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MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

- 4 Nov 2013 1-4 p.m. Monday TPCGS Board Meeting Denny's on 6th Avenue
12 Nov 2013 Gail Sanders . . Criminal Justice Records as a source of family history . . . South Bates Campus
NO DECEMBER MEETING
6 Jan 2014 1-4 p.m. Monday TPCGS Board Meeting Fife Branch Library PCL
14 Jan 2014 Karen and David Purtee Exploring German Genealogy South Bates Campus
3 Feb 2014 1-4 p.m. Monday TPCGS Board Meeting Fife Branch Library PCL
11 Feb 2014 Jean Findley Early Settlers and History of Vashon Island . . . South Bates Campus

Message from the President

by Warren Fisk, TPCGS President

2013 Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting of the society will be held in conjunction with the November 12, 2013, regular meeting of the society. The annual meeting will consist of the election of officers. At the time of writing this message, there is no other business scheduled for the meeting.

At the last annual meeting in 2012 the term of office for elected offices was changed to two years and the board positions were divided so that approximately half of the board will stand for election on alternate years. This year the offices of President, VP Family Line, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary are up for election for a two-year term. Additionally, because the office was unfilled last year, the office of VP Education is up for election for a one-year term.

The Nominating Committee has reported that the following members will stand for election this year:

President: D Becker, VP Family Line: Gretchen Campbell, Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Workman, Recording Secretary: Sandra Johnson, and VP Education; David Olsen.

At the annual meeting any member may nominate another member to run for any of the above positions. The nominee must have pre-approved their nomination before being nominated. Please see the society bylaws for any questions you have concerning the above positions.

Looking Ahead:

2014 Researcher

This next edition of *The Researcher* will be edited by Gail Sanders with very able support from Mary Hammond and June Summerville as co-editors. If you haven't started your next contribution to *The Researcher*, now is the time. When you have completed your work please send it to Gail for initial review. She will then pass it on to her editing team.

Spring Seminar

The TPCGS Spring Seminar is scheduled for April 19, 2014. It will again be held at the La Quinta Inn in Tacoma and feature Mr. Dick Eastman. For more information and updates on the seminar please see our web site at TPCGS.org. Also, be sure to visit Dick Eastman's web site at EOGN.com.

Mark the date of April 19, 2014 on your calendar and please plan on attending.

NEW DISCOVERIES FROM THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

by Lou Lehmann

At Family Search, have you really explored the Research Wiki and the expanding digitization of materials? Until recently I didn't think I would need their Wiki, and I doubted that the rate of digitization would match their optimism. Well, I was wrong on both counts.

After many frustrating hours unsuccessfully searching passenger lists for my great-grandmother's arrival from Wuerttemberg in the 1850s, I turned to the Research Wiki (familysearch.org/learn/wiki) where a "Wuerttemberg" led me first to "German Emigration and Immigration," then to "Emigration from Germany," and finally to "Passports," where I learned that the Family History Library has indexed the Stuttgart-area passport records for the years 1845 to 1920, usually listing the emigrant's hometown and destination and the relevant films. Realizing that I had not explored passport data bases, I ordered the film from the time of my great-grandmother's 1855 confirmation in Wuerttemberg to her appearance on the 1860 U.S. Census. When it arrived, I was pleasantly surprised to find that the Index was in English, a fact not apparent in the Wiki listing. Unfortunately, the film did not list my great-grandmother, but I knew that the index would be helpful to other researchers who have shared my past frustrations with bad handwriting in the unfamiliar German language. Kudos to FamilySearch for their Research Wiki and for this great index.

