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MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

3 Jan 2013	3 p.m.	TPCGS Board Meeting. . . All members welcome	Swasey Branch Library
8 Jan 2013	7 p.m.	Outlaw Genealogy . . Steven Morrison- . . Cafeteria, Bldg. A	Bates South Campus
7 Feb 2013	3 p.m.	TPCGS Board Meeting. . . All members welcome	Swasey Branch Library
12 Feb 2013	7 p.m.	Researching Your English AncestorsClaudia Breland	Bates South Campus
7 Mar 2013	3 p.m.	TPCGS Board Meeting. . . All members welcome	Swasey Branch Library

President's Message

by Warren Fisk, TPCGS President

TPCGS is about to start a new year of helping each of our members and many other family researchers discover more information about our ancestors.

The pre-meeting will continue to provide an informal time designed to help each other conquer brick walls, discover resource materials that we may not have realized were available, and continue to share our newest family history discoveries.

Planning is being completed to provide some great speakers for our meetings. Our first meeting of the new year we will hear from Steve Morrison on "Outlaw Genealogy." I have received his handout and his presentation will be both informative and very entertaining. More information about future speakers can be found in this and future newsletter issues.

The 2013 Spring Seminar has been set for April 27th at the La Quinta in Tacoma. It will feature **Leland Meitzler and William Dollarhide**. To that end, the 2013 seminar committee will be meeting in January to continue planning for another great Seminar. To make the seminar successful, your assistance is required. Please contact Jane Irish Nelson (jane_irish_nelson@yahoo.com) or myself (warrenfisk@Centurytel.net) and let one of us know that you are available. None of what is needed takes a lot of time but the success of the Seminar still takes us all.

With the new year, work also continues on the next issue of the *Researcher*. From just a few paragraphs to several pages the story of your ancestor is what we all look for in the *Researcher*. Writing their story and if possible letting us know what you did to put that story together, makes that ancestor a real person for everyone... and may inspire other members to tell their ancestral story. Let Pat Wood (celtictwigs@yahoo.com) know you are ready to help make the next issue of the *Researcher* one of our largest.

With the new year it is also time to pay our membership dues for 2013. If you haven't paid, please take the time to send in your check. You do not want to miss future newsletters or the great reading contained in the 2013 *Researcher*. See our web site at TPCGS.org for membership information; I hope to see you at all our meetings.

Mid-19th Century, Mid-West Library Resources

Compiled by Jean Fisher, Librarian, TPL, Northwest Room

This is the second in a series intended to highlight selected materials in the Tacoma Public Library's genealogy collection that may be useful for researching migrating US ancestors during the period of the westward movement after the Revolution (roughly between 1795 and 1850). Each column focuses on two states at a time.

For this installment, we will be covering Tennessee and Alabama. Please note that this is a small sampling of just a few resources that hopefully will spark your interest. Other important sources found in the Library's collection, but not listed here, include census indexes, numerous county histories, and many county-specific sources covering several record types – so keep these in mind, too!

Alabama

Gandrud, Pauline Jones. *Alabama Records*.

In the 1930s, Pauline Jones Gandrud and her sister-in-law, Kathleen Paul Jones, began compiling the Alabama Records series. Over forty years they put together 245 volumes, each focusing on a single county and consisting of miscellaneous records indexed from original sources. The list of counties included is extensive, but Madison, Lauderdale, Limestone and Tuscaloosa are most frequently featured. The library's volumes have been arranged by county, and each volume is indexed. GEN 929.3761 AL111ABC

Gandrud, Pauline Jones. *Alabama Soldiers*.

Jones and Gandrud (see above) also published a series of volumes abstracting and transcribing selected records relating to soldiers living in Alabama who served in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Indian Wars. Featured records include pensions, wills, bible records, obituaries, and more. The project was originally unfinished (the library has 16 volumes covering surnames A through Le), but a completed name index is currently available online at <http://www.arkansasresearch.com/AlabamaSoldiersIntro.htm>. GEN 929.3761 G153A

Pettit, Madge. *Pioneers and Residents of West Central Alabama Prior to the Civil War*.

