



TPCGS NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS SCHEDULED

12 Jan 2010 How to use the Regional Archives Midori Okazaki. Bates Technical College
1 Feb 2010 TPCGS Board Meeting. All members welcome . . . Olympic Room, Tacoma Public Library
9 Feb 2010 Mapping and plotting online Cyndi Howells Bates Technical College
1 Mar 2010 TPCGS Board Meeting. All members welcome . . . Olympic Room, Tacoma Public Library
9 Mar 2010 Mashel Massacre of 1856 & Eatonville History .. Abbi Wonacott Bates Technical College

Remembering Mary Gorham

Mary started with her personal family history searching in September of 1978. For two years she soaked up everything from Janet Baccus, Maxine Alexander, Glenda Thayer, Persis Shook, and many, many other people who loved to share tips on genealogy. She made many trips to Salt Lake City for research.

She was the Chairman of our first full-fledged seminar held at Pacific Lutheran University on Scandinavian Genealogy with Dr. Gerhard Naeseth of the University of Wisconsin and the Vesterheim Genealogical Society. In preparation for this seminar she compiled our first booklet of Scandinavian helps from all the libraries in the Northwest, listing what books they had for this subject, call numbers, etc.

It only took one sorting of our society address labels for a mailing for us to realize we needed a database of all our members and potential members for Mary to put another project into action. We got our bulk mailing permit while she took all our records, plus the Seminar listings and anyone she could find in the Genealogical Helper in the Washington area, for our new contact mailing list. These three thousand names could be printed up in zipcode order and became the basis for all our mailings for memberships and Seminars. Once we had this done we proceeded with the many wonderful seminars in the future.

Another project of hers was the Ancestor Exchange which all of our members could take part in. Each member was encouraged to turn in the names of the people they were researching, a date, place, etc. which she compiled in alphabetical number. A code at the left matched the code in the back of the Exchange with the per-

son submitting the information. Each volume covered a three year period, and there were three sets covering nine years.

She completely retyped the History of Southeastern Pierce County, a mimeographed publication by the University of Washington, an "All my Somedays" type of project. This one happened to be of the Eatonville area and surrounding little towns. We added all the photographs and other material including a complete name index which has made a beautiful book on this area.

Mary had served in every office of the Society and sometimes more than once. She led many trips to the National Archives in Seattle, The University of Washington Library in Seattle, and other genealogical research sites, as a help to our members.

Her most profound and wonderful contribution to the Society was the *Tacoma Public Library Topical Quick Reference*. Mary became the new librarian and to help her do her job she was aided by Persis Shook who got her a complete printout of the Genealogical Section of the Tacoma Public Library Northwest Collection. She typed all of this collection into a database coded so she could find anything by topic and then printed it up for her use. This was to help her find the necessary books needed to expand our growing collection. It has over 1000 pages of 40-50 books per page. Her next idea was to separate all the family histories into one volume and all the other genealogical books into the second volume. These pages were set up to be in binders in clear plastic pages for easy turning. The Revised and completely updated volumes will be a two-volume set with thousands of pages. It is used greatly by the
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DAR Genealogical Research System now available on Public Website

After nearly a decade of scanning, indexing, and other behind-the-scenes work by DAR members and employees, the Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the availability of the DAR Genealogical Research System on our public website. Here are the direct links:

http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm or www.dar.org (and click on the Library button at the top, then the second tab in the left-hand column).

The GRS is a growing collection of databases that provide access to many materials collected by the DAR over the past 119 years. Included in this collection of databases is the GRC National Index which has been available to researchers for the past few years. (There are still some kinks we're working out here and there.)

When you go to the link above, you will find several tabs that will enable searching in the various databases:

Ancestor – established DAR Revolutionary War Ancestors and basic information about them with listings of the applications submitted by descendants who joined the DAR [updated daily]

Member – limited access to information on deceased/former DAR members – not current members.

Descendants – index of generations in applications between the DAR member and the Revolutionary War ancestor. There is much eighteenth and nineteenth-century information here. [ongoing indexing project]

GRC – everyname index to 20,000 typescript volumes (some still being indexed) of genealogical records such as cemeteries, Bibles, etc. This index is not limited to the period of the Ameri-

can Revolution at all.