Hearing from others that it might be wise to periodically check out the progress of the FHL digitization project, I did so as part of my continuing search to track an ancestral uncle. He was an itinerant Baptist preacher who hopped around New England like a grasshopper from 1768 to 1811. Renting land record films had become time consuming and expensive, as most yielded little or nothing. But I was happily surprised to discover that Family Search has now digitized land records from all fourteen counties of Massachusetts – all 5,766,135 images now available for browsing from my home computer. From other research, I knew that my ancestral uncle was at Rowley from 1785-89. I narrowed my search to that time period which made it easy for me to browse through the Rowley records in Essex County. There I found a land record which supported a theory as to the identity of one of his sons – a discovery which I would probably never would have found if I was restricted to the usual limitations of film rental.

Recently an enthusiastic volunteer at Tacoma's Family History Center predicted that all of the Family History Library's vast collections would be digitized within a couple of years. A few months ago I might have chuckled at such a preposterous prediction. Now I'm beginning to think that such a prediction might just come true. Congrats again to FamilySearch.org.

One easy way to see what new stuff has been digitized is to go from "Search" to "Browse by Location" to whatever country, state, etc you wish. There will be a list of digitized records (in varying degrees of completion), some indexed and some which require browsing. It will also state the date when last updated.

Spring Seminar to feature
Dick Eastman

On January 15, 1996, Dick Eastman launched *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and announced it to 100 surprised friends and acquaintances. The weekly grew into a daily publication that gives its readers a wide range of timely genealogical news and helpful articles by Dick and his guest authors. More than 75,000 genealogists all over the world now subscribe to Dick's free daily Newsletter. See what it's all about at EOGN.com.

Taking full advantage of today's communication technology Dick can split his time between his home in suburban Boston and a vacation home in Orlando – that's when he's not travelling in his motor home between genealogical events around the country. He has been known to fly when vast expanses of saltwater would turn his RV into a leaky submarine.

Dick is a well-known speaker at genealogy conferences around the world, from RootsTech to NGS, Who Do You Think You Are? Live!, (in London!), as well as genealogy cruises.

Come meet Dick Eastman at the Tacoma Pierce-County Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar April 19, 2014, at La Quinta Inn in Tacoma.

Nominations for up-coming

TPCGS ELECTIONS

- President D Becker
- VP for family line research. . . Gretchen Campbell
- Recording Secretary Sandra Johnson
- Corresponding Secretary Elaine Workman
For two year terms
- VP for Education David Olson
For one year term

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 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.

TPCGS Programs

Meetings will be at the **South Bates Campus** at **6:00 to 7:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm**

November 12, 2013— Program will be presented by Gail Sanders on **Criminal Justice Records as a source of family history**. Gail has worked in the records department for the Thurston Co. Sheriff's Dept. for a number of years, and is currently also indexing the law library there. Gail is the daughter of Ellen McKanna, and both are members of TPCGS.

December —————**No meeting Have a festive Christmas!**

January 14, 2014—Karen and David Purtee Exploring German Genealogy

February 11, 2014—Jean Findley Early Settlers and the history on Vashon Island

From the Family Line Desk

Obituaries in early newspapers are generally found in the middle of the “general news” sections and are just a paragraph between news stories. Today’s example appears between an article about a “Drought Killing Cattle in Mexico” and a professor of mathematics being removed from his position at the naval academy.

This is from the July 6, 1890 *Tacoma Sunday Ledger*. This is a good example of the use of words to elicit excitement in an obituary. It is titled “Death’s Sudden Call -- Express man Expires Instantly While Driving his Team.” “Early last evening C.A. Seymour, an express man, while driving his team on North Fifth and I streets, suddenly fell from his seat to the ground and expired before passersby could rush to his assistance. He frothed at the mouth and his face was a vivid hue – evidently he died of an epileptic fit. Dr. Bostwick happened to be nearby but could render no aid. The remains were conveyed to Hoska’s undertaking rooms. The deceased was about 45 years of age and took out a license as an express man No. 12 on June 24 last. Seymour leaves a widow and seven children, the oldest 18 years old. He had long been troubled with his heart. Mrs. Seymour swooned when the news of her husband’s sudden death was brought to her.”