The introduction to this book helpfully summarizes Alabama's role as a crossroads for pioneers moving westward during the first half of the 19th century, including where they tended to come from, and where they settled – either briefly or permanently. Information for these family summaries was gathered from a variety of sources, such as cemetery inscriptions, newspaper items, descendant contributions, military/pension records, and census records. An index and bibliography are included. GEN 929.3761 P455P

Kelsey, Michael. *Marriage and Death Notices from the South Western Baptist Newspaper*. *The South Western Baptist* began publication in 1850 at Marion, Perry County, Alabama. Marriage and death notices were submitted to the paper from throughout the south, although the notices from Alabama tended to center around the area in which the paper was being published. The abstracts

contained in this book are from issues published during the years 1850 through 1862. GEN 929.3761 K299M

England, Flora D. *Alabama Notes*. vol. 1-4. Compiled from a variety of county court records (especially wills, probate and deeds), these notes treat a total of 4,000 persons who lived in the contiguous Alabama counties of Bibb, Clarke, Dallas, Greene, Hales, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Shelby, Sumter, and Wilcox. A time period is not specified, but the records referenced seem to be mostly from the 1860s and before. GEN 929.3761 EN34A

Tennessee

Eddlemon, Sherida K. *Genealogical Abstracts from Tennessee Newspapers, 1791-1808*.

Eddlemon, Sherida K. *Genealogical Abstracts from Tennessee Newspapers, 1803-1812*.

Each book in this two-volume set contains different newspapers and year ranges, but the type of information abstracted is similar: classified ads and notices, death and marriage notices, real estate and business notices, and many others. A surname index is included in each volume. GEN 929.3768 ED23G (vols. 1 & 2)

Lucas, Rev. Silas Emmett, Jr. *35,000 Tennessee Marriage Records and Bonds: 1783-1870*. This three volume set contains information from the marriage index file that was kept at the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville. While not specified, the volumes seem to cover all counties in Tennessee. Volumes are arranged alphabetically by groom, and each contains a full name index including all names referenced in the record. GEN 929.3768 L962T (vols. 1-3)

Fischer, Marjorie Hood. *Tennessee Tidbits, 1778-1914*.

This small volume packs a lot of information. Culled from court minutes of various counties, included are brief abstracts of records showing birth, death, marriage, divorce, guardianship, naturalization, illegitimacy, lunacy, migration paths, residency, adoption, disability, military service, emancipation, apprenticeship – and more. Not all TN counties are represented, but people in other counties are often referenced, and all names are included in the index. GEN 929.3768 F524T

Sistler, Byron & Barbara. *Index to Tennessee Wills & Administrations, 1779-1861*.

In his introduction, the author describes this work as an attempt to name all wills and most administrations found in the 62 Tennessee counties where such records, through 1861, have survived. This is a brief index, with information organized alphabetically by surname. GEN 929.3768 SI84I

Hays, Tony. *West Tennessee Death Records*.

This book compiles information from administrator appointments, probate of wills, payment for inquest juries and payment for coffins from the county court minutes of Carroll, Weakley, Tipton, Obion and Henry counties. The book does not specify a year range, but seems to represent from the 1820s to 1840s, and includes names, dates, and county. GEN 929.3768 H334W

* ROOM CHANGE FOR JANUARY 8 GENERAL MEETING *

Because of a scheduling conflict we will be meeting in **Building "A" at the Bates South Campus**. This is the first building as you enter the 78th street entrance to the Campus. Parking is available in the area in front of the building or you may park next to the Auditorium and take a short walk to **Building "A."** Signs will direct you to the meeting room.

From the Researcher's Keyboard

by Pat Wood, Editor

Happy 2013! And may you break through at least 5 of your Genie Brick Walls!

Here's a thought for consideration . . . Before all your Christmas stories of family and friends quickly fade into the busy – ness of the New Year once again, how about taking an hour or so – while waiting for the sun to shine – and jot down a few of the best memories.

Perhaps match them with a photo or two. Then, with your permission. we'd enjoy sharing them with our members in this year's *Researcher*. Think about it. Why not?

Just send along these family memories to your friendly Editor, yours truly, at celtictwigs@yahoo.com The sooner the better (before other stuff gets in the way).

The real deadline is March 1. Questions? Just ask.
Happy sleuthing!

TPCGS SPRING SEMINAR

April 27, 2013

Speakers: **William "Bill" Dollarhide & Leland Meitzler**

Location: La Quinta Inns and Suites, 1425 East 27th Street, Tacoma, Washington
A limited number of rooms will be available at a special rate for seminar attendees.

Additional Information:

Check out the TPCGS website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

Raffle Tickets – Door Prizes – Vendors – Book Sale

We hope to see you there!

