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MEETINGS AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

- 5 May 2014 1-4 p.m. Monday TPCGS Board Meeting Fife Branch Library PCL
13 May 2014 Alan H. Auchembault Fort Lewis History South Bates Campus
2 June 2014 1-4 p.m. Monday TPCGS Board Meeting Fife Branch Library PCL
No TPCGS meetings in June, July, or August See you all in September!

Message from the President

by D Becker, TPCGS President

Our annual seminar is probably the biggest effort of our genealogical season. It was a **huge** success! Between our speaker, Dick Eastman, of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, and Mistress of Ceremonies Cyndi Ingle, well-known developer of Cyndi's List, attendees received marvelous insight into ways we can take advantage of all those electronic resources available to us.

We had the best attendance in years, and a large portion of those who came were not members. Seminar co-chairs Jane Irish Nelson and Warren Fisk managed the whole process seamlessly. I hope they have a chance to enjoy a well-earned break in Society affairs, and get to do some of their own research in the next couple of months.

Just a heads up, though – the speaker for our 2015 Seminar has been selected. Connie Lenzen, CG, wrote a long-running genealogical column for Portland's *Oregonian*, and has written for several national genealogical publications. Her focus is Northwest research.

Every team seems to make personnel changes at the end of the season, especially if that season has been successful, and our TPCGS is no exception. Our Vice President of Programs, Helen Stender, has had to resign at the end of May, due to family matters. Elaine Workman has graciously agreed to take on this responsibility until our elections in the fall. Gail Sanders, who has been the *Researcher* Editor-in-Chief for this past year, is moving on to new ventures. Pat Wood, who is the Immediate Past Editor-in-Chief, wants to get back to researching her own family. And Dave Olsen, Vice President of Education, has decided not to run for re-election this fall. He, too, has more on his plate than he can handle.

Each of us has some special talent we can lend our Society. Please consider how your talent might fit.

From the Family Research Desk

An obituary request came from a lady living in Lethbridge, Alberta; she asked for the “obituary” for Barbara Fox who died in December 1998. Barbara and her husband Morley ran the Fox Book Company which they opened in 1940 on Broadway in downtown Tacoma. They specialized in Northwest Americana, maritime, Joseph Conrad, Lafcadio Hearn, cookbooks, exquisite bindings and first editions. Morley passed away in 1979. In 1984, because of urban renewal in downtown, Barbara moved the bookstore to a narrow storefront in the 700 block of St. Helens. She resisted computers, fancy marketing and Espresso, but continued to serve free cups of coffee. Customers could drop in for a game of chess or to use the rotary dial telephone or maybe to read sitting in one of the well-worn chairs. She even kept a red wagon full of 39 cent books. If the books weren’t enough, you could always pet Boswell, the cat. Barbara was an interesting lady, and one who will be long remembered in Tacoma.

Charles Emmett Hill died in October 1935. Charles came to Tacoma in 1880 to work at a lumber firm. He had a varied career. He attended school in San Francisco and graduated from St Mary’s College in 1875 and also studied at a business college. He served as deputy county clerk in San Francisco, managed a ranch in San Mateo County and worked for a lumber company in California before coming to Tacoma to enter the employ of the Hanson & Co. mill. He began as an assistant in the planing mill, was assistant bookkeeper and quit in 1890 to become the City of Tacoma Clerk. A year later he returned to the mill as the cashier and later became the general manager of the office and finally resident manager for the company – a position he held until his retirement in 1925.

Addie Ione Steele Hill, the wife of Charles Hill, died October 17, 1939 at the Bonneville Hotel – which was located on St. Helens Avenue across from the Landmark Convention Center, formerly the Temple Theater. Addie’s parents came west to Seattle in 1868 from Indiana. They purchased several lots at the corner of 30th and McCarver Street and erected the first frame hotel in Old Town. Addie arrived in Tacoma at the age of 6 months in 1869 and lived here until her death. Shopping in Old Town was not convenient. Mrs. Steele walked to Steilacoom, took a boat to Seattle, purchased her supplies, returned by boat to Steilacoom and walked back to Old Town. Her supplies were hauled home in an old cart. The hotel was open until 1883. Addie was married to Charles E. Hill in 1887. Steele Street in Tacoma was named for Addie. She was an active member of the Daughters of Pioneers and often shared stories of the early days of Tacoma.

