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MEETINGS AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

8 September Tuesday 2015 . . . Members Share Summer Research Finds & Victories . . .
(September Meeting @ LDS Library on 12th & Pearl)
6 pm pre-meeting and 7 pm regular meeting
13 October Tuesday 2015 South Bates campus
10 November Tuesday 2015 South Bates campus
No meeting in December . . . Have a happy and relaxing holiday.

Message from the President

by D Becker, TPCGS President



Email sent to the TPCGS Board on Saturday, August 22, 2015

We will probably be demobed (sent home) about the 4th of September . . . However, if things don't get wetter, we could be back out by the 19th.

It is dipping into the 30's tonight. By September, it will be mighty cold to be sleeping in a tent!

Annual Show and Tell Meeting

September 8, 2015

**Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogy Society Meeting at Family History Center
5915 S. 12th Street, Tacoma. (12th & Pearl)**

6 pm. – 8:30 pm.

TPCGS invites you to join us at our informal “What I Did on My Summer Vacation” meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

We’d like to listen to you brag about your successes, share your newly discovered resources, and tell us about your search strategies.

Explain your brick wall conundrums and ask for help solving mysteries.

Meet fellow genealogists with all levels of experience.

Explore the resources at FHC, learn how to find and order microfilms of documents not available online.

There will be a Short business meeting and refreshment break mid-meeting.

Visit us at our website: tpcgs.org and follow us on Facebook.

From the Education Desk ...

Having spent about a year in this position, following an ad hoc agenda, I have taken this opportunity to layout a three-fold approach to our pre-meeting sessions.

Approach One -- As an “old time” researcher listening to many of you in the meetings and seminars, I have come to the conclusion, rightly or wrongly, that most have not answered the question “Now that I have done this research, what am I going to do with it?” So this approach to the pre-meeting will focus on writing narrative, not only your personal memoirs but also that of the ancestors you have researched. Granted, this is only one answer to the question I posed but it seems to me any other shoves the work into the ‘*closet of time*’, not knowing when it will be opened and with what eyes will it be interpreted.

Approach Two – As an arm chair family historian, one who has done 95% of his research on line, I will be sharing the methodology I used to “proof” my family tree of some 2300 entries. The age of digitization is here, so I am calling for those of you who have experience researching via the internet, to step forth and take a leading role in the pre-meeting agendas.

Approach Three – Because some of you may have something specific to address, I will consider it a pleasure if you would contact me to discuss the situation, topic, or problem that we can together put it together for presentation at a pre-meeting.

Finally, I hope to make this entry into our newsletter a quarterly thing, so if I happen to miss one please bring it to my attention. My plan and hope is to bring substantive information to you to enhance your researching experience.

George

P. S. If you wish to inquire further into my background, please go to the “About Me” page on my website at www.gwsweb.org/GP/

Cyndi, the List, and Us

By: Carol Rikerd

When I first joined TPCGS in April 2011, one of the first information sources I learned about was Cyndi's List. I was fascinated to learn Cyndi, a national treasure, lived here and was one of us. How cool is that! All that information, for free. **Click!**

I click through Cyndi's List when I'm curious about something, when I find a possible new person or place or event, when I get disgusted with Ancestry and Family Search, when I'm confused. Especially when I just want to learn something new, Cyndi's List provides a smorgasbord of delectable sources. Always, there is another link to explore. Links to intensely interesting search paths, which may or may not have to do with my own people, open up. **Click!**

One of the links I've ignored on the List is on the home page, in the right hand corner, under the rotating pictures of Cyndi's people. There's a little button there, gold with blue letters spelling 'donate'. **Click!**

Cyndi talks about the history of the List in her blog <http://cyndislist.blogspot.com/2015/06/it-all-began-20-years-ago.html>. **Click!**

Judy Russell's column June 23, <http://legalgenealogist.com/blog/2015/06/23/supporting-cyndis-list/> talks about Cyndi, the List, and us, Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society.

Judy wrote: "In 2011, Cyndi's List needed a major upgrade and redesign to continue to be as useful into the future as it has been in the past. And redesigns don't come cheap. Cyndi picked up the tab out of her own pocket. *To the tune of some \$40,000 plus.*

At which point Cyndi finally did what so many of us in the genealogical community had been telling her she had to do: she had to let people help. "When I upgraded the site I added a PayPal Donation button," she says. "It was one of the hardest things for me to do. I do not like to ask for help. My friends and colleagues tell me that I need to do this." (1)

Yes, Cyndi, You do need to do this.

And since there's still a ton of money outstanding in expenses on Cyndi's List, all of us who use this amazing resource need to use that PayPal Donation button and say thanks in a tangible way". (2)

Judy's message should have special meaning for TPCGS. Cyndi belongs to us, and we belong to Cyndi. Thank you, Judy, for the TPCGS publicity plug! **Click!** And thank you Cyndi for the List, for your sunny smile and joyous good humor that grace our seminars, for coming and talking to us every year at a meeting. I'm sending you something to let you know how much I value what you do. **Click!**

Cyndi might not read this. She might not hear my thank you. So I did what Judy Russell advises. I pushed the donate button and supported Cyndi's List with \$50. I can live just fine without that amount, which is so small compared to what the List gives. Those dollars will, however, joined with discretionary dollars other people will be sending, help keep Cyndi's list going strong. **Click!**

Do you have a few dollars you can live without? Could you skip a couple of Starbucks stops? Because Cyndi is one of us. If so – then put your cursor on that link like I did. **Click!**

Let's keep Cyndi funded, because she's one of us, because she did something brilliant 20 years ago that radiates back to TPCGS and helps every professional and amateur genealogist out there in the wide world.