The New Researcher's Corner

Brothers and Sisters Count

At 20 months into discovering family history I am still learning new things every time I turn on the computer or go to a library. I made a promise to Janice to write a little about getting started and learning, like Joe Friday, to get the facts, ma'am, just the facts.

My searches have been very lucky so far, due to a little three inch by six inch leather notebook given to my mother Cleo by her cousins Mabel and Myrtle in the 1950's. This little black book contains a family history transcribed from my grandmother's Bible, listing the families descended from William Henry Lindsay and Sophronia Stephens, my great, great grandparents.

William and Sophie had eight children. When I started looking for my great grandmother Julia, the third child, I found frustratingly little. Expanding the search to her siblings opened new vistas. The siblings stayed together in varying combinations, expanding and contracting households, with new spouses and children, for many years after William and Sophie died. The brothers and sisters popping out on *Ancestry* and *Family Search* are as interesting as Julia herself. Their lives have become valuable search tools.

Tracking siblings has opened up new avenues for fact finding, and challenged my preconceptions of the paths their lives took. It is fascinating how their stories intersect and how they must have influenced each other. These people I hadn't thought about much are giving me a deeper understanding of the stories my mother told.

As an example, my mother said Julia's youngest brother died very young in the Civil War. The expanded story is that the oldest and second youngest brothers, 13 years apart in age, enlisted in the Union Army together, both as musicians. Julia herself went to work at a factory making Union uniforms. The younger brother, age 15, died from pneumonia within two months of enlisting. I found the brothers' military records just this month. The expanded story is more complex, and much sadder than 'Henry Sprague died young in the Civil War'.

Sometimes 'just the facts' becomes a clearer picture of who our people were when we look at all the family together.

—Carol Rikerd

From the Family Line Research Desk

One of my recent research requests was for a Vida Varey who died in February 1989. I checked the Tacoma Public Library obituary index. There were only two Varey names listed in the index.

I noted both reference notes and was off to the library. The notation for Vida was just the listing from the health department that indicates receipt of the death certificate. I looked up the obituary for Edmund Varey. It was a long obituary which listed his parents, Vida and Walter Varey, details his education, his work history, the organizations he belonged to as well as his survivors – two children, grandchildren and a sister.

Sometimes when the requested obituary is not available, I try to help the family with their research by going the "extra mile". I know they are not paying me to think but sometimes I find that necessary. Is there ever a mistake in the Social Security Death Index? A request for an obituary for a lady named Beatrice Hamilton came in. Our client said she passed away on 15 September 1967 based on information in the SSDI. I checked the library's obituary index. There was a Beatrice but she died on September 9 not the 15th. So I ordered the print version of the paper from the "basement" and set out to see what it said about Beatrice. I found her in the September 11, 1967 paper – which was 4 days before she was listed as having died! I copied the obituary and sent it off. Hope it is the right Beatrice! If it is, that could be listed as a "Government error"!

Richard sent a request for an obituary for Ferris Baughman who died 26 April 1932. A note at the bottom of the request said "Greetings, thanks for your efforts, enclosed is \$10 for the fee and a little extra, I appreciate the effort". Another note said "Looking for this a long time". I looked in the obituary listing but could not find it on the film roll, so I ordered the paper. This time I scanned all the pages and finally found it on page 1 – a tiny article at the

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FIND A GRAVE (Website)

By Charles Waid, Past President, TPCGS

In my opinion, www.findagrave.com is the greatest genealogical website on the internet.

The site is free! It allows one to look at all grave postings that have been made at most cemeteries in the United States and a lot of those in other parts of the world.

Each Find A Grave (FAG) "page" is controlled by only one person. If you have posted that site, only you control the data that is written on the page. Some pages have very little information, ie; birth and death years while other sites have photos, obituaries and family history.

There have been individuals, societies, and groups who have input of the gravestones in a given cemetery from the records of the cemetery and/or from photographing the stones. For example, our Calvary Cemetery, in Tacoma, has been totally photographed and posted. There are 27,821 postings. If one of your ancestors is in that cemetery, the person who posted it might, and should, transfer that page to you for you to control, if you want. But there are some FAG rules which ask that only direct ancestors be transferred to you. I have had people transfer a complete family to me.

How it works: Go to www.findagrave.com. When the main page comes up you will see that there are 91 million grave postings, as of this writing. On the right side you will see some items. Click on "Search for a Cemetery." When that page comes up, if you have the information you can put in the name of the cemetery, the country, state and county. OR, if you don't have the information, you can click on "Begin New Search" on the left side of the screen. When this page comes up you can input the name and data for the person you are looking for. You can also look for all of the cemeteries in a given county in a given state.

