



# TPCGS

# NEWSLETTER

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

- 11 Mar 2014 Esther Van Noy . . . . . Early Scandinavian Immigration History . . South Bates Campus  
7 April 2014 1-4 p.m. Monday . . . . . TPCGS Board Meeting . . . . . Fife Branch Library PCL  
8 April 2014 Jim Johnson . . . . . How to use the Flip Pal Scanner and its new software . . . . . South Bates Campus  
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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

### TPCGS Board Formulates Policy Regarding Society Support and Endorsements

Our Society has been approached several times by outside individuals and organizations for our support, and it is probably time to formulate a policy regarding these inquiries.

We have long supported other non-profit organizations similar to ours. We post events on our Society calendar that are sponsored or hosted by other genealogical societies, and similar not-for-profit organizations. We will continue to do this as those organizations help to promote our events.

Occasionally, one of our members has reviewed a book, and that review has been published in our Society newsletter. These may be works of fiction or non-fiction, but they all have a genealogical or historical emphasis. When books are reviewed, the Society generally is given a copy which is added to the Tacoma Public Library collection. These reviews may be pro or con, so the author or editor may not get a positive result, from their point of view.

Recently, a representative of a for-profit organization asked if our Society would provide a link to their website on our homepage. In return, the organization would probably pay us each time someone used the link. After our board discussed the proposal, we decided to turn it down. Additionally, we decided to reject similar offers from other for-profit organizations. We feel that providing links to such organizations would give the appearance of endorsement, whether or not the Society wants to provide that endorsement. The Board believes that the Society should not endorse or even appear to endorse for-profit organizations.

With this policy in place, members of the Board can respond to other similar inquiries without waiting to discuss the situation at the next Board meeting.

## From the Family Research Desk

There are people who really appreciate the TPCGS obituary look up service. Rebecca wrote “Thank you for your speedy response to my obituary request. It was the missing link to a section of my family history! Just wanted you to know how much your service is appreciated.” And, Karla wrote that sending her Edward Naillieux’s obituary told her who his wife and children were. Now she has a path to continue her research.

I have escaped to Arizona for a couple of months to soak up a little sun and will be back in Tacoma in early April. So far, trailer living is good. Our lot is on what is called “waterfront” because it backs up to one of the many canals in this area complete with a walking path. We are in the “pet section” so lots of dogs and their owners pass by each day and it is fun looking at all the different dogs. As I pet each dog and look into their faces, I think back on my family tree and wonder where a similar dog might fit in! It is amazing how many dogs – large and small – spend the winter in trailers!

We have a genealogy class each week led by our own Pat Wood. There are about 15 people who attend and it is great to hear about their progress and listen to their “brick wall” war stories. Today one of the participants brought a wonderful photo album that she had assembled using the box of photos her mother left her. Today’s topic was DNA and each time I hear someone talk about DNA I get more clear about what I should do. Getting tested could be a goal for the coming year!

I attended a genealogy seminar presented by the Sunland Springs Genealogy Society featuring James L. Tanner who is associated with the Mesa Family History Center. He was a fine speaker and one of his topics was “The Digital Public Library of America and other Major Genealogical Libraries and Repositories.” He focused on the Special Collections that are located in many university and college libraries as well as private regional libraries and state archives. This is one resource that many of us fail to fully use. Since most of us didn’t really know our great, great grandparents, how do we know that their papers weren’t left to a library?

In my spare time, I have been inputting my father’s family tree into Ancestry. My hope is to find others working who are working on the same family line who can help me get back to my English or my “where ever” European roots. Putting a tree on Ancestry means that many little green leaves appear next to each name to indicate new information relating our family member. Most of these leaves re-

late to other family trees, census records and vital records as well as other on line records. It takes time to go over each of those records and decide whether they are really part of “MY” tree or not. So you can see that I am keeping busy!  
See you in April.

Gretchen Campbell, Family Line Research

## Crucial Details I never knew About Women’s Maiden Names

This information comes from *The Hidden Half of the Family: A Sourcebook for Women’s Genealogy* written by Christina Kassabian Schaefer, published by the Genealogical Publishing Co.

