August Henry Lawrence – mysterious disappearance –early 1900's
- The mystery of Deesting Shepard
- Making sense of DNA predictions

Fort Steilacoom Vol.33, No. 1 – Spring 2016

- The Catholic Connection to Ft. Steilacoom
- Sisters of Providence and their school

The Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter

- How to begin your genealogy
- Immigrant groups defined
- How to prove relationships
- The honor list of dead and missing for North Dakota – Burleigh and Cass
- Pioneer Histories- Elisha Carr; Hannah Sullivan Lang
- Several obituaries from the '70's

The Bulletin of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Vol.65, No. 3; March 2016

- Connecting your ancestors to History
- First Families of Multnomah County – Salvatore Amato
- Awdry Wedding – A date study based on the pictures
- Details of a cemetery Visit -- research and be prepared for anything
- Letter to my offspring – stamp collection; too many jig saw puzzles; rocks; books genealogy plus; genealogy file cabinet; my autobiography.....
- GFO Surname Vertical Files
- Heritage Quest – an overlooked resource that you can use from home
- Bennett Bible Transcriptions
- Book Reviews of two adoption books
- Biographical index – Clark to Eccles

Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly Spring 2016 (59-1)

- Calkins Family move to Idaho and early days in Custer County
- 50th anniversary of George Farragut Chapter, NSDAR

- Writing a Memoir
- St. Historical Society receives a digital newspaper grant
- First Families of Harrison County Indiana – instructions
- Why Social Networks are Important in Genealogy
- Review of 25 years of USGen Web Project
- Guide to becoming a member of a hereditary Society

Family Tree Quarterly – Cobb Co. Georgia; Vol. 26 No. 1 – 2016

- Great Gatsby Connection – F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The family bible of Phineas Chauncey Smith – 1821 in Connecticut
- Bizarre Dates, Engraving and Practices at Boston's Colonial Cemeteries

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Vol. 48 No. 1; March 2016

- Ball Funeral Home Records – Sunnyside, WA
- News & Notes from Ellensburg
- Stories Buried Beneath the Stones – Harriet Dorina Hattin Hadley

Tri City Genealogical Society Vol. 56 No. 1, March 2016

- From to Washington – a family move in 1983
- Passing the Torch – writing memoirs and family histories
- Civil War Medical Department Re-Enactment
- How to use the DAR Website
- TCGS Annual Family History Library Trip
- Golden Rules of Genealogy
- Obituary Index Ramsey to Sage
- Golden Wedding Anniversaries – Tri City Herald – 2/2015 to 2-2016

American Spirit Jan/Feb 2016

- Secrets of the DAR Library – History of the insignia hanging on the wall of the library
- Eagle sculpture at the Oconee County Veterans Cemetery in Georgia
- The meaning of interesting chapter names
- Life of Daughter Ruth Murry Underhill
- Indianapolis – The Crossroads of America
- A trip inside 15 presidential homes
- Presidential Slave owners
- Ferry Farm – George Washington's boyhood home
- New Jersey Room at DAR's Memorial Continental Hall
- Early furniture makers
- Paxton House and Inn – Marysville, Kentucky
- Our Loyalist Canadian Cousins
- Brigadier General Hugh Mercer

American Spirit March/April 2016

- Saluting Civil Servants -- Daughters Frances Holt & Michele Hull
- Saving a mosaic mural in Algiers, LA after Katrina
- Advancing Women in Aviation
- Morristown NJ
- George & Martha Washington and their life
- Lighting the Spark – children's interest in family history
- Elizabeth Kortright Monroe wife of James Monroe
- Sarah Parker Remond – African American female experience

- Lucy Brewer – an early women in the Marines
- Frances Wright – pioneer of women’s rights
- Women guards in Revolutionary War Massachusetts towns
- History of Edenton, NC



BUDGET GENEALOGY

Best FREE Genealogy Websites of 2017: The Big Sites



[David A. Fryxell](#) July 24, 2017

On these genealogy websites, you can search databases of ancestor names and digitized records—and it's all free.

[Access Genealogy](#)

This grab-bag of free genealogy records keeps growing. Click the Databases tab to search data from Southern states, military records, small-town newspapers and the Guion Miller Roll index to Cherokee tribal members. The latter supplements what was already a must-bookmark site if you have Native American roots.

[Allen County Public Library](#)

Though based in Indiana, this library’s online reach extends much further—reflecting its status as the nation’s second-richest genealogy library. Special collections focus on Native American, African American, military and family Bible records.

[FamilySearch](#)

More than 2,200 online collections (and growing) make this the internet’s largest home to free genealogy data, with recent updates spotlighting Italy, South America and US vital records. You can share and record your finds in family trees and a “Memories Gallery,” and get research help from the wiki.

[HeritageQuest Online](#)

Free to your home computer courtesy of your library card via participating institutions, HeritageQuest is now “powered by” (but not owned by) [Ancestry.com](#). This partnership has dramatically expanded its half-dozen collections to a sort of “Ancestry.com lite,” including the complete US census, military and immigration records, and city directories. Click Search and scroll all the way to the bottom to unlock more US records as well as selected foreign databases.