Resources [In particular, the digitized DAR Library Revolutionary Pension Extract Card Index and the Analytical Index Cards. Other information sources will be coming in the near future, mostly relating to Revolutionary War service, bibliographies, *Forgotten Patriots* (updates), etc. Read the introductions to these to learn why these are both important genealogical indexes. For example, the Rev. War pension index includes the names of people mentioned in those pensions that were abstracted (not just the pensioner or widow)!!!!]

Library Catalog – our book, periodical, and manuscript holdings

Each of these has interrelated content, and a description of each is given more fully on the website. You will notice restricted information in many search results. This is the result of a concerted effort to protect the identity of our members while providing historical genealogical information to researchers.

The national numbers of members (without the names of living members) given in the search results are needed to order copies of applications and supplemental applications. They do not lead online researchers to any other information about the member.

Please pass this information on to your researchers.

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TPCGS Fall and Winter Programs

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

12 January 2010 **Midori Okazaki** from the WA Regional Archives in Bellevue will present information on the Regional Archives' collection and how we can access it, as well as giving an update on the indexing of the Pierce County marriage records project that Judy Karns is working on. Pre-meeting topic: Massachusetts genealogy and research, with Chuck Waid

9 February 2010 **Cyndi Howells** of *Cyndi's List*, will continue her presentation (from last May) Plotting, Scheming, and Mapping Online. Pre-meeting topic: What's new and available at the Family History Library, with Jim Williams. (The Family History Library is at S. 12th and Pearl in Tacoma.)

9 Mar 2010 **Abbi Wonacott**, Eatonville native, has published two books about Eatonville area. *Where the Mashel Meets the Nisqually* is about the Mashel Massacre of 1856. Ms. Wonacott and her Bethel High School Honors Class researched and published the story of the massacre. Her second book, *Firm Foundation*, tells of the formation of Eatonville, Washington, from 1851 to 1916: from the time when sheep herders raised their families in and around Ohop Valley to the date of the city's incorporation. Pre-meeting topic: Margaret (Peggy) Barton will present a program on "King Philip's War," which began in 1675 in New England.

Mary Louise (Powell) Gorham (con't)

Tacoma Public Library and many other libraries as well as all our membership. We continuously get requests for the next printing. Because of computer problems and her illness it had been held in abeyance. As a tribute to Mary her project will be finished and brought up-to-date, put together and reprinted in paper form and most likely into a DVD format with search capabilities. You will all be notified when the project is completed.

We all owe Mary a great deal of thanks for all her vision and perseverance over many years. She was a great friend and loved her genealogical work and friends. —Marie Hayden

(See Mary's obituary on page 5)

From *The Researcher's Keyboard*

"The time has come the walrus said . . ." Well, the holidays are behind us, and Spring Training doesn't start until February 23. That means there's ample time to pull together at least one of those family stories that you've been meaning to write.

Need a few ideas? Take out the box of old family photographs—the older the better. What comes to mind as you gently sort through them? Who were these folks? What was the occasion of the photo? How should they be remembered?

Short stories of one or two pages work best when you're just starting out. And, we'd most definitely like to publish the picture that was your inspiration.

Questions? Send along an email or give me a call. All materials are due before April 1.

Have fun with your stories. That's what it's all about.

Pat Wood, *Researcher* Editor

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ODE TO OUR CHILLY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On a cold December evening in Two Thousand and Nine
Some of our members came together to frolic and dine
At the Elks facility they gathered and were seated
And quickly learned that the room was not heated

Shivering in their coats, they were determined to cope
For sturdy genealogists will never give up hope
And soon the women discovered to their joyful glee
That the women's rest room was the best place to be.

Who could blame them if they chose to retreat
To that blessed sanctuary with nourishing heat?
But they decided to act with much more propriety
Returning to their frigid genealogy society.

Dinner was served and when it was done
Gifts were then exchanged, just for fun.
"Secret Santa" was to be each person's role
With gifts that were practical and gifts that were droll.

Everyone then thought about days of old
Stories were remembered and tales were told.
As each was invited to speak about when
A Christmas was recalled at about age ten.

They spoke of their ancestors, recent and early
Who were famous or infamous or just plain squirrely.
And throughout the evening they shared good cheer
Wishing only that more of you could have been here.

