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MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

- 8 May 2012 Chellis Swenson Jensen . . Family Stories from Eva Jan Chellis Whitson journals Bates South Campus
12 May 2012 8:30 a.m. Registration for Seminar; 9 a.m. Introductions La Quinta Inn
7 Jun 2012 3 p.m. TPCGS Board Meeting. . . All members welcome Denny's on 6th Avenue.
6 Sep 2012 3 p.m. TPCGS Board Meeting. . . All members welcome Denny's on 6th Avenue.
11 Sep 2012 7 p.m. How I spent my summer vacation. . . . Members' stories. Bates South Campus

President's Message

by Warren Fisk, TPCGS President

As the summer break approaches we come to the biggest event sponsored by TPCGS this year, the 2012 Spring Seminar. The society began in 1961 and in 2011 celebrated 50 years of programs, including some 35 Seminars. This 2012 Seminar marks the first seminar in the second 50 years of existence as a society.

The May 12th Spring Seminar will feature two great speakers who will be addressing several subjects important to all genealogists and family historians. The two speakers are **Cyndi Ingle Howells** and **Emily D. Aulicino**.

As many of you know, Cyndi is the Cyndi of *CyndisList.com*. Her site is the best place to start or continue family research on the internet. Cyndi is a nationally and internationally known speaker and writer. She has also been an important long time member and supporter of TPCGS.

At the Seminar, Cyndi will begin our day with a discussion of all the online venues we may use

to complete the publishing of family genealogical information and stories. After lunch she will discuss using social networking to connect to family members both close and more distant. She will tell us how to benefit from using both as important sources of information in our family research.

Emily Aulicino is the Regional Coordinator and Speaker of the International Society of Genetic Genealogists (ISOGG). She also manages several DNA projects through Family Tree DNA. Beginning after the first break, we will have the opportunity to learn from Emily how DNA is used in genealogy. She will talk about the three types of DNA testing and how we might benefit from one of the Genealogy/ DNA programs. After the second break Emily will provide us with a simple technique to successfully write about childhood and family memories. Taking family information and turning it into shareable histories is one of the important goals of all genealogists.

I hope to see you all at this year's Seminar.

See back page for more details about all the exciting extras offered at the seminar!

If you are looking for someone who may have been lost at sea

By Jean Fisher, Tacoma Public Librarian

The subject of ancestors “lost at sea” has been a hot topic around here lately. The recent 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic is a big reason for this. Did you know that Tacoma had its own Titanic survivor? In April 1912, Anna Sjoblom left her home in Finland to travel to Puget Sound, where she planned to join her family and start a new life in America. She was asleep in her third class cabin on the Titanic when the iceberg struck the night of April 14, 1912 – her 18th birthday. She survived, and made her home in Tacoma until 1955. She died in Olympia in 1975.

Sadly, the stories of shipwrecks and other disasters at sea are a common feature in many family trees. During a search for resources in our collection to help locate ancestors lost at sea, I came across a book dealing with one of the more notoriously tragic waves of immigrant ocean crossings, namely the mass immigration of thousands of impoverished Irish immigrants to the US and Canada during the years of the Great Hunger (1845-1852):

Queries

Collected by Frank Weihs

Abbreviations used in queries: b-born; ca-circa (about); ch- children; d-died; dau-daughter; div-divorced; fa-father; hus-husband; m-married; mo-mother; res-resided; s-son; sib-sibling; wi-wife; wid-widow; y-years

WARD/MILLER—

I am trying to determine my father's first wife. Stories say that he married Barbara Irene Miller early in his life. The story ends there.

I find in the Washington archives a marriage certificate defining a marriage between Arthur S Ward and Irene Miller in Pierce County. The certificate does not tell me their ages and where they were born. I am told that the application for this marriage would show more detailed information. I am not able to find the application.

These details and other information will, in my opinion, determine if the Pierce County's Arthur S Ward is my Arthur S Ward (father) born 1895, Brush Prairie, Clark County, Washington.

Arthur later in 1931 married Bertha Gilmore (my mother).

Can you help??

Submitted by-- Beverley (Ward-Gilmore) Neitz; Email: neitz6920@comcast.net

GEN 929.3714735 C372R *A register of deceased persons at sea and on Grosse Ile in 1847*

Charbonneau, Andre. Minister of Canadian Heritage, Ottawa, 1997.

