



# TPCGS NEWSLETTER

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## MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

13 Nov 2012	7 p.m.	Westward Migration During the Gold Rush Era, 1840-1865. . . . .	Bates South Campus Records available to trace individuals during this era . . . . .	Jim Johnson, Heritage Quest
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-	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 Ancestors . . . . .	Claudia Breland . . . . .	Bates South Campus

## President's Message

by Warren Fisk, TPCGS President

Hello to all TPCGS members,

As we advance to the end of the year, I find myself both looking back at what has happened so far this last year and looking forward to the future. 2012 has been a good year for the Society. We have much to be thankful for. The strong bond we have had with the Tacoma Public Library continues to benefit us as income from Obituary requests continue to strengthen our Society budget. The Society recently also received a \$2500 grant from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians that will help publish additional genealogical source materials.

This year our Society, through the Washington State Genealogical Society's Volunteer Recognition Program, recognized Lou and Margie Lehmann for their contributions to the Society. Over the years, their contributions included working to produce the Society Pre-meetings, designing and building Puyallup Fair displays, writing many articles for both the *Newsletter* and the *Researcher*, working to assure the success of our Seminars, and providing untold support for all aspects of the Society.

In 2013 the Executive Board will be busy putting together programs for us all to participate in, including regular meetings and the Spring Seminar. Please watch the *Newsletter* and the web site for updates and new information.

As we look forward we also have responsibilities to address. First, the November meeting is our Annual meeting. At the November 13th meeting members will have the responsibility to both vote for officers and to vote on changes to the Society's Bylaws. Second, it will soon be time to renew your membership. No matter how well the Board manages the society's finances, your continued support through your membership dues is required to maintain Society programs.

I and all Board members thank you for your past and future support for the Society. I hope to see you at the November General Meeting.

# Mid-19th Century, Mid-West Library Resources

Compiled by Jean Fisher, Librarian, TPL, Northwest Room

For those of us whose ancestors traveled west across the developing United States during the period of westward expansion, tracing their steps can sometimes be a challenging endeavor. Some stopped and stayed along the way for a generation or two; some just kept going. Regardless of how long a family's journey might ultimately take, finding these on-the-move ancestors between census years can be challenging. To help identify some of the Library's sources for helping with this kind of search, this column will be the first in a series that covers the period of the westward movement after the Revolution (roughly between 1795 and 1850). Each column will focus on two states at a time by examining selected sources in the Tacoma Public Library's genealogy collection

For this first installment we'll look at Kentucky and Ohio. Please keep in mind that this is a small sampling of just a few resources that hopefully may spark your interest. Other important sources not listed here include census indexes, numerous county histories, and many county-specific sources covering several record types – so keep these in mind, too!

Kentucky

Sutherland, James F. *Early Kentucky Householdors, 1787-1811*. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1986. GEN 929.3769 SU84E

*Early Kentucky Tax Records: From the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987. GEN 929.3769 EA76E

Both of these books index early Kentucky tax records. Recorded every year, tax records can be especially helpful when tracking your migrating ancestors as they made their way west.

Clift, G. Glenn. *Kentucky Marriages 1797-1865*. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1966. GEN 929.3769 M115K

This book abstracts marriage notices printed in various Lexington, KY newspapers between 1787 and 1865. A surname index (both bride and groom) is included.

Green, Karen Mauer. *The Kentucky Gazette 1787-1800: Genealogical and Historical Abstracts*. GEN 929.3769 G823K vol. 1-2

Information about a wealth of events in the everyday lives of pioneer Kentuckians is abstracted in this two-volume set. Much more than a record of marriages and births, the abstracts include all aspects of local life, from legal and business notices to real estate, want ads, and notice of lost/found horses. All names have been transcribed and there is a surname, place name and subject index.

McAdams, Mrs. Henry Kennett. *Kentucky Pioneer and Court Records: Abstracts of Early Wills, Deeds and Marriages from Court Houses, and Records of Old Bibles, Churches, Graveyards, and Cemeteries*. GEN 929.3769 M115K

The title really does come close to saying it all for this book. It sources records from various counties in KY and though it does not specify a year range, a quick glance indicates that records included span from the 1780s to the 1880s.