—Margie and Lou Lehmann

Dues Are Due As of January 1, 2010

TPCGS membership dues for the 2010 calendar year need to be paid in order for members to continue to receive the newsletters and the annual *Researcher*. If there is a **yellow highlight** on your address label, your dues have not been received by the membership secretary. Dues can be paid at the January 12 meeting. Or mail a check to the address below. Remember—dues are tax deductible. Here is the current dues schedule:

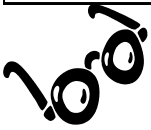
US\$ 22.00 per year for an individual membership, or library/society membership

US\$ 25.00 for a joint membership (two members, same address, one *Researcher*, and five *Newsletters*)

Memberships outside the United States are US\$ 30.00 per year

Society Patron: US\$ 100.00

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BROWSING PERIODICALS . . .

by Elaine Workman & Pat Wood

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

Je Me Souviens (American French Genealogical Society, Woonsocket, RI) xx: 6 Nov-Dec 2009; society news (929.1/J34J)

AROUND THE U.S.A.

CA Redwood Researcher (Redwood) 42:2 Nov 2009: Humboldt Co. Register 1868 cont'd ROOT-SIMONDS; County Burials 1921-1941 cont'd TOPICH-TUCKER; Homestead list cont'd JAMES-MITCHELL. (929.1/R248R)

FL Buried Treasure 41.3 July-Sep 2009: Google's new search options; list of graduates of high school Orlando 1937; state census for Orange County 1885. (Central Florida Gen. Soc., Orlando) (929.1/B916B)

ID Idaho Gen. Soc. Quarterly 52: Fall 2009: Confederate Service Record Types – Muster Rolls; GRETE Family of Owyhee Count. (929.1/ID1I)

IN Connections: Hoosier Genealogist Fall/Winter 2009: Dark Clouds in the Mind (an overview of mental health care in Indiana's State Hospital for the insane 1850-1930); Mental Health Records (accessing Indiana State Hospital records for family history research); The WHITE-EGGLESTON Families, Part 1. (Indiana Historical Soc., Indianapolis) (929.1/H769H)

KS Kansas Kin (Riley Valley Gen. Soc., Manhattan) xlvii.4 Nov 2009: Riley County lesser known towns. (929.1/K133K)

KS Topeka Gen. Soc. Quarterly 39:4 Oct 2009: KS State Orphans Home Shawnee Co. Admissions Records Book 89 cont'd DULAN-JOHNSON; early newspaper extracts, Nemaha and Shawnee Cos. (929.1/T621T)

MN Minnesota Genealogist (Minneapolis) 40:2 Summer 2009: John Handover STILLMAN Family; ethnicity struggles in early Wabasha Co.; search for George S FAWKNER. (929.1/M666M)

NC Burke County Journal xxvii: 4 Nov 2009: Tax Roll, Captain Barnet MOORE's Company, 1822; List of taxable property in Captain PRICE's District 1836. (Morganton) (929.1/J826J)

NC The Carolinas Gen. Soc. Bulletin xlvi.1 Summer 2009 -2010: Abraham D RUSHING will 1864; deposition of Jacob WILLIAMS concerning treatment of loyalists in Anson County 1775; GODWIN Family cemetery listing; roster of Co

A, 48th NC troops 1862 cont'd; Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery listing cont'd. (Monroe) (929.1/C221C)

OR Beaver Briefs (Willamette Valley Gen. Soc., Salem) 41.4 Fall 2009: 1884 tax list of Marion County; 1851 record of members of church of Disciples of Christ of Pudding River. (929.1/B386B)

OR Bulletin (Gen. Forum of OR, Portland) 59:2 Dec 2009: Chinese in Oregon; Sylvester PENNOYER, eighth governor of Oregon; 1943-1945 Naturalizations in Multnomah Co. (929.1/G286B)

TX Stalkin' Kin in Old West Texas xxxvii.1&2: Noxville Cemetery, Kimble Co.; Menard Co. marriages 1900-1903; Runnels Co. marriages 1908-1909; 1925-26 marriages of Tom Green Co.; Civil Court 1920Criminal Court 1923-1927, newspaper excerpts from The San Angelo Standard 1887. (San Angelo Gen. & Hist. Soc.) (929.1/ST18S)

WA Apple Orchard (Chelan Co. Gen. Soc.) 19.4: Cleaning headstones, tools and materials. HF

WA Bulletin (Clallam Co. Gen. Soc., Port Angeles) 29:4 Oct 2009: pioneer Elijah Hugh MCALMOND. (929.1/C138B)