1. French women often used their maiden names on official records and legal documents,
2. Married women from Scandinavian countries customarily kept their maiden names, but should also be looked for under their husband’s surname.
3. In the American colonial period, Dutch marriage contracts allowed women to preserve their maiden names and their individual legal status. But, after 1690, the Dutch colonists began adopting the English tradition of using the husband’s surname.
4. In Europe, German and Polish Catholic women’s deaths were recorded using only their maiden names, not their married names.
5. Spanish surnames are often dual names taken from the paternal name combined with the maternal name. Married Hispanic women always used their maiden names on legal documents. In other records, they should be searched for under both their maiden name and their husband’s legal name. The word “de” (for “spouse of”) may precede their husband’s surname when added to their own.
6. Italian women used their maiden names on legal documents and in official records.
7. Jewish family names ending with –s or –es are metonymic-derived from the name of a mother or wife.
8. Quaker women often used their maiden name as a middle name after marriage.
9. Scottish widows went back to using their maiden names after the death of their husbands.
- 10 In parts of Wales, up to the present time, it was a custom for some women to retain their maiden names after marriage.

## Spring Seminar to feature . . . . *Dick Eastman*

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar 2014 will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at LaQuinta Inns and Suites, 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA. This year's speaker will be Dick Eastman, author of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and a well-known speaker at genealogy conferences around the world. His topics will be: *Sourcing and Collaboration; Cloudy, with a Chance of Genealogy; Using WorldCat to Find Genealogy Books; and Maine Outhouses I Have Known and Loved.*

Special Guest Emcee will be our own Cyndi Ingle of *Cyndi's List*.

Heritage Quest Research Library will be present with a large selection of books for purchase. In addition, books published by TPCGS will be available, and there will be the usual used book sale.

Additional information, including a downloadable brochure, can be found on the website at:

<http://www.tpcgs.org/seminar.html>

### TPCGS Board Meetings

For the next several months the TPCGS board will be meeting at the Fife Branch of the Pierce County Library on the first Monday of each month at 1-4 p.m. The address of this branch is 6622 20th St. East in Fife. To get there, head north on the I-5 freeway and take either one of the Fife exits (Port of Tacoma Road or further along to 54th Ave. E) turning to the right as you come off the freeway. Take a left onto 20th St. and keep going north on 20th St. until you reach the address, which will be on the right side of 20th St. E. past Fife High School.

### State Convention to be held in Arlington 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](http://www.djoshuataylor.com). Other breakout speakers will include Donna Potter Phillips, Mary Kathryn Kozy, and Steven Morrison to name a few. Conference will be held at Arlington High School and the Byrnes Performing Arts Center, 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd., Arlington. The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will serve as host. Details will begin to appear on the WSGS website in coming months.

### *Not EVERYTHING is online . . .*

Claudia C. Breland has announced the publication of her first book, *Genealogy Offline: A Beginner's Guide to Family History Records That Are Not Online*. Ms. Breland is a member of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a Pacific Northwest genealogist, presenter and instructor.

"Experienced genealogists know that the vast majority of valuable family history records are NOT online, but are housed in libraries, archives, historical societies and courthouses across the nation. After you've found names and dates and some basic information on the internet, where do you go for the details? How can you find out how your ancestors lived? In this book Claudia Breland a professional genealogist with almost 40 years of research experience will walk you through the basic steps of obtaining records such as:

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### 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

**11 March 2014**—Esther Van Noy . . . . . **Early Scandinavian Immigration History**

**8 April 2014**—Jim Johnson will talk on how to use the Flip Pal Scanner. A number of TPCGS members purchased the Flip Pal Scanner at the Heritage Quest Fall Seminar and additional attendees were interested in how it works and how it helps in genealogical research. Jim will also talk about new software that is now available for the scanner.

**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.

## Don't Shoot the Messenger ——— He's a Genealogist!

By Gary Robbins

Did you think being a genealogist is a low key occupation with nothing exciting that ever happens? Think again. New books have been published in the past year or two that will throw ice water on this preconceived notion.

Some novels have been published recently that will be of interest to genealogists who also have a love for action/crime thrillers. I decided to read a few of these new publications and I was pleasantly surprised at the skillful writing by authors that must certainly research genealogy in their spare time. The authors were unknown to me when I began hunting down books in this niche genre. Now I will be looking for more books by these authors.