Jackson, Ronald Vern. *Index to Kentucky Wills to 1851*. GEN 929.3769 J137IK

This volume is an index to all known recorded wills for the state of Kentucky prior to 1851. Included is a handy, brief guide to KY counties giving the year each county was organized, the year will books started to be kept in that county, a county map and small bibliography for further reading.

Ohio

Bowers, Ruth and Anita Short. *Gateway to the West, vols. 1 & 2*. GEN 929.1 G223GA

Principal articles from the short-lived but popular periodical, *Gateway to the West*, have here been reprinted, arranged by county and fully indexed into two large volumes under the same name. Altogether, it contains some 350 articles naming more than 95,000 persons in a variety of records covering births, marriages, deaths, cemetery records, wills, guardianships, naturalizations, and deed abstracts – among others.

*Ohio: The Cross Road of our Nation: Records and Pioneer Families* GEN 929.3771 OH30

This quarterly periodical published by the Ohio Genealogical Society includes articles that index and abstract a wide variety of sources, including military records, vital records, business and school records, newspaper articles/notices, and much more. Comprehensive topical and surname indexes are included in the Library's collection.

Powell, Esther Weygandt. *Early Ohio Tax Records*. GEN 929.3771 P871E

Organized by county and within that by year, this volume indexes names from early Ohio tax lists. Years covered varies by county, but roughly the years span from

1800-1840. A full index for all surnames is included.

Green, Karen Mauer. *Pioneer Ohio Newspapers 1793-1810: Genealogical and Historical Abstracts*.

Green, Karen, Mauer. *Pioneer Ohio Newspapers 1802-1818: Genealogical and Historical Abstracts*. GEN 929.3771 G823P

These genealogical and historical abstracts of some of the earliest newspapers published in the newly settled Northwest Territory chronicle the development of the area from frontier settlement into statehood. Covering the years 1793-1818 in two volumes, subjects run the gamut of everyday life: marriage, birth, death, debt and sale notices, and a variety of local news stories. Each book has a surname index.

Herbert, Jeffrey G. *Index of Death Notices and Marriage Notes appearing in the Cincinnati daily Gazette 1827-1881, vols. 1 & 2*. GEN 929.3771 H4141

This index contains names and dates, and refers users to the specific newspaper issue to view additional information. Volume I is the larger of the two volumes and has a surname index to death notices. Volume II contains both

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# FAMILY LINE RESEARCH

Researched and Compiled by  
Gretchen Collins Campbell

Obituary requests are coming in “spits and starts” these days. I had several weeks at summer’s end when I only had five requests; then last week twenty came in, and this week it was twenty again. But this week I have six where the fellow wasn’t sure of the death dates for any of them. With the help of *Ancestry*, *Washington Digital Archives*, and *Family Search* I finally could come up with appropriate dates to research. Of course, I still have to find the obituaries! All that for \$7.50 – not a bad deal for him!

I am always full of suggestions so here is another one! When you request research from a genealogy society or a researcher . . . and you provide a list of all your extensive research on a family . . . and you ask a question like . . . “Can you tell me anything about” the daughter of one of the people in your extensive research . . . and you don’t give me any further instruction, I will look wherever I can! You have done all the research – census records, city directories, obituaries for many family members and military records. I am left to do detective work, not genealogy! That is what I did – I researched the survivors listed in the obituaries, looked for telephone numbers, called the people and asked what happened to the daughter! Think about this -- there are 50 states where this person could have married, had children, and died; some records are on line and some are not; and it is 70+ years before we see future census records – sometimes the easy way is best. So I pick up the phone.