WA Bulletin (Yakima Valley Gen. Soc., Yakima) 41.4 Dec 2009: Cradle Enrollments at First Christian Bible School cont'd. RAMSEY-SCHWALBA; State Normal School Class of 1913 cont'd. (929.1/Y111Y)

WA Jefferson Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter (Port Townsend) 28.4 Winter 2009: Thaddeus SMITH Civil War Medal of Honor Winner. (HF)

WA Pioneer Branches(Northeast WA Gen. Soc., Colville) xxv: 1 Oct 2009; Stevens Co. 1913-14 directory cont'd; WALLACE and TURLEY families. (929.1/P661P)

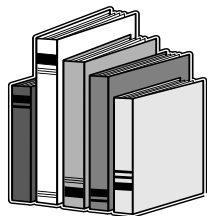
WA Seattle Gen. Soc. Bulletin 59.1 Autumn/Winter 2009-2010: HANSEN/GUNDVALDSEN genealogy; extracts from the Broadway Baptist Church of Spokane part 2. (929.1/SE18B)

WA So King News (South King County Gen. Soc., Kent) Nov/Dec 2009 25:3 society news (HF)

WA Tri-City Gen. Soc. Bulletin (Richland) 49:3 Nov 2009: early 1970 pioneer register for Franklin Co.; 1915 Benton Co. school census. (929.1/T731T)

FAMILIES

Bunnell/Bonnell Newsletter xxiii.4 Nov 2009 (HF)



New Genealogy Books in the Northwest Room

Holcomb, Brent. *Death and marriage notices from the Watchman and Observer,*

1845-1855. 2004 The *Watchman and Observer* was the Presbyterian newspaper for the South. Published in Richmond, Virginia, it also included notices for other southern states. (GEN 929.3757 H697D)

Talwar, Jeannine Walton. *Our Knudt Arfst Knudtsen family and their descendants into 8 generations in Germany, United States, Australia and Canada.* 2007 This detailed family history, beginning with ancestors in Denmark, is the result of over 20 years of research by the author. (GEN 929.2 K782T)

Weber, Dan. *Grateful memories.* 2001 Self-published by the author, this memoir / family history traces his recollections of growing up on a farm in the Palouse of Eastern Washington during the depression years. (GEN 979.739092 W3882G)

Dollarhide, William. *Census substitutes & state census records: an annotated bibliography of published name lists for all 50 US States and state censuses for 37 states.* vols. 1 & 2

These two volumes offer a state-by-state list of available census substitutes, such as tax lists, directories, military lists, land ownership lists, voter registrations, and more. (GEN 317.3 D69C)

Edwards Brothers of Missouri. *Illustrated Historical Atlas of Boone County, Missouri.* reprint pub. 1991 Originally published in 1875, this reprinted atlas includes county plat maps, partial patron lists, and portraits. Includes an index. (GEN 977.829 ED956I)

Holmes, Clay W. *A genealogy of the lineal descendants of William Wood who settled in Concord, Mass. in 1638: Containing also revolutionary and other records.* reprint pub. 2000 Originally published in 1901, this family history includes several photos, and three separate indexes. (GEN 929.2 W85H)

Shaffer, Dorothy. *Champaign County, Ohio: St. Paris newspaper abstracts.* 3 vols. 2000

These three volumes contain genealogical information abstracted from eleven St. Paris newspapers between the years 1877 and 1916. (GEN 929.377146 SH132C)

Sellar, Robert. *The history of the county of Huntingdon and the seigniores of Chateaugay and Beauhanois from their first settlement to the year 1838.* reprint pub. 2001 This book, originally published in 1888, is a comprehensive history of settlements in a region on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River, several miles south of Montreal in Canada. (GEN 971.43 SE4884H)

Dixon, Max. *Wataugans.* 1989 This slim book offers a brief history of the members of the Watauga Association, a settlement established between two Appalachian mountain ranges in 1772. (GEN 976.89 D645W)

Boevers, Carol-Jean Swanson. *A psalmbook - and a good pair of shoes: 13 generations of the Floren and Haugen family: including Anderson, Boevers, Holien, Johnson, Quaale, Vesledahl, Winter: from Tangvold Farm, Hegra Parish, Stjordalen, Norway, to Valley Grove, Northfield, Minnesota.* 2002 In addition to chronicling successive generations, this family history, published by the author, contains detailed descriptions about Norwegian life, customs, culture and people, as well as narratives about everyday life for a Norwegian immigrant to America. (GEN 976.89 D645W)

