



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!*

NOTE: DIFFERENT MEETING LOCATION

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 6 – 8pm ... Pierce County Lakewood Library
Due to a conflict in scheduling the September TPCGS meeting it has been moved to the Pierce County Lakewood Library. 6300 Wildaire Road SW, Lakewood, WA 98499
The program this month is as tradition has had it. Members will talk about their summer genealogical adventures, surprises and disappointments regarding the ancestor hunt.
I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone again.
Liz Osborn
VP Programs

Message from the President

By: D Becker, TPCGS President

Family Treasures and Memories

Dad was an only child, but his mother's identical twin had twelve sons and daughters. The sisters remained close their entire lives, and Dad enjoyed many adventures with the cousins closest to him in age. My brother was contacted by one of those cousins a couple of months ago. It seems Cousin Pat has a number of our grandmother's albums, and would like to get them to us.

Our sister has suggested that she and I go pick them up. She thinks that I would want "just the facts, ma'am" and none of the stories that add personality to the family fabric. What she doesn't know is that I have already packed a little digital voice recorder, along with my computer and printouts of the family tree.

I'm looking forward to hearing how our cousin remembers some of the stories that Dad used to tell. And she is certain to have some stories on my brother, sister and me as well!

Now I am wondering who has other family treasures. Our mother was also an only child, and each of her first cousins were "onlies" as well, so we will have to look further for those memories.

**BROWSING PERIODICALS By: Gretchen Campbell, VP Research
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.

BROUSINGS BEGINNING 2/18

Fiske Genealogical Foundation Winter 2018, Vol. 25 No. 2

- Library Acquisitions
- Homestead Law of 1862
- New Source Guides from NSDAR

Fiske Genealogical Foundation Spring 2018, Vol. 25 No. 3

- Library Acquisitions
- University Archives near your Ancestors' Home
- African-American Civil War Soldiers
- Digital Swedish Archives

Redwood Researcher-Humboldt Co., CA, Feb. 2018, Vol. 50, No. 3

- US Army transport service passenger lists
- Eureka Humboldt Standard, May 15, 1957 – snippets of news from paper
- 1920 US Federal Census, Bucksport District 47
- Register of Chinese Laborers 1822-1888

Redwood Researcher- Humboldt Co., May 2018, Vol. 50, No. 4

- Library Holdings
- Exchange of newsletters with other Genealogical Societies
- Obituaries Collection
- This will be the last paper Researcher that is mailed out. To continue obtaining information about the Redwood Genealogy Society, please use their website:

<http://www.redwoodresearcher.com>

The Apple Orchard, March 2018

- Improving your research

Understanding Newspaper Terms

- Land Records

**“The trouble with quotes on the internet
is that it’s difficult to determine whether
or not they are genuine”**

- Abraham Lincoln

BROUSINGS BEGINNING 3/18

The Bulletin – Genealogical Forum of Oregon – March 2018 Vol. 67, No. 3

- Remembering the 1918 Influenza Pandemic
- Neil Neisz Titus, WWI, & the Spanish Flu
- Eugene Truby & Salola Roach
- Holberg-Knight Family Bible
- Finding Family in Newspaper Social Columns
- The Divorce of Joseph Mallory & Josephine Garthwaite
- Book Review – Genetic Genealogy Basics
- Book Review – Abstracts of Debt Books of Calvert Co., MD
- Book Review – 1815 Abstracts of Westmoreland Co., PA
- Book Review - Indian Wars of the American South 1610-1858

Fort Steilacoom newsletter, Spring 2018, Vol. 35, No. 1

- President's Message
- August Valentine Kautz Family
- Charlotte Todd & Fannie Markbreit

Minnesota Genealogist – MN Genealogical Society, Spring 2018, Vol. 49, No. 1

- Procuring a Pension on the Pioneer Prairie: A Family Story Recovered
- Finding Wensl Gebhart, a Soldier in the 19th C. Austrian Empire's Army
- Redemption for an 1888 Murder in Douglas Co., MN
- MGS 10th Annual Family History Writing Competition
- Fit to Print – Fred Watson died in Minneapolis, Oct. 1913
- MGS Learning Opportunities
- 11th Annual North Star Genealogy Conference, 5-6 Oct. 2018, info at North Star at:

www.MNGS.org

Recommended Reading:

Books Reviewed by Jane Irish Nelson

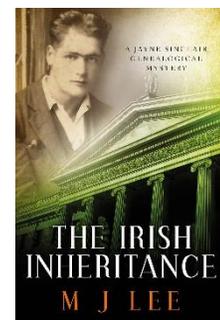
Jayne Sinclair Genealogical Mysteries

By M.J. Lee

Book 1: The Irish Inheritance

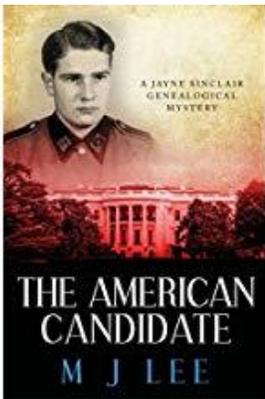
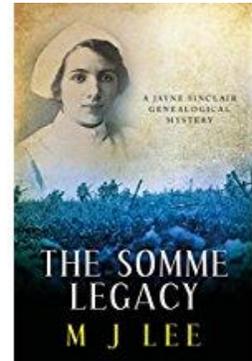
Jayne Sinclair, formerly a police detective is now a genealogist in the north of England. Oddly enough, her new occupation is causing problems between her and her husband, who can't understand that it isn't exactly a nine-to-five job.