As I’m a long-time Tacoma resident, some names given by clients for research bring back memories. In my early memories of Tacoma politics, I remember hearing about

Clara Goering who was elected in 1953 as the first city councilwoman in our city’s history. She also was the deputy mayor and served as one of the citizen freeholders who helped develop the council-manager charter for Tacoma. *The News Tribune* stated in an editorial upon her death in 1972 that “she was a leader in combating racial discrimination in United Way campaigns and in the rehabilitation of men and women through the Goodwill Industries.” Gardening was her passion and she was active in many garden clubs throughout the world and wrote a newspaper column which appeared in the News Tribune for two decades. In 1968, Mrs. Goering was named a regional Volunteer of the Year by Goodwill and was honored nationally. It was wonderful to relive the memory of Clara Goering through the clippings I found in the files.

Now that vacations are over and the days are getting shorter, it is time to get back into your research. I hope you are finding some great information – there is always something new on line. Information is being added all the time, so keep checking those websites.

## Membership fee is due for 2013

Annual dues will come due December 31st for the 2013 calendar year, but can be paid any time now. Individual membership is \$22.00, or \$25.00 for two memberships at the same mailing address.

Remember that dues fall under 501(c)3 in the IRS code which makes them deductible if you itemize your tax return. Dues can be paid at the upcoming meetings or mail to:  
TPCGS, PO Box 1952, Tacoma, WA 98401

## 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!

## TPCGS Queries

Collected by Frank Weihs

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

### HEDRICK/ALLEN—

My name is Tom Caulkins, and I am doing research on my grandmother, Susan Idaho Hedrick. Her obituary and a newspaper article mention she was married to Mr. Allen prior to his death in 1925 (May). She was in Iowa in 1920 and Mr Allen in Puyallup. Between then and his death in 1925 they were married; however there are no records of this on line in a number of different records. Various other resources (area

directories etc) have also been fruitless. Any information would be appreciated. Mr Allen was born 5 Dec 1860 in Ohio, and was married later to Anne Wotzka, Tema (no last name), and then to Mrs Hedrick. He lived in Granger with Tema until she died and then apparently moved to Puyallup. He is listed as living on 7th ave in Puyallup in the 1920 census. Mrs Hedrick was born in Iowa in 1864 and died in 1944.

Thanks for your help

Submitted by—Tom Caulkins; Email:

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## Index to Pre-1939 Veterans Graves in Pierce County, WA Transcribed and On-line by TPCGS Members

By 1939 at least 2,700 military veterans had been buried in numerous cemeteries throughout Pierce County. These soldiers had served in various wars: Indian, Mexican, Civil, Spanish-American, Boer War, Boxer Revolution, and WWI. Most surprising of all, there is even one veteran of the War of 1812. In 1939 a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project was launched to identify graves and record more than 20 items of information on 5x8 inch index cards. The data was from cemetery records, death certificates, and service records.

For years these records on index cards have been stored in the basement of the Tacoma Public Library. Recently the Tacoma Pierce-County Genealogy Society undertook to make these records easily accessible to genealogy researchers by creating a digital index to the names on the cards. The project was coordinated by Gretchen Campbell, Pat Wood, and Elaine Workman. Individual members who contributed time and computer expertise to enter the index cards data into a database were Carol Rikerd, Ellen McKanna, Sandy Johnson, Gail Sanders, Pat Crane, Theresa Mitchell, Gretchen Campbell, Pat Wood, Elaine Workman, Raye Staples, Frank Weihs, Margie Lehmann, Sandy Gaffney, and Donna Botello.

The finished project provides a name index with 8 items of information from the WPA cards. Further information on the cards themselves might also have rank, organization, birth date, and cause of death. A remarks section might indicate that the veteran was a clergyman, a nurse, a musician, or in one case, "served as a drummer boy for three months and was sent home as being too young for service." Not all sections were filled in on all cards. The name index has been posted on the TPCGS web site:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/veterans.html> (not a link, will need to copy and paste)

These cards are in the holdings of the Northwest Room of the Tacoma Public Library. Contact the Library for additional information. Note that this list does NOT include all veterans buried in Pierce County prior to 1939.

A resource for a cemetery's physical location and its records' location (not always the same) is the Pierce County, WA Cemeteries list on the society's website at:

<http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/cemeteries.http>

Note: Dates are in standard American numerical form of month/day/year.