MARY LOUISE (POWELL) GORHAM—Obituary

Mary Louise Gorham, 65, died at her home in Tacoma, WA, on Saturday, November 28, 2009, having lost a thirteen month battle with brain cancer. She was born to Carlton and Grace Powell in San Diego, CA, on August 19, 1944, the oldest of two children. She grew up in Springville, CA, and graduated from Lompoc High School in 1958, later attending Biola University. She married Robert Wendell Gorham on June 18, 1966 in Lompoc, California. In 1967, they moved to Tacoma, WA, where Robert received his first teaching job with the Tacoma Schools. Mary loved genealogy and was an active member of the Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society, serving as librarian for many years as well as many other leadership roles. (see article on p. 1) She was also a longtime active member of First Presbyterian Church, Tacoma. Mary is survived by her husband Robert, her brother David (Aurora), son Nathan (Jennifer), daughter Stephanie (Steven), son Stephen, grandsons Ethan and Garrett, mother-in-law Velma, sister-in-law Donna (Orv), and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

From the Family Line Research Desk

Researching the families of Pierce County has kept me busy over the past few weeks. We have had many requests and usually I have been able to find at least something for each of our clients.

Here are some of the families that I have researched: Rachel Edwards **Wilcox**; Wallace, Axel and Ida **Anderson**; G. L. **Richards** and Marie **Douglas**; John **Wear** Bible Records; Mary Jane **Huffman** obituary and will; Ira S. **Mehegan** and wife Margaret **Williams**; Frank G. **Kellogg**; Miriam & Carl **Ehler** and Karen **Johnson**. Let me know if you are related to any of these people and I will "hook you up"!!

In May, I received a letter from Mr. Jan Johansen from Norway. He wrote about how he and his family had lost track of his grandfather's brother who came to the USA and lived in Tacoma from 1900 to 1952. In Tacoma, Brother Carl Iler met and married his wife Miriam and raised their daughter, Karen. After Miriam's death, Carl returned to Norway, remarried and died in 1967. Jan always wanted to know what happened to the "Tacoma relatives." I found obituaries for both Carl and Miriam and both listed their daughter Karen Johnson. I followed her through the city directories and found that she had passed away in 2005. Her obituary listed a son, William, living in Elk Grove, CA. I found a directory listing for William and I tried calling him several times but did not get an answer. I finally called him one evening and found him at home.

He was stunned that his family in Norway wanted to contact him after all these years. He thought that the contact was lost forever.

On November 19, I received a letter from Jan which said "Can you remember a day in June? June 11th 2009. You found our family in America! Today I have good contact with this family!" Enclosed with the letter was a pair of lovely mittens with a black and white Norwegian design that another happy cousin had made for me. They are beautiful and I will wear them proudly. It is wonderful when you hear the results of your research and realize that you have helped bring a family together.

Another client sent me a note that said "I have a shot glass with the name F. G. Kellogg on it with a phone number M90 and Tacoma Wash." She wanted to know if I could help her find the history of this shot glass. I looked at the census records for 1900 and found two men who had those initials and one of them was in the Retail Liquor business as a saloon owner. I found a phone listing for the business that matched the number on the shot glass. In addition I found that Frank G. Kellogg passed away in 1916 and sent along an obituary.

As you can see, we do get some interesting trails to follow.

Gretchen Collins Campbell
Vice President for Family Line Research

QUERIES

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.

FARRELL--Trying to contact any one related to Edson A. Farrell, Angus B. Farrell, Delwin A. Farrell, Myra A. Farrel, and Vera E. Farrell. All lived in Tacoma, Ward 5, Pierce Co., Wash. In 1930, they moved there from Cheboygan, Michigan.

Submitted by Don Farrell; don.Farrell@shaw.ca.

RICHARDS/ DOUGLAS/ GOODRICH—I am looking for information about my biological great grandmother, Marie Douglas. My grandmother, LaDonna Camille Richards (b. Donna Camille Douglas) was born to Marie Douglas on 9 May 1917 at the Home for Unwed Mothers in Tacoma, WA. There is an associated name I've found in the birth record of Donna Camille Douglas, Norman Goodrich. I do not know how this gentleman was involved, but he is marked as the father of Donna Camille Douglas.