One novel to check out is [Hiding the Past](#), a genealogical crime mystery by Nathan Dylan Goodwin which was published by the author in 2013 in the United Kingdom

A brief synopsis of the book is written on the back book cover. *Hiding the Past* (The Forensic Genealogist #1). Peter Coldrick had no past; that was the conclusion drawn by years of personal and professional research. Then he employs the services of one Morton Farrier, Forensic Genealogist. A stubborn, determined man who uses whatever means necessary to uncover the past. With the Coldrick Case, Morton faces his toughest and most dangerous assignment yet, where all of his investigative and genealogical skills are put to the test. However, others are also interested in the Coldrick family, people who will stop at nothing, including murder, to hide the past. As Morton begins to unearth his client's mysterious past, he is forced to confront his own family's dark history, a history which he knows little about." (quoted from the book cover)

I had no idea a genealogist could live in mortal fear for his life because of digging out someone's ancestors, but Morton Farrier definitely is on the run from very nasty bad guys in this exciting novel. This book was a real page turner, not just because of the fast paced perilous situations but also because the author described genealogical research techniques including applicable web sites.

Another similar book I recently read was *To the Grave*, a Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Crime Mystery by Steve Robinson. It was published in 2012 by FeedARead Publishing and printed in the USA, although this author is likewise from the United Kingdom.

A brief synopsis also comes from the back book cover. "To the Grave follows American genealogist Jefferson

Tayte, as he uncovers the disturbing consequences of a seemingly innocuous act in 1944 that was intended to keep a family together, but which ultimately tore it apart. His research exposes hidden pasts and the desperate measures some people will take to keep a secret."

The first page starts out with a real bang. Genealogist Jefferson Tayte is sitting in his hotel room facing into the barrel of a Walther P99 handgun. Someone has hired a hit man to take care of this meddling genealogist and asks him if he'd like to be shot in the head or in the heart! It's a professional courtesy. Have you ever felt like your research was this dangerous? Some of your relatives may not want to divulge sensitive information about Great Aunt Ruth but I doubt Ruth's descendants will send hardened criminals after you. The body count increases quickly in both these excellent novels. The thriller aficionado will certainly want to try to read both these books without interruption because they are riveting as well as informative about research techniques.

I've ordered a few more such promising books for consumption as soon as time permits. *In the Blood*, also by Steve Robinson, has Jefferson Tayte investigating why someone has tried to erase an entire bloodline in a client's family. Once again, bodies begin to drop as he edges closer to the truth.

Another interesting looking novel is *The Marriage Certificate* by Stephen Molyneux. It was published by Sites to Suit Limited in the United Kingdom in 2013. This time, an amateur genealogist purchases a marriage certificate at an antique shop and uncovers tragedy as he looks into the mystery of a 1900 nuptial.

All four of these books are superbly written by British authors and most of the action takes place in southern England. The key event that triggered each story takes place many decades prior to present day sleuthing by the protagonist genealogist. In two cases, it begins with shadowy events during World War II. The descriptions involve historical references to everyday life no longer familiar to readers today. The reader has a window into a time from the distant past and will see how the genealogists follow clues to get the answers for their clients. The descriptions of England in these books are reminiscent of such TV shows as *Downton Abbey*, *Foyle's War*, and *Midsomer Murders*.

It is certainly worth your time to try reading these excellent novels, especially if you love crime thrillers. You'll enjoy reading about research techniques as well as how the hero genealogists evade the guys with the guns. All can be purchased online at Amazon.com.