An interesting tidbit I plucked from the *Tacoma News Tribune*. . . . Edna Talcott Ostrander died in June 1986. Her father and his two brothers founded Talcott Jewelers in Olympia which later purchased Gunderson’s Jewelry Store in Tacoma. Edna’s uncle, the late Charles Talcott, designed the Washington State Seal.

Now, if you really want the obituary for Mary Anderson who died on 10 November 1950, please don’t tell me she died on 28 January 1945. You have to remember that Anderson is a somewhat common name and with luck when I went to the January 29, 1945, newspaper (the day after the lady presumably died), I found a Mary Anderson, copied the obituary and sent it off. So today I heard from the lady who requested the obituary that, “you sent the wrong one.” Of course I did! You gave me the wrong date! Now it is back to the library to look again! I should charge her for the second trip to the library, but probably won’t.

Another obituary request came from a lady who wanted information on a man “who may have committed suicide.” Yes he did and here is the story. It seems that Russell was despondent over an unlucky love affair. He had just learned the address of the “beloved” who had rejected him so he went to her home, entered her room, wrote some farewell notes, drank some poison and lay down on the bed to die. His body was discovered when the woman returned that evening – and she quickly called the police! The article also listed his survivors and the funeral arrangements. One might say that descriptions in the 1930’s were much more graphic than they are in today’s papers!

I missed seeing some of you at our great spring seminar. Dick Eastman gave an excellent presentation and our committee did a fantastic job with all the arrangements.

Gretchen Campbell, Family and Obituary Research

DAR Library

Did you know that you can search the DAR's library online for an ancestor? The Daughters of the American Revolution's Genealogical Research Committee (GRC) database is an index to more than 20,000 typescript volumes of genealogical data in the DAR Library in Washington DC.

1. You may search "all states" or limit the search to a specific one in the drop down menu. Remember, however, that limiting the search in this way may result in information that a relative living in another State submitted. That will result in your family being missed in your search.
2. You can search by surname. Surnames have been entered into the index as they appeared in the report being indexed, so be prepared to be creative with the surname spellings which you wish to search. You may want to use just the surname field filled in, so as to view all individuals with that surname.
3. You can search by first names which were also entered as they appeared in the report being indexed. So again, be creative with possible spellings.

To order copies of pages referred to in the index:

All copies must be ordered through the DAR Library's Search Service. Visitors to the DAR Library may make copies from the reports themselves. When ordering copies, please be sure to include the entire entry for which you want a copy. This would include the name in the index, the state, series number, volume number and page for the specific book in which that name appears. Should you have any additional questions about this index or the DAR Library, please contact them at library@dar.org or call the library at 202-879-3229.

State Convention to be held in Arlington, WA Friday and Saturday, August 15, 16, 2014 Washington State Genealogical Society.

This two day event will feature keynote speaker **Josh Taylor** of *Genealogy Road Show* fame. Check out his website: www.djoshuataylor.com. The conference will be held at Arlington High School and the Byrnes Performing Arts Center, 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd., Arlington, WA. The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will serve as host. Details will begin to appear on the WSGS website in coming months.

Some of the breakout speakers and their topics are:
Luana Darby from SLC will speak on fraternal society records and German immigrant records.

Mary Kathryn Kozy will have two presentations on DNA, covering MtDNA, YDNA and Autosomal.

Patty MacNamee from NARA will present information on ethnic records available at the National Archives.

Janet Camarata will do her program on using timelines to advance your research.

Steven W. Morrison will have two classes. One is on genealogical writing and the other on using manuscripts.

Donna Potter Phillips will present two lectures on the fundamentals of genealogy.

Susan Faulkner is scheduled for two programs on getting more out of census records and vital records.

Margie Beldin will present material from her expertise on technology and genealogy with two lectures.

Teresa Schulze will offer her enjoyable and exciting presentation on digital family history scrapbooking.

Eric Stroschein will offer a four session workshop that explains how to incorporate the Genealogical Proof Standard into your research. This is illustrated as he follows a family's relationships from basic to advanced research.

TPCGS Programs

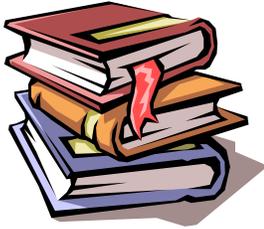
Meetings are at the South Bates Campus with informal sessions at 6:00 to 7:00 pm and a program from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

13 May 2014—**Alan H. Auchembault** is a past coordinator of the Fort Lewis Museum, and is also a historical illustrator. He will talk about Fort Lewis History and also bring some of his work on how families can flesh out old relatives where no pictures are available.