While this book does not deal specifically with shipwrecks or those “lost” at sea, it includes the names of victims of disease and distress who perished at sea on board so-called “coffin ships” on their way to Canada in 1847. Grosse Ile served as the quarantine station for the busy port of Quebec City, and 1847 saw an enormous increase in the rate of newly arriving immigrants - most of them Irish, and many of them malnourished and sick with typhus, which quickly spread to epidemic proportions. The complete register included here lists the names of immigrants, employees and sailors who died and were buried on Grosse Ile in 1847, as well as the names of those who died at sea during the crossing. In total, the names of 8,308 victims were gathered from various archival sources. A short but informative introduction with maps, tables, and illustrations provides useful historical context.

Listed below are some additional general-interest books on doomed voyages and shipwrecks. Although not written for, nor necessarily geared towards genealogists, these books provide vessel names, dates, and wreck location – all useful facts which can be used to trace more information in newspapers and other contemporary sources.

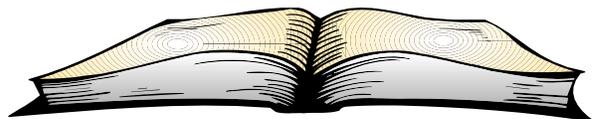
910.9 SH31L *Lost voyages: two centuries of shipwrecks in the approaches to New York*. Sheard, Bradley. New York: Aqua Quest Publications, Inc, 1998.

910.4 SH64S *Ships and shipwrecks of the Americas*. Bass, George F., ed. London: Thames and Hudson, 1988.

NWR 910.4 B456E *Encyclopedia of American shipwrecks*. Berman, Bruce D. The Mariners Press, 1972.

NWR 910.4 G354S *Shipwrecks of the Pacific Coast*. Gibbs, James A. Jr. Portland: Beinfords & Mort, 1957.

NWR 910.4 G354D *Disaster log of ships: A pictorial account of shipwrecks, California to Alaska*. Gibbs, Jim. Seattle: Superior Publishing Company, 1971.



FAMILY LINE RESEARCH

Researched and Compiled by
Gretchen Collins Campbell

Obituaries must have been on Spring Break for about three weeks because I only had about 5-8 requests each of those weeks. Now I guess everyone is back and beginning to work on their research because I was busy last week.

A very descriptive obituary was one written in 1942 for Anna M. Westlin, age 90, an immigrant from Norway who came to this area 61 years ago. It stated "Mrs. Westlin was a real pioneer of the valley, coming just after it was opened to settlement by the whites. She was wed 60 years ago, her husband dying in 1923. They homesteaded on Star Lake, near Redondo, where they resided six years. They used to walk from their place to Redondo and flag the old steamer *Glide* to get to Tacoma, walking from the landing. Sometimes Mrs. Westlin walked from her home clear to Tacoma and carried a baby." This paragraph is a valuable story of the Westlin family and is a valuable memory for family members who find these words in years to come. Just imagine walking on a trail from the 272nd and I-5 freeway exit to Tacoma carrying a baby!!

You never know what you are going to find when a client just gives you a name and a date to look up. I looked in the obituary index for Andrew Stolen and found a list of five dates listed beginning in 1955 and covering a period of twenty years. It seems Mr. Stolen had been murdered at his Spring Valley motel on Highway 99 by a robber. The previous evening Anna Stolen, his wife, had answered a knock at the door and was met by Harvey Collins who attacked her with a paring knife and a Samari sword. The terror-stricken woman screamed, her husband came from the bedroom and was struck down by the intruder. Anna escaped out the door and ran toward the highway. Collins jumped into his car and tried several times to run her down but she made her way to a neighbor's home. Police were called and she was rushed to the hospital where she underwent surgery but was expected to live. Anna gave a description of her assailant to the police and said he was driving a late model Studebaker with "11" as the first two letters in the license plate. He was picked up about 2 hours later

and confessed to the killing. In addition he confessed to killing another man six weeks earlier and a woman in Kentucky in 1953. Harvey was tried and convicted of 1st Degree Murder and sentenced to death. Just before he was hanged at Walla Walla he said "I ask forgiveness for everything I've done." As I said, you just never know what you are going to find when you receive a request.