# GENIE GRAB-BAG

If you have Connecticut ancestors the Barbour Collection will be one of your greatest resources for family information. The following item is an update on content of the Barbour database as the New England Historical Genealogical Society reports in a recent on-line newsletter:

*Newly added to Connecticut Records Vital Records to 1870 (the Barbour Collection): Bethlehem (1787-1851), Southbury (1787-1839), Warren (1786-1850), and Weston (1787-1850). Together these towns add more than 6,500 records to this database. Compiled from an original Lucius Barnes Barbour typescript in the NEHGS Special Collections, this database currently contains records for 92 towns in Connecticut.*

*The complete Barbour Collection contains records of marriages, births and deaths in 137 Connecticut towns from the 1640s to about 1850 (some towns include records up to 1870.) These records were collected, transcribed and abstracted by Lucius Barnes Barbour (Connecticut Examiner of Public Records, 1911-1934) and his team of researchers between 1918 and 1928. Mr. Barbour was a member of NEHGS from 1907 until his death in 1934. This set of typescripts was donated by Mr. Barbour's wife and children in 1938. Remaining towns will be added over the next year.*

## California Digital Newspaper Collection

The California Digital Newspaper Collection (CDNC) is a "freely accessible repository of digitized California newspapers from 1846 to the present." The site contains over 400,000 pages of important historical California newspapers published from 1846-1922, including the first California newspaper, the Californian, and the first daily California newspaper, the Daily Alta California. It also contains issues of several current California newspapers. The newspapers can be found at : <http://cdmc/ucr/edu>.

The newspapers are read by OCR—optical character reader—and therefore appear with some anomalies. The first column returned is the OCR reading and the larger window is the actual newspaper scan with the selection highlighted. If willing, consider helping maintain the site by correcting the OCR text. A list of newspapers available on the site can be found by selecting "Title" on the menu. 39 newspapers are currently listed.

All newspapers published before January 1, 1923, are in the public domain and therefore have no restrictions on use. The CDNC requests that credit be given as follows: California Digital Newspaper Collection, Center for Bibliographic Studies and Research, University of California, Riverside.

## From the Willamette Valley (OR) GS newsletter:

Do you want to keep up with the latest in genealogy news? You can sign up for Cyndi's mailing list:

The *Cyndis List Mailing List* is a free email announcement list. It was created to keep users of the Cyndi's List web site: (<http://www.CyndisList.com>) regularly updated regarding the activities on Cyndi's List. It is also a means for Cyndi to communicate information which she finds of interest to the genealogical community. Cyndi's messages to the mailing list includes a variety of web and link activities, new features, details of what Cyndi is up to, and anything else that Cyndi wants to announce.

To subscribe, send an email message to:

[CyndisList-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:CyndisList-request@rootsweb.com)

In the subject line and the body include only one word:

**subscribe**

## Rhode Island State Records Access

If you have a need for research in early Rhode Island history, you will be happy to learn that the Rhode Island historical public records, dating as far back as 1638, is now available online, making it easier for the general public, educators, students, historians, researchers and journalists to immediately access the information they need. Among the holdings are images of original letters from Thomas Jefferson and John Hancock. Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis launched the new State Archives Online Catalog during an official unveiling at Rhode Island College.

To view the State Archives Online Catalog, visit

[sos.ri.gov/archives/](http://sos.ri.gov/archives/)

and select "State Archives" tab on the left. Once there, you can browse the State Archives or search for specific subjects.

## Pennsylvania's Chester County Archives and Records Services Available Online

at: <http://www.chesco.org>

Chester County is located in southeastern Pennsylvania, where West Chester is the county seat. Their Archives and Records Services has made a number of indexes available on its website. Click on the Online Index's link in the site's contents' list to access them. A sample of the many different types of records in their extensive collection of online resources:

- Birth, marriage and death records
- Criminal and Prison Records
- Land Records
- Naturalization Records
- Occupation and Licensing Records
- County Probate, Estate and Guardianship Records
- Servant and Slavery Records



## 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.148.1 January/February2014: Major Ariel BATUNGBACAL of U.S. Air Force is aiming high; new ways to update family photo albums; Benjamin FRANKLIN's London legacy; rediscovering Williamsburg's first black schoolhouse; John Rice IRWIN's preservation of southern Appalachian folk culture; Ste. Genevieve MO oldest town preserves its heritages; *Sea Venture* washed up on Bermuda or what Shakespeare would call "the still-vexed Bermoothes"; The Oakes of Worcester MA; 7 colonial inventions; America's debt to Comte de ROCHAMBEAU; George WYTHE; King Philip's War. (HF)

***The American Genealogist*** Vol. 86.2 July/October 2012: English ancestry of Patience BATHURST wife of Rev. Ralph PARTRIDGE of Duxbury MA; John TAYLOR of Elizabeth City, Isle of Wight Co and Lancaster Co VA; John Michael SPERLING of Saxony NY and NJ; William KEMP of Duxbury MA; Jonathan HARRIS OF Norwich and Goshen CT; Humphrey DAVIE of Boston and Hartford; MCKINNE Family of Augusta GA; WOOD connection of William ADDIS of Gloucester MA and New London CT and William BARNES of Salem and Gloucester MA.