Jayne is hired to find an elderly man's real father, since he was adopted as a child, and has only a couple of clues. How she attacks the mystery, and solves it despite the odds against her is quite fascinating.



Book 2: The Somme Legacy

In a race against time, Jayne Sinclair is hired to prove that her clients' ancestors were actually married during the First World War. The story moves back and forth between Jayne's research in the present and lives of David Russell and Rose Clarke just prior to and during the war. But when David is killed at the Somme, his family refuses to acknowledge Rose or the son she bears. Rose later spends fifty years in an asylum, casting a shadow over not just her son's life, but also her grandson, Richard's. Richard is at first reluctant to authorize Jayne's research, but his son Mark insists. Fascinating and fast-moving, this book is hard to put down. Interesting characters and an engrossing plot add up to a very enjoyable read. Highly recommended.

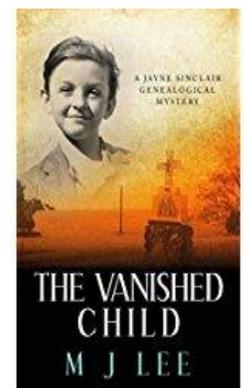


Book 3: The American Candidate

In Jayne's latest case, she has less than a week to try to uncover the mystery surrounding the origins of Thomas Jackson, the grandfather of Patrick Jackson, a potential candidate for the US Presidency in 2020. But before announcing, his backers want to be sure nothing scandalous or otherwise potentially harmful is lurking in his ancestry. Almost immediately, the odds are raised, when shots are fired at Jayne and her companions as they leave the meeting, sending her and David Mercer on the run. Chapters detailing Jayne's research and their attempts at evasion are intersperse with others telling the story of a young man named Thomas Green in the years leading up to and during the Second World War. In addition, short chapters focus on the organization tracking Jayne's every move. Will she find the answers before time runs out? And will her results satisfy the plotters? Very exciting, hard-to-put-down mystery that kept me riveted to the very end. Highly recommended.

Book 4: The Vanished Child

This time Jayne is working for her new stepmother, Vera. Just before her mother, Freda died, Vera learned that prior to her marriage to her father, Freda had had an illegitimate son, during the Second World War. She tried to raise him herself, but after several months was forced to give him up. Young Harry was placed in a children's home, and originally send to a foster family. They really wanted to adopt him, but the home took him back, without explanation. Then once Freda was married, she returned for Harry, only to be told he had been adopted. But what really happened to Harry? And is he still alive? Vera is very much afraid it is too late, but she needs to know. The story of Jayne's research alternates with the story of Harry's childhood. For once, there is no outside threat attempting to thwart the search, but the story is extremely poignant and bittersweet. Highly recommended.





Do you look like your relatives? Use our facial recognition software to find out.

Family Search with RootsTech.

Have you ever wondered where you got your good looks? Now you can know through a newly released Family Search discovery experience called ***Compare-a-Face***.

It uses your picture, the portraits of your ancestors on Family Search.org, and facial recognition software to tell you how much you look like your ancestors. Did we mention it is tons of fun?

www.familysearch.org/discovery

And, While We are on the Subject of Photos...

Our TPCGS Holiday Social is scheduled for ***December 11th***. Everyone is encouraged to share a story either true or imagined about your family's holiday traditions. We will be playing our very own TPCGS version of the **"Who Am I" Jeopardy Game**.

I am putting this out to all of our TPCGS membership – ***PLEASE*** look through the boxes hidden under your bed or on the shelf in the closet and find your favorite childhood photo. I am collecting these photos for our "Who Am I" TPCGS Jeopardy game. This game is lots of fun and there will be prizes.

Please email your photo directly to me Diane Bertram at bertramd@comcast.net. Please include your name and approximately what year the photo was taken. Also, a fun clue about yourself or the photo would be greatly appreciated!

This game is a ton of fun and a great way to get to meet other members and make friends!



Upcoming Events:

The Puget Sound Genealogical Society – Genealogy Seminar

“A Day of Discovery with Lisa Louise Cook”

Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 8:30am – 3:30pm

Bremerton Elk’s Club at 4131 Pine Road NE

Registration forms are available at: <http://www.pusogensoc.org/psgs/seminar2018/>

Autumn Quest 2018 with Angie Bush, MS (Seminar)

Friday, October 5, 2018

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Emerald Queen Convention Center

Ancestry’s own Angie Bush, MS, Ancestry’s Senior Pro Genealogist and NGS Region 1 Director, and the Chair of its Genetic Genealogy committee.