No meetings in June, July, or August Time to get out there and do RESEARCH!

9 September 2014 . . Our annual "What I learned on my summer vacation" meeting . Site to be announced later.

14 October 2014 **Cyndi Ingalls** of *Cyndi's List* Topic to be announced later



There can be a *Mystery* in Family History

The Marriage Certificate

Book Review by Gary Robbins

In a previous book review, I wrote that a novel published in 2013, [The Marriage Certificate](#) by Stephen Molyneux, published in 2013 by Sites to Suit Limited in the United Kingdom, and available at Amazon.com, appeared to be a good mystery book to be enjoyed by anyone interested in genealogy. I recently read this fine novel and can report that it is not just a good mystery but also an excellent study in genealogical proof.

The back cover includes a brief synopsis. A portion reads *“What prompts amateur historian Peter Sefton to buy the marriage certificate he sees on display in an antiques arcade? ...When John and Louisa marry in January 1900, who could foretell how their lives and those of ambitious Rose, the bridesmaid, and confidant Frank, the best man, would be changed that day? Follow their story, through Peter’s research and find out how, with investigative skill, and a certain amount of luck, Peter finds himself pulled along to uncover a series of sad and tragic events...events, which connect the marriage certificate to a modern day mystery...”*

The protagonist, Peter Sefton, is a stock trader residing in contemporary southern England whose leisure time hobby is genealogy. For reasons he can’t explain, he delves into the history of the four people whose names he found on the marriage certificate that had been lost for over a century. As Peter gradually uncovers the connections of these people, he finds he has competition in his quest to identify them and their descendants. A professional heir finding service is working the same “cold” case file and they intend to locate a living heir to a substantial estate of a man who died intestate in 1996. Their motivation is money: if successful, this company will receive a large percent of the estate if they can prove a living person’s relationship to the descendant. Peter may also be able to claim a finder’s commission that he hopes will cover his expenses. But, Peter is more interested in solving this mystery than obtaining a fat reward.

This is not a crime thriller but is definitely a good intellectual mystery. For genealogist readers, it is insightful and illuminating to follow along as Peter looks for clues in old documents that are near and dear to any genealogist’s heart. Many of the applicable documents are printed in this book so that a careful reader will understand how these competing family history detectives uncover facts and place context into the lives of all characters in this story. Documents located after commencing research are often found online at various websites and also by ordering them through British government agencies equivalent to those in the USA.

Peter starts with various UK census records and then orders a number of birth, marriage, and death certificates. He interviews living individuals and is able to find some old letters and post cards. His competitors don’t know about the 1900 marriage certificate and start their investigation with police reports of the 1996 death. Both Peter and the heir finding company investigate this mystery from two starting points and work via different approaches toward the solution at the center of this mystery. The first party to submit fully documented proof of a living heir to the applicable British government office is the winner and the substantial monetary reward only goes to the first party to make a provable claim. It’s not an easy mystery to solve which is why the reader will gain much insight into genealogical research as described by the author.

This story walks the reader through such obstacles as hidden illegitimate birth, death of a parent in a distant war, death of a parent in a horrific accident, sending surviving children to live with relatives, and names of children that are similar and thus confuse identities. Conservative social mores in Victorian-Edwardian England place many roadblocks in attempting to find answers. The necessity to locate and examine collateral relatives and their descendants is shown to be an effective means to the desired end result. Peter is finally able to unequivocally prove a living heir by using a baptism record that can only be found at a church on the Isle of Wight. All the corroborating documents contribute to the proof.

In the end, Peter finds one living descendant while the heir-finding company finds another. Who will be first to submit their claim? Does each claim stand up to genealogical proof standards? You will understand that the proofs are positive according to accepted standards; at least according to this book. But, does legal-genealogical proof mean that what is proven is, in fact, true? The last page of the book has an obituary that will blow the reader’s minds. So, don’t read the last page until you’ve read all the others.

The target audience for this novel is genealogists, but anyone who enjoys a mystery will love this book. I believe this is the first and only book by author Stephen Molyneux, and I hope more are on the way.