### AROUND THE U.S.A.

***CA Lifeliner*** (Genealogical Society of Riverside) Vol XLIX.1 November 2013: orphan heirloom rescue 1870 diary of an Irish immigrant, Harold WESTERN WWI dog tags found in France, Ebay 1909 photo find, rare Bible rescued from trash provides family history, UK airport tries to find century-old lost teddy's family, family recipe cards become family heirloom; evernote.com captures, organizes and stores family information found online; hometown advantage with 7 steps for studying ancestral places; research the history of your house; researching old family vacation destinations with newspapers; house at 35 East Wood in Palatine IL; Stephen R. MAGEE M.D.

***GA Family Tree Quarterly*** (Cobb Co. Gen. Soc., Marietta) Vol. 23.3/4 2013: 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Calvary, GA State Guards cont'd; J A MASSEY Sr obit from Marietta Daily Journal; autosomal DNA testing provided the clue; 1920 memorial service for WWI dead in France; (929.1/F21FT)

***ID Idaho Gen. Soc. Quarterly*** (Boise) Vol. 56.4 winter 2013: ID migrations mapping Boise City the 1863 plat; 1864 ID laws; ID Territory's first newspaper The Golden Age; William Lemon THOMPSON genealogy of northern ID; John Daniels ELLIS genealogy of eastern ID; birth of the Weiser River Trail; adoption laws. (929.1/ID1I)

***KS Topeka Gen. Soc. Quarterly*** Vol. 43.4 October 2013: Shawnee Co marriage license applications DUNN-FALL cont'd; 2013 society surname index. (929.1/T621T)

***MN Minnesota Genealogist*** (Minneapolis) Vol. 44.3 Fall 2013; finding the parents of Eretta Jane Adelia OLIVER; Cornelius COUILLARD Bible and family history; Montessori organizing for genealogists; Robert and Jane (COURTNEY) GREER a step back in time; Amos WILT lost and found. (929.1/M666M)

***ND Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter*** (Bismarck) Vol.42.4 December 2013: pioneer history of Mary FLYNN RONCO; pioneer history of Hannah SULLIVAN LANG; life of Frederick Frances GERARD cont'd; Morton Co naturalization records index. (929.1/D148D)

***OK Oklahoma Gen. Soc. Quarterly*** (Oklahoma City) Vol. 58.4 December 2013: list of taxable land of Marshall Township Garfield Co OK Territory; OK obits. (929.3766/OK4O)

The New Researcher's Corner . . . . .

## BOOKS, MAPS AND TRACING PAPER

Understanding how our ancestors went from here to there requires historical maps. The more I find, the easier it is to see their footsteps, pack horses, canoes and wagons.

There are old maps everywhere. I've found some interesting maps of New England in the 1600's in books. In *Salem Witch Judge*, by Eve LaPlante, I found four interesting maps: old Newbury, Massachusetts c. 1697, New England c. 1686, Salem town c. 1692, and Boston town c. 1685. Samuel Sewall is the subject of this biography. He settled his family in Newbury in 1661. The first map shows the Sewall House and the location of the Meeting House close by. Books of early New England are now on my 'must thumb through' list along with county histories and town records.

The diary of Samuel Sewall, quoted in the book, contained this reference from 1686 to my 7<sup>th</sup> great grandfather "... James Mirick that lived just by my father at Newbury had his house suddenly burnt down to the ground on Sabbath even[ing] before this Friday". Locating the Sewall house on the Newbury map places James residence across the street from the Meeting House. The Newbury Town Records (my next stop after tracing the map) name James as the sexton. He was a planter of more than crops.