The Benston family with long and old roots in Pierce County brought some serious research to my desk. Our client brought nine different books and articles she wanted me to find to glean Benston information. William Benston came to the United States from Scotland in 1838 and settled in Wisconsin. He found work with the Hudson's Bay Company and ended up in the Northwest. William and his wife had a large family so there were many family lines to follow what with births, marriages, deaths and land purchases. The family name was in many of the Northwest history books so I had many sources of information, many of which were books compiled and printed by TPCGS. If any of you are related to the Benston family, let me know.

Another interesting research request I had was from Jay who is writing a book about three clock companies (one from Tacoma) with the history of each along with the people and places that played a role in each company. Earl Arnault invented one of the clocks and Cliff Stone manufactured the clocks from 1945-1963. Earl and Cliff grew up in Tacoma and Jay is trying to figure out how they met and went into business together. If any of you are familiar with the Stone Manufacturing Company or Earl Arnault and Cliff Stone, let me know. I would love to help Jay solve his dilemma.

I hope you are using obituaries in your research. Most times they are full of information and sometimes there is new information there. Especially if the person is not a close relative, there is usually much you didn't know about them.

TPCGS Programs

6:00 to 7:00 pm pre-meeting topic. 7:00 to 9:00 pm meeting and program

**8 May 2012 Chellis Swenson Jensen . . Family Stories from Eva Jan Chellis Whitson journals,
Family history created from journals and memorabilia as Eva moved from Kansas to the NW
Pre-meeting topic — "Buffalo Soldiers," presented by Jackie Jones-Hook**

No meetings over the summer. Get out there and do that research, find those graves, look up those cousins so you can "show and tell" on Sept. 11 at our first meeting of the new season.

Watch for the *Researcher* coming in June, and the next *TPCGS Newsletter* in mid-August

Seminar set for Saturday, May 12, 2012



BROWSING PERIODICALS by Elaine Workman

INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL

American Spirit (DAR, Washington DC) Vol. 146.2: Karen BERNARDO and Connie GILKESON BOGGESS help improve lives of children in their communities; tap into genealogy workshops on www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives on Youtube for military, immigration and census records; Desiree STEFFEN COVINGTON new DAR member on the front lines; story of eight DAR members survivors of the Titanic; The First Ladies exhibit at Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington D.C.; Martha WASHINGTON's role in the Revolution; activist Alice PAUL; the Ursuline Nuns and the Battle of New Orleans; 19 century diary of Sylvia LEWIS TYLER; women and musical instruments in early America; Esther DAMON last widow of the Revolution. (HF)

AROUND THE U.S.A.

GA Family Tree Quarterly (Cobb Co. Gen. Soc., Marietta) Vol. 21.3 & 4: how to obtain a headstone for a civil war veteran; how to identify and use authoritative sources in your research; how to achieve results on Find-a-Grave. (929.1/F21FT)

ID Idaho Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Boise) Vol. 55.1: Idaho philatelic genealogy from WWI; ideas for family reunions; JOYCE Family in Owyhee Co.; Ed TRUJILLO's personal journey on Find-a-Grave. (929.1/ID11)

KS Topeka Gen. Soc. Quarterly Vol. 42.1: from The *Topeka Daily Capital*, April 12, 1881 "Among the women in the penitentiary (Leavenworth) is Henrietta COOK, Osborne Co., aged 32, under sentence of death for poisoning her husband"; Olive BROCKELSBY, Mayme CONKLIN, Mildred Esther MULLETS graduates of Christ's Hospital Training School for Nurses in Topeka; Shawnee Co. marriage license applications BISSELL – BRAN- DON; extracted names from Berryton High School 1914-1962. (929.1/T621T)

NC Burke County Journal (Morganton) Vol. XXX.1: African-American cemeteries in Burke Co., NC; Burke Co. road records 1807-1809; Burke Co. land grant abstracts cont'd; Burke Co. bastardy bonds 1840-1859; Thomas MCTAGGART family land entries; Myra S. LAIL estate of 1906. (929.1/J826J)

OK Oklahoma Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Oklahoma City) Vol. 57.1: first place winner in 2011 story writing contest, My Maternal Grandfather, Benjamin James BENNETT, by Joan BARRICK; second place winner, O ARNOLD, by Mary Ann CARGILL BLUNT; OK philatelic genealogy; preserving your genealogy with genealogy estate plan. (929.3766/OK40)