Please remember that a person's grave is ONLY on FAG if it has been added by someone. Even if you know that person is in that cemetery, it does not mean that it has been posted. You can add that person by clicking the "Add a Name to the Cemetery", BUT, to do so, you must have logged in and received a personal number that FAG will assign you. If you do not want to add that person yourself, keep checking back as the cemeteries are continuously being updated.

If you find your ancestor, for example your great-great-grandfather, you can request that page be transferred to you. You must be logged in! Then, with your personal FAG number, you can click on the "Edit" tab, then click on the "Suggest a Correction or Provide Additional Information" line. Here you can leave a message or ask to have the page transferred to you. If you do this, please remember to leave your FAG number and your name for the current site holder.

Ancestors can be linked to each other which allows one to see what other family members may have been posted and linked together.

Just for fun, go look at my father's page, Everest Frederick Waid. There are a couple of ways to get to his page:

Google his full name and you will see links that have his full name, one of which will be FAG 1906-1951.

Go to FAG, click on "Search for a Cemetery," then click on the "Begin new Search" and type in his full name. No other information will be needed as he is the only one on FAG with that name. It is not like looking for James Brown.

My father was cremated, as was my mother. I had to create a non-cemetery (virtual) page for them. When his page comes up you will see my short notes on him, a nice photo of Mt. Rainier and a picture of him. If you click on his father Jacob, it will take you to Jacob's page. On that page you will see his and my grandmother's gravestone in the Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside, California. The information there is for him and his wife, his six children and his parents. You can click on anyone of them and "walk" through my family genealogy.

You will see near the bottom of the page, "Created By." If you click on that person, it takes you to their own page. You can read about the person who controls the page and see how many FAG postings they have done and how many they manage. You can leave messages if you wish.

Great way to find cousins!

You can add a photo to any site page, even if you do not control the page. This allows people to post photos of gravestones from a cemetery that you can't visit. I have had a number of gravestone photos added by others to my pages.

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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. 146.6 November/December 2012: active duty daughters Captain Lorilyn WOODS Major Roberta COMERFORD Captain Diana ARNOLD; 10 American Indian cultural and historical sites; Frank MAZZI award winning teacher; Fredericksburg, TX German heritage; history of eyeglasses; preserving the voices of Angel Island; a house divided Ben Franklin and son William; Dolley PAYNE MADISON; the Oliver ELLSWORTH homestead of Windsor, CT; researching the artifacts in your family; Ethan ALLEN outlaw patriot advocate. (HF)

AROUND THE U.S.A.

CA Redwood Researcher (Redwood) Vol. 45.2 November 2012: Humboldt Co. births before 1900; burials 1905-1924; descendants of Josephus GOOD; St. Patrick's Cemetery records. (929.1/R248R)

FL Buried Treasures (Central Florida Gen. Soc., Orlando) Vol. 44.2 April/June 2012: Pliny GEIGER and the LYNN Family; Wilard STREETER and Joanna BUCK of Franklin Co. OH; Burnt Cabins Fulton Co. PA; finding genealogy records and books on eBay; Suzanne AVAKIAN, draper for three months in Beverley Hills; land record Orange Co. FL Julia POPE 1912. (929.1/B916B)

KS Kansas Kin (Riley Valley Gen. Soc., Manhattan) Vol. 50.4 November 2012: the Derastur TORREY and Anna MOORE TORREY Family; the Riverside Club of Manhattan Township; the Joseph WELTSCH and Margaretha HAMMERSCHMIT WELTSCH Family; paupers, workhouses, midwives, health acts, possibly more from the Donegalire Newsletter. (929.1/K133K)

KS Topeka Gen. Soc. Quarterly Vol. 42.4 October 2012: Shawnee Co marriage license applications CHRISTY-CURREY

mid 1880's-1913 cont'd; 2012 surname index for society quarterly. (929.1/T621T)

NC Burke County Journal (Morganton) Vol. XXX.4 November 2012: David VANCE Sr.; John RUTHERFORD's request for amnesty; old soldiers and widows get semi-annual pensions 1932; Captain MARLERS Company 1806; taxable property list for Captain FOX Company 1804; 1807-1809 road records. (929.1/J826J)

OR Bulletin (Gen. Forum of OR, Portland) Vol. 62.2 December 2012: using land records; 1800 federal land acts; Oregon donation land claims; land terminology; third place writing contest story; Mandana Major THORP civil war nurse; land and property values in Oregon and the Hudson's Bay Company the testimony of the British and American joint commission; marriage register 1911-1912 cont'd. (929.1/G286B)