Newbury is surrounded by Ipswich, Rowley, Salisbury, and Byfield. Tracing the maps shows how close these first small settlements were. The New England map shows Andover and Amesbury very close to Newbury, too. My ancestors are from all these little towns clustered north of the Boston. The tracings also showed me the little coastal edge of New Hampshire between Massachusetts and Maine. The New Hampshire coast begins at Salisbury and ends at Portsmouth on the Piscataqua River. It's a short space, thirteen miles, easily traveled by horse or canoe. Now I understand following the Whittiers and Stephens from Essex County to Rockingham County in New Hampshire, and on to Leeds, Winthrop and up the Kennebec and Penobscot Rivers in Maine. Seeing distances on old maps makes their paths clear and understandable.

Cyndi's list gives nine pages of links for maps. The United States Digital Map Library, part of USGenWeb, has state by state historical maps, Indian Land Cessions maps and treaties, and national maps. The USGS National Mapping Information link lets you search for town, hospital, church, etc. names. This is a very interesting link – you can choose the type of geographical feature you are looking for.

United States First Ancestry link gives you a map of where ethnic groups settled. A link to Historic USGS Maps of New England shows towns in New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York. The Ancestor Tracks link is specific to helping researchers track their families through Pennsylvania. Cyndi's list references are worth on many rainy day explorations.

Playing with a search engine yields rich rewards. Googling 'historical maps of New England' discovered this site: <http://etc.usf.edu/maps/index>. Maps, Etc. is an online service of Florida's Educational Technology Clearinghouse. The viewable maps on this site are exquisite. There are regional, thematic and state historical maps from the first colonies through the early 1900's. I've perused this site for a few weeks and only begun to tap the resource.

Create your search with a place name, town and/or state and a date. You will find where your people lived in images on old parchment paper. Seeing the maps with the interlinked towns and counties makes all the difference in understanding that these people all knew each other. They traveled together, settled in new places together. And they made history along with making their descendents.

*Book Review . . . . . By Jane Irish Nelson*

### *Heirs of the Body*

By Carola Dunn

When Daisy Dalrymple's brother is killed in the Great War, and their father dies shortly afterwards, the estate and title are inherited by her second cousin, Edgar. Several years have passed, and Daisy is happily married. But Edgar and his wife Geraldine have no children, so the family lawyer institutes a search for an heir.

Several generations back a younger son eloped with a governess and was expunged from the family bible. After he moved to Jamaica all ties were broken, however the lawyer's efforts turn up four possible heirs: an hotelier living in northern England, a South African diamond merchant, a Jamaican sailor, and a boy of mixed blood from Trinidad. In the absence of surviving records, how will the heir apparent be proven?

Then, during a house party at the family estate, accidents begin happening. And one turns fatal – good thing Daisy is on the spot with her husband, a Scotland Yard detective

## Time to Renew your TPCGS Membership

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to pursue that elusive ancestor with new energy? Participation in the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogy Society is one of the routes to new discoveries. First are the monthly meetings, with speakers who always have new research ideas.

We are creating 'user friendly' pre-meetings to share information and work together solving tough problems and surmount those brick walls.

The Newsletter is packed with good information on books, periodicals, and research stories. This year's Seminar will feature Dick Eastman, author of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*. Members get a discounted price.

The annual *Researcher* will be under new management this year, with our stories that make our publication special.

You can pay your 2014 dues at the March 11 meeting and hear Esther Van Noy on early Scandinavian Immigration history

## Genealogy Off-Line

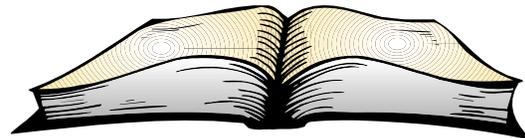
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Social Security Applications  
Land and property records  
Will and probate records  
Vital records  
Court records  
Military records  
Divorce records  
Adoption and Guardianship records  
Newspapers  
Naturalization records

Each chapter describes the type of record, the information contained, where to find them, and fascinating examples. This book is a vital addition to any genealogist's library."

The book is available on Amazon in Kindle format for \$7.95 and in paper back on CreateSpace:

<https://wwwcreatespace.com/4093605>



### Officers for 2014

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