In another request, we had a letter from an elderly client who had wanted a place to donate his many years of genealogical research. I checked with Jeanne Fisher at the Tacoma Public Library to see if two notebooks of research would fit into their collection and she welcomed the volumes. So, if you are related to Jessie James Chapman, you can find these two notebooks in the TPL collection.

Earlier in the year I sent off an obituary of David Nelson to a client and received a nice letter in return thanking me for finding the name of his daughter, listed in the obituary. Our client contacted her and now the two cousins are in contact. They have been able to share family history and her FIFTEEN years of searching is ended! See how important obituary research can be to your success?

I received this research request via Frank Weihs. It begins “I am trying to resolve a family mystery. My Great, Great Grandfather left England in approx. 1910 and went to Tacoma where he worked in the Terminal Hotel 1187 East 11th Street (PO Box 33, proprietor is S. M. Oas). I believe the building still stands and was built in 1910. He was a bootmaker and the Terminal Hotel sold boots and shoes. He wrote to his son. I have the letters up to 1928 when the letters suddenly stopped. I am trying to find out what happened to him. I think he came from Scotland and was born in 1966 (yes, that is the date she gave). I would appreciate if you would be able to direct me to the right people to assist me.” You will note that the lady has many facts about this Great, Great Grandfather but she has left off one very important bit of information -- his name! Later we did learn that his name was James Hume and he did live at the Terminal Hotel which is no longer standing and I did find him in the City Directory listed as a painter through 1932 but he was not listed after that. Since this was the depression time, he probably caught a freight looking for greener pastures. Always remember, put the PERSON’S NAME in the first sentence when asking for assistance. In hindsight, if she had given his name in her request, Frank and I would not have had a chuckle, and there would have been no story!

—————Gretchen Campbell, Family Line Research



GENIE GRAB-BAG

Compiled by Janice Weihs

The South King County Genealogical Society has opened a Genealogy Training Center in Kent.

The center is designed to help genealogists understand the research process, the availability of records online and off-line, how to interpret the information found and to capture the information into a record of their own family history. The courses offered include basic genealogy records and the genealogical research process. What makes this training center different is the use of technology and actual hands-on access to the Internet during all classes. The classes are taught in a computer lab with 14 PCs, with WIFI access for MAC users who attend with a laptop.

The purpose of the center is to raise money to establish a research library and technology lab to address the needs of the south King County area genealogists. The center is currently sponsored by the South King County Genealogical Society (SKCGS) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local No. 46. All classes will be held in the Kent Valley in the IBEW's computer lab. Further information and a registration form are available at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/gtc/index.html#gtcrf>

Or you can contact Winona Laird at 253-631-3252 or Janet Camarata at 206-335-9577. Classes will be available during November and begin again in January.

“Improved Genealogy through Better Methodology”

Washington State Genealogical Society
2014 Conference and Annual Meeting 15-16 Aug. 2014
Washington State Genealogical Society Conference
To be held in Skagit County, Washington

The conference will feature internationally known lecturer and genealogist, David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA. David is employed by the Family History Department, in Salt Lake City, as the Chief Genealogical officer for Family Search. A professional genealogist since 1977, he was accredited in Irish research in 1981. He is a coordinator and instructor at many of the national institutes such Institute of Genealogy and Historical Re-

search, The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the British Institute.

As chair of the FGS Records Access and Preservation Committee (RPAC), David is on the forefront of the battle for open access to public records for genealogists and historians.

Don't Overlook these Digitized Genealogy Books Available On-line Free

A reminder that one of the largest genealogy resources available today is the collection of digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the major family history libraries in the world. Additionally you don't have to travel any further than your computer with its Internet connection.

These digital books are available at:

Google Books

Archive.org

Allen County Public Library

Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library

Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library

LDS Church History Library

Family History Library

Houston Public Library—Clayton Library Center for
Genealogical Research

Mid-Continent Public Library—Midwest Genealogy
Center

The menus and the search methods will vary from one site to another. However, a few minutes spent exploring each site's scope and organizing arrangements could produce a lot of useful information.