[Library of Congress](#)

Though not specifically focused on genealogy, the nation’s library has plenty to offer online, including the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, the American Memory collection and its own comprehensive catalog.

[National Archives and Records Administration](#)

Read all about the genealogical treasures stored at the National Archives, order military and other records, and browse historical maps and photos. [Access to Archival Databases](#) serves up files ranging from WWII enlistments to passenger lists for millions of German, Irish, Russian and Italian immigrants.

[Olive Tree Genealogy](#)

Since its launch in 1996, this modest website has grown into a useful collection of how-to help and databases. It's strongest on passenger records, heritage groups such as Palatines and American Indians, and less-familiar records, such as those for residents of orphans and almshouses.

[RootsWeb](#)

This venerable free site still serves up how-to articles, databases of surnames and US locations, mailing lists, pedigree files and much more—making it an oldie but a goodie.

[USGenWeb](#)

This volunteer site recently celebrated its 20th birthday with a mobile-friendly update. Its state and county pages and special projects remain as vibrant as ever. Just found an ancestor who lived in, say, Stone County, Ark.? There's a page for that, as for almost every other place your family may have landed.

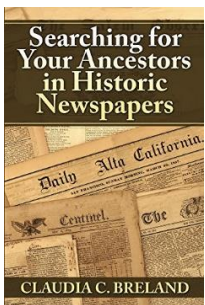
See the rest of our 101 Best Websites for Genealogy in 2017

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

A Bad Heir Day

When you confuse the dead and irritate the living

Recommended Reading:



Searching for Your Ancestors in Historic Newspapers by Claudia Breland

Every genealogist needs this book, if they're serious about researching their family history. Family stories of all kinds, not just obituaries, can be found in newspapers. While major metropolitan newspapers are being digitized and placed online, many more are available for viewing on microfilm. Learn about the free newspaper databases, and discover which newspapers are covered in subscription databases. Also included is the first-ever state-by-state listing of libraries and genealogical societies that have indexed local newspapers, along with state digitized collections not found elsewhere, and microfilm collections for each state. Interested in family history? Start your research today!

TPCGS TRIVIA

By: Diane Bertram, Newsletter Editor

This week marks the opening of the **Seattle State Fair** in Puyallup.

TPCGS member Dusty Gorman reminded me that the Puyallup Fair grounds were once known as Camp Harmony a temporary assembly center within the system of internment camps for Japanese Americans during World War II.



Camp Harmony (Puyallup Assembly Center), 1942

By: Louis Fiset

The Puyallup Assembly Center, better known by the euphemism Camp Harmony, a name coined by an Army public-relations officer during construction in 1942, was situated at the Western Washington fairgrounds in the heart of Puyallup, located in Pierce County. The assembly center was a temporary facility into which Japanese Americans, known as Nikkei, were forced to gather beginning in March 1942,

following U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt's (1882-1945) Executive Order 9066, which set into motion the expulsion of 110,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast. The mass expulsion forced some 7,500 people from Seattle and the rural areas around Tacoma into the assembly center, where they remained in crowded conditions until their transfer

<http://www.historylink.org/File/8748>

Above Photo: Seattle posting of Japanese Exclusion Order No. 17, dated April 24, 1942

Photo Courtesy of: Schmid, Social Trends in Seattle (1944)

Upcoming Local Genealogical Events:

Seattle Genealogical Society Library

“THE HIDDEN WEB: DIGGING DEEPER”

Guest Speaker: Cyndi Ingle

Nationally Renowned Genealogist

Saturday, September 9, 2017

1:00 – 2:30 pm

“When Google and traditional search engines don't return useful information, don't stop there. We will explore resources that are invisible to Google and hidden deep within web sites and proprietary databases. The "hidden web" lies buried within the collections for commercial web sites, libraries, archives, and museums. We will also talk about the importance of indexes that deep-link into web sites online, thus uncovering hidden gems of information that may not be found easily through a search engine query.”

Heritage Quest Research Library

Tuesday, September 19

Beginning Genealogy (Classroom)

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Heritage Quest Research Library

Join Carolyn Pasquier in a FREE class and learn how to begin the search for your family history. You will learn the basics of genealogy. Everyone is welcome and you may attend this class as many times as you like.

Saturday, November 4

Autumn Quest 2017 - 20th and 21st Century Research (Seminar)

8:15 am to 4:00 pm

Emerald Queen Casino Conference Center, Fife WA

Topics: 20th and 21st Century Research; Research Reports for Ourselves: More Than A Research Log; What Next: Developing Step-By-Step Research Plans; The WPA Era: What It Created For Genealogists.

Speaker: Paula Stuart-Warren CG, FMGS, FUGA

Fee: \$60 includes lunch

See link to brochure below for further details and registration form.

[Download: 1496005377_AQuest2017brochure.pdf](#)

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