TX Stalkin' Kin in Old West Texas (San Angelo Gen. & Hist. Soc.) Vol. 40.1 & 2 November 2012: John D.CURRY, private, Co. E, 11th AL Inf.; Peter Goodwin BENTON civil war soldier and Wall, TX resident; recollections of Davie Co. soldier John Daniel HODGES; Rowena school 1907-1908; letters from William Thomas HARTSFIELD to his cousin Elbert Oscar SMITH; Howard's Well love story; Virgil and Victoria WILLIAMSON BOWEN Family; Menard Co. marriage records book 3 Dec 1918 to Oct 1920; criminal court docket 1934-1935; Reagan Co. marriage records book 1 1903-1927; civil court docket 1925-1926; Runnels Co. marriage records book 4 1912-1913. (929.1/ST18S)

WA Bulletin (Yakima Valley Gen. Soc., Yakima) Vol. 44.4 December 2012: BALL Funeral Home records, cont'd; day book of Rev. E.E. Francis, cont'd; classes of Roslyn High School 1914; register of voters 1932-1935 cont'd; The Tieton Basin Story written 1909. (929.1/Y11Y)

WA Seattle Gen. Soc. Bulletin Vol. 62.1 Fall 2012 Winter 2013: Rebecca Lena GRAHAM's fight for her inheritance; Maier ZUNDER a citizen of New Haven CT; seventeen months in six rebel prisons Wm. H. GILBERT Co. A, 19th IL Vol. Inf. 1840-1905; tales of divorce in the Washington Territory. (929.1/SE18B)

TPCGS Programs

6:00 to 7:00 pm informal discussion, socializing; 7:00 to 9:00 pm meeting and program

The Society will continue to meet starting at 6 p.m.; this will be a time for members to discuss any research problems they may be having, with the opportunity for other members to offer possible solutions from their own research experiences, sort of an informal "Brick Wall" time. Coffee, tea, and cookies, will be available, as well as time to visit with friends.

At 7 p.m. the regular Society meeting will begin, with a brief business meeting and committee reports, to be followed by a presentation from a visiting speaker on various genealogical subjects.

Jan. 8 Outlaw Genealogy, Finding the Outlaw in YOUR Family presented by Steve Morrison, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, past president of the Olympia Genealogical Society, and adjunct faculty member at Evergreen State College. Steve has obtained advanced genealogical training at SLIG in 2010; and at IGHR 2005 and in 2010, and has traveled and done research in Britain and Ireland.

Feb. 12 Researching Your English Ancestors Claudia Breland Claudia has 35 plus years of genealogy research experience and just recently completed the NGS American Genealogy: Home Study Course. Claudia writes for *Archives.com* and is knowledgeable regarding online genealogical research, libraries and archives, historical newspapers and continuing education. She is a member of NGS and APG, and is the secretary of the Puget Sound Chapter of APG.

Winter classes in Genealogy at the Tacoma Public Library

Do you have friends are Interested in genealogy, but they don't know where to start? Often with the new year there is new resolution to start researching that family history. Encourage those friends to sign up for a free class that will introduce them to the tools needed to start finding their roots. They will learn the basic steps for gathering family stories, finding and using key resources, and organizing research. They will also learn about the many genealogy resources available at the Tacoma Public Library.

The Library's **Introduction to Genealogy** class is very popular; all classes are free.

Introduction to Genealogy will be offered twice on the following dates: January 15, 2013, and March 19, 2013. All the classes will meet in the Olympic Room at 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Online Genealogy is being offered in the library's computer lab. Advance registration is required for this hands-on library workshop. Register by telephoning the library at **253.292.2001 ext. 1220**. This class will introduce users to *Ancestry Library Edition*, *Heritage Quest*, and other useful web sites available on the Internet for genealogical research. (Basic keyboard and mouse skills required.)

The class will be offered twice from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates: February 26, 2013, and April 2, 2013.

Are you up-to-date?

Stay in touch with TPCGS in 2013. Membership renewal is due in January for the 2013 calendar year. All the benefits of membership are yours for a modest amount: informative newsletters, monthly meetings packed with information and the wonderful stories in the Researcher.

At only \$22 for individuals and \$25 for households, the membership dues are a genealogy research bargain.