My Genealogy Hound

At the new, free website from Hearthstone Legacy Publications called *My Genealogy Hound*, researchers can access thousands of biographies extracted from pre-1900 county history books. Biographies from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee are available now, with more states to come. Search the site or browse biographies by surname or state or county. The site also has a selection of free, old county maps from Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma (including Indian nations) and Tennessee, with more to be added.



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. 147.5 September/October 2013: Angel Forbes SIMMONS makes family's bicentennial farm sustainable; marking Daniel BOONE's trail; Salt Lake City; keeping historic post offices open for business; the apple, our democratic fruit; TRABUE's Tavern, back in the family; colonial taverner ancestors; U.S.-Canadian border a frontier in flames in 1812; Captain John TREVETT a Revolutionary leatherneck. HF)

AROUND THE U.S.A.

CA Redwood Researcher (Redwood) Vol. 46.1 August 2013: Humboldt County births before 1900 AMMER-ANDERSON; David Barnett AKEY 1829-1894 part 1; Humboldt County burials 1890-1925 WILSON-WOODROW; descendants of Peter Taylor SCHOONOVER Sr., Samuel CONRAD and Mary LUKENS, Nicholas Samuel SINGLEY and #1 Nellie E. Latta DARLING, #2 Anna Josephine GIBSON-RHOADES; pedigree of Merle Edith MACPHERSON; 1896 laqua Precinct, Humboldt County register. (929.1/R248R)

FL Buried Treasures (Central Florida Gen. Soc., Orlando) Vol. 45.2 April-June 2013: creating a timeline for research using a spreadsheet; Michael VINCEK; Harald Martyn "Hal" BEARDALL; research mission to VANBRACKLE Cemetery, Holmdel, Monmouth County N.J. for LEQUIER family; list of Confederate veterans buried in Orange County; will of Richard MILES of Radnor, Chester County PA. (929.1/B916B)

GA Family Tree Quarterly (Cobb Co. Gen. Soc., Marietta) Vol. 23.1/2 2013: history of 9th Battalion Cavalry, Georgia State Guards 1863-1864; men who went to the front in 1862 Co. F First Confederate Reg.; The Kennesaw Rangers; determining an original family without direct evidence, a proof argument on Robert C. BEARD. (929.1/F21FT)

ID Idaho Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Boise) Vol. 56.3 Fall 2013: personal journey of Marci HOEG; history of women miners in ID; Wyatt EARP in ID; Elk City

Wagon Road Museum. (929.1/ID11)

KS Kansas Kin (Riley Valley Gen. Soc., Manhattan) Vol.51.3 August 2013: settlement of the Blue Valley in the vicinity of Randolph; research on Hiram Hawley COBB; research on Peter OLSON. (929.1/K133K)

KS Topeka Gen. Soc. Quarterly Vol. 43.3 July 2013: Cpt. Norman L. KRUSE's account of the 3rd Platoon of Co. B 331st Inf. of 83rd Inf. Div.; Shawnee County marriage applications 1880's-1913 DAY-DUNN. (929.1/T621T)

MN Minnesota Genealogist (Minneapolis) Vol. 44.1/2 Spring/Summer 2013: George DORRANCE; Joseph Edward LEMIEUX 1890-1961; Civil War veterans of CA GAR; tips for taking good advice with a grain of salt; research on Lars Gustaf LARSSON; Matthew William STEGBAUER Jr.; understanding Norwegian names; Joseph SCHINDLER and Carolina LUX of Carver County. (929.1/M666M)

NC Burke County Journal (Morganton) Vol. XXXI.3 August 2013: 1807-1809 road records; 1802 Capt. Ainsworth Compy tax list; Johannes "John" Dellinger c1764-1808; land grants 2735-2747; list of votes poled at Finly precinct 1842 election for governor and sheriff; 1816-1817 list of taxabels of Captm Perkins compeny. (929.1/J826J)