OR Bulletin (Gen. Forum of OR, Portland) Vol.61.3: key causes of the War of 1812; War of 1812 records at the National Archives; soldiers in the War of 1812; Ardil GATES, War of 1812 soldier and prisoner of war; impact of the U.S. Navy on the War of 1812; Multnomah Co. marriage record sources at Genealogical Forum of Oregon; Oregon marriage and divorce records at GFO; NW rose historians on the Pioneer Rose Trail; John Jacob ASTOR in Oregon; 1911-1912 Multnomah Co., marriage register index. (929.1/G286B)

WA Bulletin (Yakima Valley Gen. Soc., Yakima) Vol. 44.1: Ethbert Allan BROWN Spanish-American War veteran pt. 5; day book of E.E. FRANCIS pastor: 1922 name index to Walla Walla High School; 1920 name index to Wapato High School; extracted BALL Funeral Home records. (929.1/Y11Y)

Quarterlies and Newsletters that can be found on-line

Eastside Genealogical Society Bulletin Board, (Jan/ Feb 2012) Bellevue, WA

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/1January2012.pdf>

Fiske Foundation Newsletter, V. 19, #2, Winter 2012
www.fiskelibrary.org

Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter,

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/2012janfebnewsletter.pdf>



GENIE GRAB-BAG

Compiled by Janice Weihs

Pennsylvania Expands Access to Vital Records. The policy permanently restricting access to all vital records in Pennsylvania has been reversed by recent legislation. The new law allows public access to death certificates after 50 years and birth certificates after 105 years.

The new custodian for the records is the Pennsylvania State Archives. Initially they will be opening access to about seven million death records for the period 1906 to 1962.

In addition it was reported that the Bureau of Vital Statistics is exploring partnerships to provide access to digital images on the Internet. The State Archives already has a digitization contract with Ancestry.com for other record groups. (from GFO's *The Forum Insider*, Apr. 2012, p. 7)

A new free website has been established by the **Virginia Historical Society** to provide high-resolution copies of antique documents that identify 3,200 previous mostly unknown slaves. These documents come from over 8 million unpublished manuscripts—letters, diaries, ledgers, books and farm documents from Virginians dating back to the 1600s. Financed by a \$100,000 grant, experts have been discovering the long-lost identities of the slaves and are assembling a growing roster of slaves' names, occupations, locations and plantation owners' names. This first-of-its-kind online database can be found at <http://unknownnolonger.vahistorical.org/>

Have you looked at the Wikimedia Commons? It is a media file repository making available public domain and free media content available to everyone. It is created and maintained by volunteers. Find it at:

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Of particular interest to genealogists is that NARA is undertaking a major contribution of tens of thousands of files to Commons. One of these contributions is a remarkable collection of 220 illustrated family records that are part of the National Archives' Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application files. These family records were submitted as part of the documentation required for a veteran or veteran's family member to receive a pension, and then became permanently attached to the veteran's file.

On the Wikimedia Commons main page, in the search box, enter "revolutionary war pension" to find these colorful family records.

If you are looking for 1812 records (200th anniversary!) one interesting path is that provided by *Don's List*: <http://www.donslist.net/PGHLookups/War1812IndexServRecs.html>

This is an alphabetical name range index where you choose the range that would include your ancestor's surname. Once there, you will find alphabetically lined up 1812 muster cards in that range which you will have to click through to get close to your ancestor's name. If you find the right name, you will be able to see which state and unit and commanding officer your ancestor served under. I'm not sure where one would go from here, but it was pretty interesting to find that ancestor's name and see a few details of his service.

These microfilm records from the National Archives were placed on the Internet Archive by the Allen County Library Genealogy Center

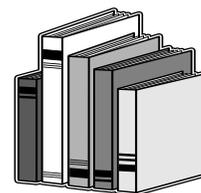


Genealogy Books for Sale At TPCGS May 12 Seminar

First pick of genealogy books discarded from the NW room stacks of the Tacoma Public Library

AND

Genealogy books from a long time TPCGS member who is downsizing her collection and has made these books available for purchase by Seminar attendees.



From *Idaho Genealogy Quarterly*, p. 6, for Spring 2012:

You might be addicted to genealogy if:

1. Every vacation includes at least one stop at a cemetery, library, courthouse and/or archives.
2. Your doctor asks your family history and you ask how many generations back he wants.
3. You remember your 6th gr-grandmother's birthday, but forget your spouse's.
4. You've ever driven 100 miles out of your way, because you hate to leave the state without stopping in where your ancestors once lived.