(Another review on next page)

Philomena

Review by Jane Irish Nelson

After seeing the movie version, I very much wanted to read the book it was based on, written by Martin Sixsmith, and I am very glad I did. This is the story of an Irish woman searching for the son she was forced to give up fifty years ago. As a teenager, Philomena Lee became pregnant and was sent to a convent by her family. There her son Anthony was born, and Philomena was forced to work in the laundry for three years to work off her so-called debt to the nuns. And she was not alone – throughout Ireland, her story was repeated over and over again. The girls had to give up their children, and thousands of their children were adopted by Americans.

The movie focuses on the quest as Philomena and journalist Martin Sixsmith, whose help her daughter enlisted, search for Philomena's lost son, Anthony, and follow up on the clues that they find.

The book, on the other hand, is basically a very detailed biography of Anthony – renamed Michael Hess – from the birth he almost didn't survive to his death from AIDS. In addition the political, religious, and historical background of these events is presented in detail, beginning with the absolute stranglehold the Catholic Church had on the Irish government in the 1950s.

All his life Michael struggled with identity issues, and questions that confront many adoptive children, wondering why his birth mother gave him up – was he innately bad?

Based on interviews conducted by the author with many of the people Michael Hess interacted with on a daily basis, this book depicts a shameful episode of Irish history that only now is becoming public.

From the *Kittitas Kinfolk*, Vol. 27, No. 2

Different Marriage Event Records

Marriage records vary from state to state and from Country to country. Indexed records may include the groom's name, the bride's name and the date of marriage. Marriage records themselves may include additional information that can confuse the researcher. Are you familiar with the difference between the following types of marriage records?

1. Marriage register—a book that lists the act of marrying; the nuptial ceremony.
2. Marriage banns—public announcement in a Christian church of an impending marriage between two people.
3. Marriage license—a document issued by a governmental authority allowing two people to get married.
4. Marriage certificate—official recorded document issued by a governmental authority that proves that the couple listed on the marriage certificate have a legal marriage.
5. Marriage announcement—a brief item or advertisement, as in a newspaper announcing a forthcoming marriage.
6. Marriage notice—both parties to a marriage are required to independently submit marriage notice forms to the registrar of the district in which the marriage is to take place, esp. in Great Britain.
7. Marriage ceremony—the act of marrying or the nuptial ceremony.
8. Newspaper accounts of the wedding—a description of the wedding ceremony, usually in conjunction with a church service.

Finding Lost Children in Your Family Tree

Have you ever wondered how you would even know to look for a baby who died at a few hours, days or weeks of age before official birth and death records began? Infant mortality was high and few mothers raised all the children they gave birth to.

You could form a hunch based on long gaps between children; or maybe oral tradition, a tiny headstone, a letter or another home source would be a clue. There's also the census: the 1900 and 1910 censuses had columns for women indicating "mother of how many children" and "number of those children living."

If those columns show the loss of some children, going to vital records, church records or cemetery records might help to fill in the gaps.

Details about a relative who died as a newborn more than a century ago might or might not provide leads to additional genealogical information. Either way, putting these babies on the family tree matter to me, as I'm guessing it does to other genealogists. It creates a truer picture of your ancestral family, and more important, it keeps a brief little life from remaining unknown.

From the *Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly* Jan. 2014



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. 148.2 March/April 2014: Carolyn BUSHMAN inspires students through school partnership with NASA; Elizabeth BLACKWELL opening medicines doors to women; 225 years of presidential inaugurations; DAR daughters stars of the White City 1893 Chicago World's Fair; the BLANCHARD project; Natchitoches; Elizabeth FREEMAN's journey; St. Elizabeth Ann SETON a mother to many daughters; the women of Laura Plantation; Sarah WILSON colonial imposter; Nan-ye-hi Cherokee beloved woman and promoter of peace. (HF)

AROUND THE U.S.A.

CA Redwood Researcher (Redwood) Vol. 46.3 February 2014: Humboldt County birth index 1905-1907; 1930 Arcata Humboldt County census; Captain David B. AKEY pt.3; BRYAN Family in Humboldt County 1870-1930; burial in Humboldt County 1890-1925 WUNDERLICH-YOUNG; births in Humboldt County before 1900 ANDERSON-ARKEL. (929.1/R248R)

FL Buried Treasures (Central Florida Gen. Soc., Orlando) Vol. 45.4 October-December 2013: bio of Webster Riley BALSINGER husband of Katherine Lynn MARTIN; John Henry WILLIAMS; Betty SKELTON daredevil pilot 1926-2011; Orlando business district in 1884; Fairvilla FL; James C. BALLARD first probate packet in Orange County 1871. (929.1/B916B)