ND Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter (Bismarck) Vol. 42.3 September 2013: pioneer history of Mary FLYNN RONCO, pioneer history of Hannah SULLIVAN LANG; life of Frederick Frances GERARD cont'd; Morton County naturalization records index, OSAUDSEN-PETERSON. (929.1/D148D)

OK Oklahoma Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Oklahoma City) Vol.58.3 September 2013: Jesse Matthew and Bernice Mae (nee Hale) ERWIN Family Bible; 1918-1919 and 1922 Lone Star School pupils; Sylvan

WA Bulletin (Yakima Valley Gen. Soc., Yakima) Vol.45.3 September 2013: day book of E. E. FRANCIS; extracted records of BALL Funeral Home cont'd; James Harold PURDIN and Adeline CLEMAN; senior classes of Cheney Normal School 1905, 1906, 1908. (929.1/Y11Y)

WA Fort Steilacoom (Historic Fort Steilacoom Association) Vol.30.3 Autumn 2013: General CASEY's Post Fair Oaks Service. (HF)

Going Old Tech

Carol Rikerd

What Were They Doing up In Maine?

Many of you have been researching genealogy for thirty years. I'm in my thirtieth month. In addition to hunting my people, I tend to get lost in the always fascinating history of the places they lived. Maine is a little different than other places, and since our 2014 Seminar speaker is from Maine, here are some interesting tidbits.

Settlers from England arrived at Sabino Head on the Kennebec River in August 1607 – the same year another group went to Jamestown, Virginia. They built Fort St. George. They also built a thirty ton boat, a pinnace, the first wooden ship built in America, in which they sailed back to England in February 1608. The information they took back to England helped both the Jamestown and the later Plymouth colonists. http://www.mfship.org/Maines_First_Ship/History_1.html

What were they doing up there? Early settlers weren't just farming. They worked seasonally. In the spring and summer they grew crops. In the early fall they were commercial fishermen on the major river systems: Androscoggin, Kennebec and Penobscot. In the late fall and early winter, they were loggers. In the deep of winter, they were fur trappers. There was another dangerous winter occupation which yielded good money – ice cutting.

Maine has a unique organizational form of self-government called a 'plantation'. There are plantations in some of the coastal islands and in interior areas. Most are in forested areas with populations too scarce to form a town. Plantations gaining population could form a town. Those that lost residents became unincorporated townships. If you are having trouble finding a town in early Maine, or find records referring to a plantation, take a look at this Family Search Wiki site: https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Maine_plantations. The Family Search Wiki sites have some really interesting information.

Maine had a state census in 1837. The Special Maine State Census or enumeration of the inhabitants on the 1st of March 1837 was taken pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of Maine passed 8 Mar 1837. The law directed:

All inhabitants would be counted, excepting, (1) foreigners not naturalized, who have not had their residence in any city, town or plantation in the State of Maine, four years previous to enumeration (which would be 1833) and (2) also excepting Indians not taxed.

You can find it on rootsweb:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~meandrhs/history/usdebt/census/maine/1837.html>

This is where I finally found proof my ancestors lived in Carroll Plantation in Penobscot County in the 1830s.

In Honor of Maxine Day Alexander

A great lady just passed away 30 September 2013, Maxine Alexander, age 93. I am not aware of when Maxine became a member of TPCGS, but I know it was before 1972, close to being a charter member. Maxine and I became acquainted in about 1972 through the Tacoma Genealogical Society (later, renamed Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society, TPCGS). She was active in the Society, and when I became Projects Chairman in 1978, she began with me and others to enter the extracted names and related information from cemeteries, early censuses (1878, 1879, 1889, 1892), funeral home records and some other early Pierce County records.