By Danielle Radciff Koch

National Archives Puts Records Workshops On-Line This Spring

The National Archives has launched online videos of its most popular “how to” workshops. These videos cover research topics such as census, immigration, and military records. These workshops led by NARA experts are available on the National Archives YouTube channel 1.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives>

Military Research at the National Archives: Volunteer Service (8:22)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zgKBrsvpxY

Specialist John Deeben discusses compiled military service records at the National Archives.

Military Research at the National Archives: Regular Service (6:11)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OMO-PbmMEw

John Deeben explains how to use Army and Navy registers of enlistment and rendezvous reports for research.

Military Research at the National Archives: Pension Records (9:04)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=oT-AgYFhX1k

Deeben discusses how to research military service using pension records dating from 1775 to 1916. He shows samples of both Revolutionary War and Civil War Pensions

Immigration Records at the National Archives

(11:57) www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCZTSrSvxyc

Specialists Katherine Vollen and Rebecca Crawford provide an overview of immigration records from 1800 to 1957, including Customs Service and Immigration and Naturalization records, as well as records of ports and border crossings.

Census Records at the National Archives (11:57)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=yI54NX_H1ko

Genealogy expert Constance Potter shares tips and strategies for researching U.S. Federal Census Records 1790 to 1930, and explains how they can be used for genealogical research.



Note from the Newsletter Editor:

For some reason my computer is not creating “links” to web site addresses like it is supposed to, so you will have to copy and paste these NARA web addresses in order to use them. I hope I have copied these complex URLs accurately, but if you find there are errors that keep you from accessing these videos, contact me and we will try to figure out the problem.

Welcome our new Membership Secretary .. Carol Rikerd.

Carol has volunteered for the job and will be keeping track of all membership data. She will send out the dues notices, collect them when paid, keep track of email address, and prepare mailing labels for Society mailings. If you change your address, be sure to notify Carol, because you don't want to miss out on TPCGS information coming via the post office.

Retired from a career in Social Service, Carol now has more time for a number of personal interests, besides genealogy. She maintains a greenhouse where she just finished starting a large number of plants for later use around their property. Costuming for local stage productions is another interest of Carol's and has made her knowledgeable about various eras of clothing styles.

Carol's husband Wayne is retired military. She says he hasn't caught the genealogy bug yet, but supports her interest in family history.

This Weekend . . .

Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour “North Tacoma Highlights”

Saturday May 5th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday May 6th, 1 p.m. to 5 p.,.

The tour features Annie Wright School, Christ Episcopal Church and Wells Hall (reception area) and homes in the Starr Street and Proctor area of Tacoma.

Tickets \$20 each available at Pacific Northwest Shop, Stadium Thriftway, Columbia Bank branches at Fircrest, Allenmore and Westgate. For more information and tickets call 253-472-3738 or visit tacomahistory.org

DON'T CONFUSE ME WITH THE FACTS!

By Louis Lehmann

The widespread circulation of undocumented or erroneous genealogies raises two major questions for us genealogy buffs. First, are we part of the problem? Do we indeed faithfully cite sources for all of our ancestral relatives or do we include a cherished few with little or no good source information?¹ Second, how does one be a helpful genealogical coach rather than a critical genealogy cop when we encounter others with problematic genealogies?

Looking at Ourselves If we know better, why do we nevertheless sometimes hang onto undocumented ancestors? We might do so because we desire them to be our ancestors, and we don't want to lose them as we search for evidence to support that desire. We may want to be associated with a famous or infamous ancestor and don't want to discard our dreams of royal lineage, ancestral castles, coats of arms, etc. Faced with good research disproving that my ancestor, Thomas Tracy of Norwich, Connecticut, was not really connected with the Tracys of Gloucestershire, I had to painfully discard my claim to that line of nobility.² Similarly my wife sadly gave up her proud association with Sizergh Castle via her Strickland ancestors when objective research revealed that no Strickland descendants went to America. Maybe we want to be admired for how far back we go with our ancestral searches. If we claim pedigree descent from Adam and Eve, we may not really want anybody to question it, especially if religiously convinced that all biblical genealogies are inerrant. Perhaps we retain work done by a loved one because we would feel disloyal if we questioned it. With these and similar circumstances, we are burdened with emotional and sometimes passionate feelings which lead us to seek material to support our bias instead of looking dispassionately with open minds for genealogical truth.³ Keeping this in mind may make it easier for us to challenge our own pre-conceptions.