GA Family Tree Quarterly (Cobb Co. Gen. Soc., Marietta) Vol. 24.1 2014: 9th Battalion Calvary, Georgia State Guards 1863-1864 cont'd; Georgia's mixed-up towns and counties. (929.1/F21FT)

ID Idaho Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Boise) Vol.57.1 spring 2014: headstone preservation through photography a Girl Scout Gold Award Project; tracking your Scottish immigrant ancestors; case study of Captain Donald B. MACKINTOSH. (929.1/ID11)

KS Kansas Kin (Riley Valley Gen. Soc., Manhattan) Vol. 52.1 February 2014: KING legacy rich in education; members and programs of the Riverside club 1912-1921. (929.1/K133K)

KS Topeka Gen. Soc. Quarterly Vol. 44.1 January 2014: Shawnee County marriage license applications 1880-1913 FALLINGS-FOSS: extracts from early KS newspapers: Topeka pen and camera sketches. (929.1/T621T)

MN Minnesota Genealogist (Minneapolis) Vol. 44.4 winter 2013: great grandfather Louis HARRIS where are you? the day great grandmother Ellen CARLSON caught the thief in church; writing family history for children; church records in the Midwest; creating a personal genealogy education plan; Minnesota civil war soldiers who were members of the GAR Dept. of Oregon; a tale of three records - one leads to another. (929.1/M666M)

NC Burke County Journal (Morganton) Vol. XXXII.1 February 2014: road records 1787-1799; Ahira MCRARY aka Hiram MCCRARY; land grants 2748-2766; 1803 tax list of Captain WALTON's company; 1804 Morganton town lot valuations; 1804 taxable property of Captain Thomas COLEMAN's company; 1804 taxable property of GREENWAY's company; 1804 taxable property of Joseph JONES' district; Alexander MCCOMBS; John and Richard HOOD clan of Halifax County. (929.1/J826J)

ND Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter Vol. 43.1 March 2014: John YEGEN's customers; pioneer histories of Mrs. Alexander HELMSWORTH, Mrs. Margaret BREEN, Mrs. Joseph CARTER.; the life of Frederick Frances GERARD cont'd; Morton County naturalization records index RITZ-SCHAAF cont'd. (Bismarck) (929.1/D148D)

OK Oklahoma Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Oklahoma City) Vol. 59.1 March 2014: the BAKERs of Indianhoma; 1902 assessment roll Sumner Township Garfield County Oklahoma Territory AUDANKA-GARRETT. (929.3766/OK40)

WA Bulletin (Yakima Valley Gen. Soc., Yakima) Vol. 46.1 March 2014: BALL Funeral Home extracted records for Sunnyside CARR-CHRISTY cont'd; Paul YOLO 1853-1924; Washington Agricultural College and School of Science alumni 1897-1901; 1911 charter members of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ. (929.1/Y11Y)

The New Researcher's Corner . . .

SEMINAR REVIEW

Cloudy, with a Chance of Genealogy:

<http://www.eogn.com/handouts/cloud>

Sourcing and Collaboration:

<http://www.eogn.com/handouts/sourcing>

Using WorldCat to Find Genealogy Books:

<http://www.eogn.com/handouts/worldcat>

These are the links to Dick Eastman's seminar topics. I asked him if I could share them with our Society members who were not able to attend the seminar. And he graciously said "yes, of course." Sharing is what Dick Eastman is all about.

Open the first link on cloud computing, and flip through the slides. This explanation of the 'cloud' gives a non-techie understanding of what cloud computing is. It's 'out there' instead of 'in here' underneath this keyboard. There is still a haze in my Luddite brain about how this works, but I do understand now that it's software – not hardware – and therefore has privacy and security advantages. Interesting.

Using cloud resources is very much a part of the second link about sourcing and collaboration. Genealogy research now is more like a barn-raising than sending bottle messages from a remote island. When people collaborate, as in the Family Search Wikis, we have a much better chance of finding clues and facts. Even if the information is wrong, that's still a clue. Here's another link: <http://www.eogen.com/>. This is Eastman's Encyclopedia of Genealogy. It's built of articles contributed by readers and users. Play around in there – it's fun, and there are unexpected gems of 'how-to' information. Group collaboration sites like *werelate.org* and *wikitree.com* may have no verifiable fact you can use, but may give you a brainstorm of strategies to catapult over your brick walls. Eastman gave two rules for using collaboration: 1) Verify everything, even if it is an original town record; 2) Annotate in your own notes information that is wrong, the fact, where it was found and how you discovered it was

wrong. Those notes will save you heartburn when you find the misinformation again. If you know information is wrong – your own contributions on collaborative websites can create a buyer beware warning for others searching the same pathways.