# GENIE GRAB-BAG

Compiled by Janice Weihs

Did your ancestors live in New York City?

Now you can see the city as they saw it with a few clicks of your mouse. Almost a million images of New York from the city's Municipal Archives collection were recently made public for the first time on the internet. You can access the collection at:

<http://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/serviet>

The 187,000 photographs feature all manner of areas with city oversight—from stately ports and bridges to grisly gangland killings. It also features more than 800,000 color photographs taken with 35mm cameras of every city building in the mid-1980s to update the municipal records, and includes more than 1,300 rarely seen images taken by local photographers of the Depression-era Works Progress Administration.

Or did they live in the White River Valley?

In 2005 The South King County Genealogical Society took on the task of restoring the long-neglected and often-vandalized **Saar Pioneer Cemetery**, located at 91st and 212th Way, in Kent..

The cemetery is the final resting place of nearly 200 early pioneers of Kent and surrounding areas. Their stories are documented in this book of over 400 pages, which was researched and compiled by members of the South King County Genealogical Society.

The accounts illustrate the commitment these pioneers made in migrating across this country to build new homes and lives in the early White River Valley.

(To order a copy of *A History of Saar Pioneer Cemetery* go the Society web site at [www.skcg.org](http://www.skcg.org))

Maybe they lived in early Oregon . . . .

As a legacy of the sesquicentennial of Oregon's statehood, the Oregon State Archives presents the *Early Oregonians Database*. This extensive researched resource uses data from census, death, probate, and other records to help researchers find relevant information and documents about people who lived in Oregon prior to statehood.

The database currently contains over 105,500 entries..

The project includes people living in Oregon from 1800-1860. Despite the fact that large populations of Native Americans lived in the Oregon Country prior to 1840, documentation of those individuals is scant and not readily available. As additional features of the database become functional, researchers will be able to view a list of associated records for individuals and to request copies from the Archives. You can find the database under *Early Oregonian Database* at

<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/>

More Oregon Genealogy available at:

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/oregon/>

This website starts out with Free Oregon Genealogy Data and Links. Categories include Oregon Biographies, Oregon Cemetery Records, Oregon County Links, Military Records, Oregon History, Oregon Native American Records and more. Not all the links are to Oregon, such as Revolutionary War, but do link to sites with free records. Also included is a list of free databases related to Oregon on *RootsWeb*. There is much more now online, especially for Eastern Oregon.

And if you find all sorts of new information on your Oregon ancestors you might be interested in ordering *Oregon Early Settler* and *Oregon Pioneer* Certificates from the Oregon Genealogical Society.

You are eligible for an Oregon Pioneer certificate if your ancestor lived in the Oregon Territory or in Oregon before October 1, 1872. If your ancestor settled in Oregon between October 1, 1872 and December 31, 1900 you are eligible for an Early Settler certificate.

Each certificate is \$10.00 and is suitable for framing. Certificates are printed on parchment-type 8.5 x 11" paper with an official seal and the family name in calligraphy. Call or mail the OGS for submission instructions and the application form.

[www.oregongenealogicalsociety.org](http://www.oregongenealogicalsociety.org)



## 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.146.4 July/August 2012: Restoring the Historic Lay Light in the DAR Library; James MONROE at the Battle of Trenton; Dr. George CABELL Sr.'s Point of Honor; Early Symbols of America. Vol.146.5 September/October 2012: Rusty GODFREY passes on history lessons; Telluride CO; Constitution of 225 Years; Christian WALDSCHMIDT Homestead; Pioneering Photography of Frances Benjamin JOHNSON and the ALLEN Sisters. (HF)

### AROUND THE U.S.A.

**CA Redwood Researcher** (Redwood) Vol.45.1 August 2012: Descendants of James Ervin WOOD; Humboldt Co. Burials WATKINS-WELLOCK cont'd; Early Humboldt Marriages JAMESON-ZANE; Indexes to Precinct Registers 1912. (929.1/R248R)