Submitted by: The grandson of Donna Camille Douglas (LaDonna Camille Richards (Fox)), Maurice Fox; cell phone # (703) 909-4008.



GENIE GRAB-BAG

North Carolina Family Records Online

The state library of North Carolina and the North Carolina State Archives have presented their newest digital collection, *North Carolina Family Records Online*. The joint digital collection currently contains nearly 220 family Bible records from the State Archives, and the six-volume Marriage and Death Notices from the Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette 1799-1893, an 1,100-page compendium of marriage announcements and obituaries compiled by then State Librarian Carrie L. Braughton.

<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/>

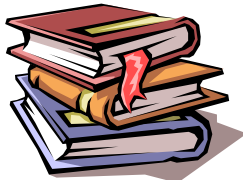
Ask-WA This web-site is a live, interactive chat service that connects Washington State residents and students to a professional librarian 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It connects you to one of the more than 100 professional librarians working in one of the more than 60 participating libraries somewhere within Washington State. Their goal is to help you with your questions 24 hours a day.

But their assistance doesn't stop at the state borders; there is an international network of participating libraries. Try <http://ask.wa.gov/>

Looking for **Norwegian ancestors**? Try this digital archive, presented as a public service by the National Archives of Norway. Lots of great information for those of you looking for Norwegian connections. You will need to check "English" when you get to the site. <http://digitalarkivet.uib.no>

Posted in the WSGS newsletter: "We are pleased to announce the formation of the new **Washington State Cemetery Association**. We look forward to working with Washington's genealogists, historians, societies and museums, and with our state's cemetery associations and authorities. Please see our website: www.wastatecem.org"

Chris & Cheryl Webber, Directors



Some good reading that involves genealogical talents along the way.

Physick Book of Deliverance Dane by Katherine Howe

Harvard graduate student Connie Goodwin needs to spend her summer doing research for her doctoral dissertation. But when her mother asks her to handle the sale of Connie's grandmother's abandoned home near Salem, she can't refuse. As she is drawn deeper into the mysteries of the family house, Connie discovers an ancient key within a seventeenth-century Bible. The key contains a yellowing fragment of parchment with a name written upon it, "Deliverance Dane." This discovery launches Connie on a quest, where she is haunted by visions of the long-ago witch trials. The story travels seamlessly between the witch trials of the 1690s and a modern woman's story of mystery, intrigue, and revelation.

The Glassblower of Murano by Marina Fiorato

Leonora Manin has divorced her husband and sold their home, determined to go to Venice to continue her passion for glassblowing. But once there she finds her fate inextricably linked with her famous ancestor, Corradino Manin. He was the greatest of the artists in 1681 Venice when Venetian mirrors were more precious than gold, and the secret of their manufacture was jealously guarded. Leonora must research Corradino's history to understand his fate and its effect on her, across the centuries.

In the Blood by Fay Simpson

When Suzie's genealogical research reveals that a colonial ancestor may have committed a violent act, she is driven to delve more deeply into his history. Tension is heightened when a girlfriend of Suzie's son is found murdered, and she turns to present-day investigation to deflect suspicion from her son.

President's Message

from Ellen McKanna

As we are about to start a new decade I think we need to reflect on the past decade as well as look forward to the next 10 years. We need to count our blessings. Though there have been problems we have had to deal with, for the most part we have much to be thankful for as this year ends.

As a genealogy society we have changed where needed to cope with the new technologies useful in sorting out ancestral lines. However, in order for the society to continue to offer meaningful programs, to purchase books for the Tacoma Public Library and to support research projects, we need to involve all of our membership. We have been fortunate in having dedicated officers that strove to work for the good of TPCGS by offering programs that inform, educate and entertain. To remain a viable group, a true society, we really need all of us to be get involved

I can think of at least two genealogy societies that have disbanded since I first joined our local group, one in California and one in Nebraska. I am sure that all of you know of one or two that are no longer in existence. What happened to them? Was there a lack of interest? Was the age of the members a factor? I don't know what factors were involved, but it could happen to us down the road. If members don't care to become involved by participating in offered activities, we might not have a society in a few years. Is this what you want? I don't, but please realize we need your involvement as an active member for the TPCGS to continue. We need your support in the coming years.



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