“Harvest Your Family Tree”

Have you registered for the “[Harvest Your Family Tree](#)” Conference, Sept. 28-30 in Kelowna, BC, Canada? If not, this is a gentle reminder that time is starting to run out!

There is still room in most classes but some are definitely getting full! Be sure to join us for a weekend of fun and learning with some of the world’s top speakers and some exciting new offerings in our Marketplace!

It’s a pleasant road-trip up the Okanogan Valley to Kelowna. BC’s third largest city has lots to offer, including beautiful scenery, a vibrant wine industry and, of course, great genealogy opportunities! Grab your passport and join us in Sept. With our low dollar, we are a bargain for our good friends to the south!

If you are already registered, you are invited to join our Facebook Conference site – lots of tips and great information is being shared! Find out more at: <https://kdgs.wixsite.com/kdgs>.

Your House is History: Learn How to Research your Property

The City of Tacoma’s Historic Preservation Office, in partnership with the Tacoma Public Library

Learn about primary resources such as historic maps, newspapers, and directories.

Saturday, September 22- 10am-noon

MOORE LIBRARY

Thursday, September 27- 4:30pm – 5:45pm

MOTTET LIBRARY

Wednesday, October 17 - 5:30pm – 7:30pm

MAIN TACOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

We Are History Keepers – Free Workshop September 8

A day of free workshops on preserving historic documents and audio/visual records, and other cultural preservation techniques. When: 9:00am – 3:30pm Asia Pacific Cultural Center

Rsvp: ethnicaheritagecouncil.org (Lunch available for small donation)

NEWS THEN, HISTORY NOW



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

On September 10, 1906, Tacoma High School opens for classes. The massive building on N 1st Street and N (North) E Street had been rescued from three disasters -- a halt in construction due to the economic Panic of 1893; a devastating fire; and demolition. The French chateau style building, designed by Hewitt and Hewitt, was intended as a palatial hotel by the Northern Pacific Railroad's Tacoma Land Company. The Panic of 1893 put a stop to that dream. The hotel-shell became the railroad's lumber and shingle warehouse until an 1896 fire gutted the building. Two Tacoma citizens managed to halt demolition and the Tacoma School Board turned it into a much-needed high school. In 1910 the Stadium Bowl will open and in 1913 Tacoma High School's name will change to Stadium High School.



Budget Genealogy

Complete Archive of Ellis Island Records—Now Online for Free

August 13, 2018 by [FamilySearch](#)

Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty are famous landmarks in U.S. history. The Statue of Liberty, located on Liberty Island, is a symbol of freedom. Ellis Island opened the gates to millions as the home of the Ellis Island Immigration Station—and [millions of passenger arrival records for U.S. immigrants](#) came with it. Now, [a complete collection of Ellis Island passenger lists](#) is available online and searchable for [free at FamilySearch](#)

Name Game

Submitted By: Jane Irish Nelson

Match the name in the first column to its meaning in the second column.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1. Adelbert	a. Elf Counsel (Old English)
2. Alfred	b. Fame (Germanic)
3. Blanche	c. Famous Battle (Germanic)
4. Earl	d. Garden of Holly (Gaelic)
5. Edwin	e. Lion (Greek)
6. Ellen	f. Noble and Bright (Germanic)
7. Elmer	g. Noble and Famous (Old English)
8. Esther	h. Nobleman, Warrior (Old English)
9. Leona	i. Pearl (Greek)
10. Leota	j. People (Germanic)
11. Leslie	k. Protection (Germanic)
12. Louisa	l. Rich Friend (Old English)
13. Margaret	m. Star (Persian)
14. Rosina	n. Torch of Light (Greek)
15. William	o. White (French)

Answers:

1-f, 2-a, 3-o, 4-h, 5-l, 6-n, 7-g, 8-m, 9-e, 10-j, 11-d, 12-c, 13-i, 14-b, 15-k

***RESEARCHER* By: George Osborn, TPCGS Researcher Editor**

The Researcher is an annual publication of the Tacoma -Pierce County Genealogical Society. It is our goal to make sure that we have a publication each year. I am the editor and need articles to make sure that a publication is out by the end of this year.

I was hoping to receive all articles by September 1st. I have extended this deadline until our first TPCGS meeting in September 11, 2018.

The article cannot contain color items or photos, only black and white ones. A person can submit more than one article. Each person submitting an article, and it gets published will receive a free copy of the Researcher for each article.

There will be three of us including the publisher that will read each article and will correct the article for grammar, spelling and content. If needed, I will contact the writer for any major changes that we feel are necessary.

You can either send me an e-mail with the article as an attachment or send me a disc with the article on it, or do both.

As a member of the society, I am sure that each of you probably has some interesting stories that our members would enjoy reading. If so then submit an article to me.

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TPCGS “Who Am I” Jeopardy

For anyone curious who the young ladies are sitting in the carriage in Minnesota in 1962, mark your calendar to attend our TPCGS Holiday Get Together on December 11th.



Please remember to send your favorite childhood photo to Diane Bertram at bertramd@comcast.net