**FL Buried Treasures** (Central Florida Gen. Soc., Orlando) Vol.44.1 January-March 2012: Why the 72 Year Rule for U.S. Census Privacy?; Family Histories in the OPL ABERCROMBIE-COMPTON; Jessie Marcella (UMBAUGH) KIESER 1869-1940; The Family of Needham YATES (abt 1818-1870). (929.1/B916B)

**ID Idaho Gen. Soc. Quarterly** (Boise) Vol.55.2 Summer 2012: Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the 1862 Boise Gold Discovery; Sesquicentennial of the 1862 Homestead Act. Vol.55.3 Fall 2012: History of Jacob HEUETT Family; Alexander DUFFES Father of Nampa; Burials in Fraser Cemetery, Clearwater Co., ID; College of Idaho History. (929.1/ID11)

**KS Kansas Kin** (Riley Valley Gen. Soc., Manhattan) Vol.50.3 August 2012: Eureka Electric Park 1909-2011; Route of the LK&W Railroad. (929.1/K133K)

**KS Topeka Gen. Soc. Quarterly** Vol.42.3 July 2012: Changes in Street Names in Topeka 1938; Anthony A. WARD; Shawnee Co. Marriage Applications 1880-1913 CARKHUFF-CORY. (929.1/T621T)

**MN Minnesota Genealogist** (Minneapolis) Vol.43.2 Summer 2012: Was John BADGER (1778-1858) the Grandfather of John CLARK (1822-1900) of Beckley, Oxfordshire, England?; Finding French-Canadian Roots for MCGEE; 1918 MN Farm Crop and Labor Reports. (929.1/M666M)

**NC Burke County Journal** (Morganton) Vol.XXX.3 August 2012: List of the Taxable Property of Capt Dysart Compy 1804 and 1806; BURCHFIELD Estate Records; Co. Road Records 1807-1809; List of Voters for Governor 1852. (929.1/J826J)

**OR Bulletin** (Gen. Forum of OR, Portland) Vol.62.1 September 2012: Ruth M. HARVEY Collection; Story of America's Orphan Train Children; WWI; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Writing Contest Frank HEMSWORTH 'A Tenuous Stand for Law and Order in Portland'; 1911-1912 Multnomah Co. Marriage Register Index Bride Surname MCHALE-PIENOVI cont'd. (929.1/G286B)

**The American Genealogist** (TAG) Vol.85.2 May 2012: William NELSON of Barbados and Virginia, nephew of Thomas NELSON of Yorktown; Hannah BUMSTEAD (1639-1703) of Boston, wife of Thomas SHERRER, George NICHOLSON, and Samuel RUCK; James PIKE of Dunstable, MA, and Hebron, NH; The Cato COGGESHALLS; Ancestry of Anna (COFFMAN/KAUFMAN) HITE of Shenandoah Co., Va and Fairfield Co., OH. (929.1/AM35A)

**WA Bulletin** (Yakima Valley Gen. Soc., Yakima) Vol.44.3 September 2012: Register of Voters 1932-1935 DELORME-JONES; William N. GEORGE (1793-1851); 1901 List of Former Students of State Normal School; Timeline of Life of Isaac T. BURNS 1847-1925; BALL Funeral Home Records BLACKWELL-BOS cont'd. (929.1/Y11Y)

## 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., but with a change in format. There will not be a planned presentation; instead 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.

**Nov. 13 Westward Migration During the Gold Rush Era, 1840-1865** Records available to trace individuals during this era Presented by Jim Johnson, from the Heritage Quest Library in Sumner, WA

**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 2010, and has traveled and done research in Britain and Ireland.

## Genealogy classes at the Tacoma Public Library

Do you have friends are Interested in genealogy, but they don't know where to start? Encourage them 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.

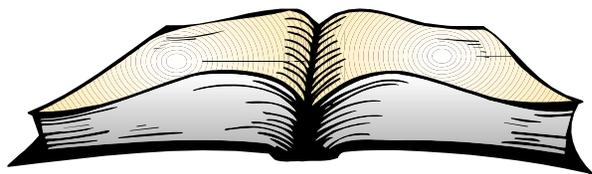
The Library's **Introduction to Genealogy** class is very popular; all classes are free.