The last link shows WorldCat. Look at the slides, and then go to WorldCat and play. The site cannot be broken or destroyed. I've been in there, it still works, and no damage you could inflict will bring it down.

Dick Eastman's Uncle Harry gave the talk about Maine outhouses. There is no handout. You had to have been there. If you think the people of Maine are unflinchingly staid and stern, think again.

I am not very tech savvy. Dick Eastman is. Our seminar has left me with more understanding and assurance in using internet resources to access information. It also gave me a different point of view. The overall philosophy of genealogy research is collaborative. Regardless of our different names or origins, we're researching together. Sharing is the most important 'how to' we can learn and practice.

Thank you, Dick Eastman. It was an enlightening day.

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Genie Grab-Bag

Legislation was introduced in the **Illinois General Assembly** to require owners of private property on which a cemetery or graves are located to allow access by family members of the deceased. This is a **PROPOSED** bill and does have to go through the legislative process before it can become law. You can read the full text of the proposed act in the Illinois General Assembly web site at <http://goo.gl/cxpiQ0>

Bowling Green State University is offering free access to digitized Canadian newspapers. Links to historical Canadian newspapers are available free on the internet, thanks to the digitization efforts of the libraries at Bowling Green. Categorized by nationwide, then by province, many of these newspapers were originally published beginning in the 1880s. However, some can be found beginning in the 1830s. See:

<http://libguides.bgsu.edu/CanadianNewspaper>

Civil War Veterans Buried in Washington State — Do you have a Civil War veteran in your lineage? Did he immigrate to the Pacific Northwest after the Civil War? Is he buried somewhere in Washington State?

The website of *Civil War Veterans Buried in WA State*: <http://civilwarvetswastate.com/> is where you can search for this ancestor. The website is sponsored by the Washington Civil War Association, found at: <http://www.wcwa.net/> The WCWA website has a list of their events with re-enactments, Union and Confederate areas, forms, a blog and more. It also has some photo albums as well.

Researchers need to sign onto the Civil War Veterans site in order to access the list, but there is no charge. If you don't find your ancestor, whom you know is buried in the state, you can add his name and information—kind of like adding information on Find-a-Grave. My grandfather who is buried in Prosser, wasn't on the list, so I will add him, along with as much information as I know about him.

Janice Weihs, editor

Access to free Cloud Storage Back up your stuff to the **cloud**, collaborate and share with fellow researchers and make it available from any computer or mobile device.

1. Microsoft One Drive: <https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us> 7 GB free
2. Google Drive <https://drive.google.com/> 15 GB free (if you have both Gmail and Gdrive)
3. Flickr <http://www.flickr.com/> free storage now offering 1 terabyte of free (photo) storage.

Find-A-Record is a searchable worldwide index of records collections. A family history researcher can enter available information about where and when their ancestors lived and discover the various record collections available. The search is integrated with popular online trees through a browser extension. Try it out at:

<http://findarecord.com>

The National Orphan Train Complex in Concordia, KS, is now serving as a National Clearing House for all Orphan Train records. www.orphantraindepot.org This includes records from 1853-1930, containing 66 volumes with over 9700 names and 2000 rider records. Many of these children came from the streets of New York, Boston and Chicago. Not all of the children were orphans. They were homeless and could no longer be supported by their family. Many of these records contain information on orphans or foster children from the Children's Aid Society, N.Y. Foundling Hospital, N.Y. Juvenile Asylum, North East Home for Little Wanderers, etc.

The children were mainly sent by train to the Mid-West states of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin. If you find information on your orphan in these records, you should also check the deed books of courthouses in the counties that received these children. If they are not found in Deed Books, check Justice of the Peace dockets, Guardianship records, County Order records and Board of Supervisor Minutes. Remember that not all of these children ended up being officially adopted. Many remained foster children or indentured servants to the families who took them in.

A final step—check *Cyndi's List* for resources on adoption and orphan train children. There is a wealth of knowledge to be shared. www.cyndislist.com