Print a renewal form off the website and send your dues now to the TPCGS mailbox, or pay in person at the January 8th meeting and please update your address and email contact with any changes.

Thanks! Carol Rikerd, Membership.

Family Line Research (continued from p. 4)

the bottom of the page. This man shot himself through the head. I looked to see if there was a funeral and a cemetery listed. I found the funeral notice and saw that the Rev. Roy T. Brumbaugh led the funeral service. Rev. Brumbaugh was a Presbyterian minister at the Bible Presbyterian Church near Wright Park. I have heard some great stories about Rev. Brumbaugh, one in particular, about him falling through the outhouse floor at a beach party one summer day.

Here is an interesting request – “I am looking for the name of a relative (name unknown) that was born on July 23, 1959 I believe in the Tacoma area”. There was no money included with the request but I had done some work for this person before so I decided to take a flyer and look for the birth listing in the paper and send it off to him with a bill. I sent him two photo copies of the Tacoma General and the St. Joseph's births for that day. Hopefully he got what he wanted and will pay. If not, I will just consider it a good deed done!

The best to all of you in the coming year and hopefully you will find some great breakthroughs in 2013.

FIND A GRAVE (Website)

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If you add a cemetery page for an ancestor in some far-away place that you have not been to, but know that person is buried there, there is a “Request a Photo” tab to click and leave a message. FAG will contact a FAG member within a few miles of that cemetery and that person might go to the cemetery, find that gravestone and post the picture of it. This is a great service provided by members of FAG.

There is a lot more that can be done on the FAG site, but I am running out of space.

If you want more information, please contact me at cbwaid@comcast.net or 253-862-6557.

At this time, I understand that there are a group of people who are going to photograph and post all of the gravestones in the (Old) Tacoma Cemetery on South Tacoma Way.

End – 30 December 2012 – Happy New Year!

Book review

Quaint Scottish Customs

by Lou Lehmann

If your ancestors lived in Scotland during the eighteenth century, they may have participated in some intriguing activities as described in Marjorie Plant's book, *The Domestic Life of Scotland in the Eighteenth Century* (Publisher Edinburgh University Press.

Book contributor: Universal Digital Library - available via Google Books).

Would you like to know what they might have eaten besides the well-known haggis and black pudding dishes? Well, some meals apparently included such delicacies as "cow's palates and udders... cocks' combs... cow palates and eyes cooked with butter, herbs, and lemon juice . . .and duck tongues." (Page 82). For a more elaborate meal a pig could be cooked by putting it on a spit whole, dredging it with flour, and roasting it before a quick fire. It was then served by cutting off the head, arranging the jaws and ears around the dish, and preparing a sauté of pig brain, butter and egg to pour around the meat. (Page 86) If that was too much work, the diners could presumably settle for a simpler dish such as boiled sheep's head. (Page 87)

If your ancestor wanted to learn something about whoever he or she might marry, Halloween fortune telling was very useful in Scotland. Your ancestor just had to shut his or her eyes and pull out a plant of kale. Its size and shape would indicate the size and shape of a future husband or wife. Any earth sticking to the root represented wealth. For more specific information, your ancestor was to take a candle, go alone to a looking-glass, and there eat an apple. The face of one's future partner would appear in the glass. And to learn the outcome of a particular courtship, your ancestor had only to put two nuts in the fire side by side, giving one the man's name and the other the woman's. As they burnt quietly together or jumped apart the wooing would be successful or a failure. (Page 251)

If your ancestor was a Highlander born around 1798, you may well wonder how he or she survived, especially when one of the first things done after the birth was to give the baby a spoonful of gin or a small spoonful of earth and whisky - just before washing the little tyke by dipping him or her in cold water. Lowland infants had a gentler introduction to the

world. The first visitors to those babies could be treated to cheese, whisky, brandy, and shortbread. But perhaps the hardest infant survivor were those privately baptized in Perthshire and other places where the precaution against witchcraft could be placing the baby in a basket on a cloth containing bread and cheese, and then swinging the basket three times around the iron crook holding the great cooking pot. (Page 253)

Your Highland ancestor could have faced some risks even after death. There it was a custom to dance solemnly around the corpse. At the funeral there were multiple services of food and drink: first was bread, cheese, and ale. Second came a service with "burial bread." Third came pipes of tobacco. The fourth, fifth, and sixth services were wine with cake, sherry with cake, and a glass of whisky, Seventh, another glass of wine, before going to the place of burial. On some such occasions they would discover they left the body behind. (Pages 258-259)



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