Looking at Others Many people with problematic genealogies may simply be unaware of the needs and methods for good source documentation. If approached helpfully, some of them may welcome coaching. They are less likely to welcome outright criticism. Others may be subject to the same emotional biases as noted above. Assuming that we are practicing what we preach and remembering that gut feelings precede reasoning, we may do well to first recognize and connect with their feelings. We could establish some commonality or trust by sharing our own hopes and disappointments in searching for illustrious and/or ancient ancestors and understanding how difficult it was to relinquish a cherished but erroneous line. We might voice honest praise for some elements of another's genealogy before questioning others aspects of it. We can express respect and admiration for all the work Grandma did with the family genealogy without the benefit of the cyber age. We can empathize with how difficult and time-consuming it can be to find or verify source material while underscoring how important it is to do so.

Practicing such approaches and responses, we may find some folks to be more receptive to guidance. Yet some may never want to improve or correct their genealogies regardless of quality and regardless of our approaches. Unfortunately those may continue to be genealogical clutter, especially on the Internet. But we can recognize and identify them as such and we can educate others to be appropriately discriminating as they examine such material.

Endnotes:

1. Good source information does not include such citations as "Ancestry Trees," "Family Search," "Pedigree Resource File," "The Internet," "so-and-so's gedcom," or "Gustav Anjou."

2. "The Origins of Thomas Tracy of Connecticut" (Film #1750807, Item #7) is a series of research reports by Debrett Ancestry Research, for the Tracy Association. The research, which is well documented, notes that research by John G. Hunt (*The American Genealogist* - No 164. Oct 1965) "effectively disproves" Dwight Tracy's assertion that Thomas Tracy was the son of William Tracy and Mary Conway who are among the illustrious Gloucestershire nobility. Correspondence between Debrett and the Tracy Association reflects how difficult it was for the Association to accept the disproving of the many Tracy genealogy assertions of such connections.

3. The problem of feelings hindering genealogical research is similar to a principle of moral psychology asserting that gut feelings drive reasoning. This is admirably explored by Jonathan Haidt in *The Righteous Mind - Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*, Pantheon Books, N.Y. 2012

BUT WAIT. . . . THERE'S MORE!

More Information about the Spring Seminar.....

The TPCGS Seminar is the primary fund raising event that society sponsors. To accomplish fund raising we not only provide our members and friends with seminar speakers but opportunities to shop for genealogical publications, have a chance to win door and raffle prizes, and socialize with like minded genealogists and family historians.

We will have vendors who will make available genealogical publications and information to aid in your family research. The vendors include not only TPCGS but Heritage Quest and, new for this year, the Tacoma Public Library.

The TPCGS will have both new and used publications for sale. The used publications will include a large donation of genealogical source materials donated by Persis Shook, a long time member of the society.

Heritage Quest will have new and often the most recent genealogical publications available to purchase.

For the first time, the Tacoma Public Library will make available at the Spring Seminar genealogical publications from their shelves. A table of publications that represent duplicate, older or outdated editions of genealogi

cal source materials will be made available at the seminar. All library sales go back to the TPL.

There will also be other vendors available who will provide both historical and other information that may help you in your genealogical research. These organizations include the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Creative Memories among others.

One of the key ways that the society "raises funds" is through "Raffle Prizes". This year the donated raffle prizes are better than ever. Among the donated items included in the raffle are gift certificates to local restaurants, a second portable scanner, a gift certificate for Rainiers baseball tickets, an autographed Megan Smolenyak book, more books, gift baskets, and more..

This year everyone who attends has the chance to win the grand prize of a Flip-Pal Scanner or an alternate prize of a thumb drive.

Warren Fisk

This year's Seminar is all of this and more. Come and enjoy the Seminar on May 12th at the La Quinta Inn in Tacoma. See the web site at www.TPCGS.org for more information.

Membership fee is due for 2012

Annual dues came due December 31, 2011, for the 2012 calendar year, so they are overdue now. Individual membership is \$22.00, or \$25.00 for two memberships at the same mailing address.

Remember that dues fall under 501(c)3 in the IRS code which makes them deductible if you itemize your tax return. Dues can still be paid at the May meeting (save a stamp) or mail to:

TPCGS, PO Box 1952, Tacoma, WA 98401

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