**Introduction to Genealogy** will be offered three times on the following dates: Nov. 20, 2012, 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.

In addition:

**Online Genealogy** is being offered in the library's computer lab. Advance registration is required for this hands-on library workshop also. Register by telephoning the library at **253.292.2001 ext. 1220**. This class will introduce you 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 three times, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates: December 4, 2012, February 26, 2013, and April 2, 2013.



### Library Resources (con't from page 2)

bride and groom surname indexes to marriage notices, the majority of which were during the 1860s and 1870s.

Bell, Carol Willsey. *Ohio Wills and Estates to 1850: An Index*. GEN 929.3771 B4130

This volume is the culmination of a ten-year project to provide a comprehensive index to the probate records in Ohio. Beginning with a guide to abbreviations and a very helpful overview of every county (including the list of sources consulted in each county), the book is organized alphabetically by surname.

## The Very Best Way to Store Your Digital Genealogical Files

Any method of storing files is subject to all sorts of problems. There is an easy and effective solution, however: L.O.C.K.S.S.

L.O.C.K.S.S. is an acronym for "Lots Of Copies Keep Stuff Safe." I know of no requirement that says we must preserve information on only one copy. In fact, with today's ridiculous cheap prices for hard drives, it doesn't make sense to me that anyone should ever trust one copy. Or two copies. Or even three copies.

We are free to make all sorts of copies, something that is easy and cheap today. Even better, we can store those copies in all sorts of locations: in the closet, in the basement, at a cousin's house, or in data centers in Rio de Janeiro, Capetown, and Mumbai. In fact, we can store any file in seven or more different data centers in seven or more different locations around the globe. What are the odds that ALL the copies will be destroyed? The price for all this? Peanuts.

I don't hesitate to store my backups in the cloud. However, I will never store my only copy on one cloud service. All my important files are backed up on at least two different cloud services (and three or four would be better), as well as additional copies on my computer's hard drive, an external hard drive, various flash drives, and whatever storage media is available, both at home and in the cloud. I also keep another copy on a laptop computer stored in my motor home. If I had a separate workplace, I would also store a copy of my personal files there, probably on a CD or DVD disk kept in a desk drawer or something similar.

Who cares if one storage service gets shut down by the government or is destroyed by an earthquake or flood or hurricane or other disaster? Who cares if my local copy is destroyed by a defective hard drive or by a burst water pipe in the upstairs bathroom?

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# A Fable for Our Time

In a land not far away lived a group of people who often wondered about their ancestors and where they came from. This group decided to meet and discuss this topic. Little did they dream what the results would be.

It became a journey for them into the unknown. They traveled through foreign countries and down through the ages, encountering strange customs and foreign languages. On trips throughout the land, libraries, archives, health departments, and genealogy societies all became their friends. But most of all it was a learning experience for them. They began to develop skills they didn't realize they had. They began to share their experiences with others by speaking to groups, forming committees electing officers, developing an operating budget. Interesting meetings and seminars were held as more joined. It became a team effort with many willing hands to share the work load as they re-searched the countryside around them. They discovered the living history that lay behind the life they were involved in and knowledge that had accumulated over the years.

But then, something began to happen to those willing hands; they grew old, died, stopped going to the meetings and just grew weary. It became harder to recruit those willing hands. so gradually they just stopped going to the meetings. Those that were still involved became discouraged since no one wanted to help. Those still working began to ask themselves, "What should we do? Do we have anything to offer anymore? Should we disband? We have much to offer, but no one seems to care about helping us. Don't they realize that many helping hands make the load lighter rather than heavier?"

Our society needs your help! Do you have willing hands or are you going to fade away?

—Ellen McKanna

## Officers for 2012

President . . . . . Warren Fisk  
 VP Family Line Research . . . . . Gretchen Campbell  
 VP Programs . . . . . Unfilled  
 VP Education & Development . . . . . Unfilled  
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<http://www.tpcgs.org>*