In time when several people from across the state met in 1980 to form the Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS), Maxine and I were charter members. Maxine and I worked together to help with their project, *Washington Pioneers*, a two volume set recording the early pioneers of Washington State. The set has an additional slim book, correcting some errors in the two volume set. People submitted the names and data of pioneers they descended from, on a form created by WSGS, along with documentation.

Maxine provided the TPCGS Family Line Research service for several years, after Dorothy Rooney got it started. This service brought in a good income for our Society as well as the goodwill generated.

Maxine was a lot of fun, and we always had a great time at the state genealogical conferences and seminars as well as those presented by our society and other societies.

She was a hard worker for the Society as well as at her home, through all this time, picking produce and fruit and then canning the same. Her yard was a showplace. She had many hobbies, collecting antiques was one she thoroughly enjoyed, and she was very knowledgeable as to value. She had several family heirlooms which she treasured. She enjoyed quilting and was very good at that too. There just was not anything she couldn't do!

During her time in the Society, she also served as editor of the *The Researcher* for several years.. This was before computers, with all work being done on stencils!

Maxine's husband passed away in 2007, and it was time for her to slow down, moving from the farm to Gibson House Sr. Apts. At that time she relinquished the Family Line Research service. Before moving, her last service to the Society was entering the records for all Tacoma schools in 1909 census, thousands of names. The Society published these records this year (2013). She also entered most of the Pierce County Schools censuses for 1926 (and one school in 1927). There again, many, many records that will be published in 2014. Our Society is in great debt to this multi-talented lady!

Maxine was a great friend and I shall miss her very much.

Fondly, Janet Baccus

State Library Obituary Lookup Service Still Avail- able for In-state Customers

Due to budget cuts and reduced staff, the State Library will no longer offer our obituary lookup service to **out-of-state customers**. The service will continue for WA residents who have a State Library card. Click [here](#) (CTRL+click) to find out how to get a Washington State Library card.

Patrons may still borrow our newspapers on microfilm through interlibrary loan. They should contact their local libraries to request an interlibrary loan.

A couple of other options available for out-of-state customers who are looking for WA obituaries:

Obituary Lookup Volunteers <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obit/volwa.html>

Washington State Obituary Resources <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/ObituaryResources.aspx>

County Genealogical Societies of Washington State <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgsocs.htm>
(many county genealogical societies may do obituary lookups for a small fee. Contact them directly to ask about their research policies)

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BOOK REVIEW:

FAMILY TREES: A HISTORY OF GENEALOGY IN AMERICA,

by François Weil, Harvard University Press:
Cambridge, Mass., 2013.

Weil, who is Chancellor of the Universities of Paris and a professor of history, has written a very ambitious and comprehensive book on the role of genealogy in America. The book is not a “how to” manual but rather a “what it means” guide, or as Weil says in his “Acknowledgements”: “Genealogy helped them [Americans] understand who they were and gave new depth to their sense of time.” In order to develop his thesis, Weil discusses genealogy as it was practiced during four periods of American history: (1) the 17th to mid-18th centuries; (2) mid-18th Century to about 1865; (3) late 1860’s to 1950; and 4) 1956 to the present day. Over these four periods, he shows the development from the emphasis on lineage with respect to noble families, to a greater emphasis on a family’s republican virtues coupled with greater interest in educating people on methods of family research with books such as Lemuel Shattuck’s *A Complete System of Family Registration* (1841). The third period, from the end of the Civil War to WWII, Weil describes as characterized by emphases on “race, heredity, and nationalism” in a family’s history. The fourth period, our period, Weil sees as very active in a sort of “everyman’s” search for roots, with concurrent growth in organizations and in variety and number of resources (such as *Cyndi’s List*). *Family Trees* is quite an undertaking, a “genealogy of genealogy,” as Weil put it in his “Prologue,” but the material is developed clearly, with excellent details, supported by clear and thorough annotation.

Read and enjoy

—Frank Weihs