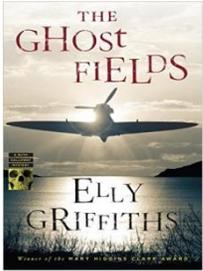
One little thank you, one little button... **Click!** Hi Cyndi, it's us.

Carol R.

(1) Judy's footnote "Cyndi Ingle, "It All Began 20 Years Ago...", Cyndi's List blog, posted 21 June 2015 <http://cyndislist.blog.com/> : accessed 22 June 2015

(2) Permission to quote from <http://legalgenealogist.com/blog/2015/06/23/supporting-cyndis-list/> granted by email from Judy Russell 7/31/2015

Books



A book review by Jane Irish Nelson

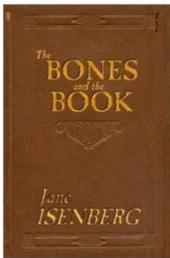
When a murder mystery begins with a family tree diagram, there's obviously a genealogical element involved.

“It is the hottest summer for years.” Archaeologist Ruth Galloway is excavating a field known as The Devil’s Hollow prior to it being developed. Already she’s found one Bronze Age body, and hopes to find more – which might put a halt to the development. But the next body is found by Ruth’s crew. Instead, an excavator driver uncovers a World War II plane, and is shocked to see a fairly well-preserved body in the pilot’s seat.

The police call on Ruth for help. She determines that the body was only recently placed in the plane, and had previously been buried in a different type of soil. In addition, he had been murdered. When the body is identified as American airman Fred Blackstock, it turns out his family is local. Fred left for America just before the war, but ended up stationed nearby. He was believed to have drowned when his plane – not the one in the field – went down in the sea.

An American film crew, making a television documentary about abandoned Air Force bases in Britain, decides to focus on Fred and the family he left behind. His daughter Nell comes to meet her English relatives. But someone killed her father all those years ago – is the killer still around and are the current Blackstock family members in danger?

DNA evidence plays a major role in the solution to the mystery – and so does the weather.



What I'm Reading by Claudia C. Breland

The Bones and the Book is an absorbing mystery that takes place after the Seattle earthquake of 1965 uncovers some bones hidden away in the underground caverns. With them was the tattered journal (in Yiddish) of Aliza, who fled persecution in the Ukraine and the tenements of New York City for Seattle in the 1890's. Rachel Mazursky is hired to translate the journal, and as she travels the city uncovering clues, I recognized places dear to me – such as the Seattle Public Library, where I worked in the 1980's. A great story with threads connecting past and present.

Editor's Note: Check out Claudia C. Breland's newsletter on her website, <http://www.ccbreland.com>



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. 149.4 July/August 2015: spotlighted educator Kathy BIHR; National History Club furthers students' knowledge and understanding of the past; Boise, ID urban center and natural oasis; MAULL House in Lewes, Del.; lasting legacy of DAR schools; colonial colleges Harvard University, College of William and Mary, Yale University, Princeton University, Brown University, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania and Dartmouth College; two revolutionary museums The Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia and The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown; George CLINTON father of the Empire State. (HF)

Je Me Souviens (American French Genealogical Society, Woonsocket, RI) Vol. 38.1 Spring 2015: George H. BUTEAU's memories of Holy Family School; Sainte Angeline POISSON; SEVIGNE house in Brittany; Marie PONTONNIER and the men in her life. (929.1/J34J)

AROUND THE U.S.A.

CA Redwood Researcher (Redwood) Vol. 48.1 August 2015: Police Court cash book, Eureka, 1898-1914 many names and amounts of paid fines and case numbers; items from The Ferndale Enterprise 1919; items from The Western Watchman 1892; old settler' papers from The Trinity Journal. (929.1/R248R)

Lifeline (Riverside, CA) Vol.L.2 May 2015: 10 jobs that no longer exist; finding DNA family connections; sorting out clues in photos.

GA Family Tree Quarterly (Cobb Co. Gen. Soc., Marietta) Vol. 24.4 2014: Charlie Cole WILLIAMS family Bible; Bible of James T. CHAPMAN of Crawford Co.; MERDOCK and JOHNSON families in Cobb Co. (929.1/F21FT)

ID Idaho Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Boise) Vol. 58.2 Summer 2015: Scandinavian family history research tips; Boise's Basque block; bio of James Birney MORROW; bio of Frank Oran JOHNSTON; (929.1/ID1I)

KS Kansas Kin (Riley Valley Gen. Soc., Manhattan) Vol. 53.3 August 2015: ESTES-MOODY family in Geary and Riley Cos.; two K-staters named NICHOLS, Ernest R. and Ernest Fox; deciphering a photo. (929.1/K133K)

MN Minnesota Genealogist (Minneapolis) Vol. 46.2 Summer 2015: life story of Thomas WILSON 1810-1895; missing children of Susanne HINGTGEN REISDORFF; researching military records pt. 1; CW soldiers buried in DuPage Co. IL. (929.1/M666M)

NC Burke County Journal (Morganton) Vol. XXXIII.2 May 2015: 1810-1813 road records; obit of Mrs. Julia MCDOWELL; 1931 Lovelady Township voter registration list; misfiled documents in the NC State Archives; 1842 Johns River list of voters. (929.1/J826J)

ND Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter (Bismarck) Vol. 44.2 June 2015: pioneer history of Mrs. Flora PETERSON SHEPPARD; pioneer history of Mrs. A. LEWIS; Morton Co. naturalization record index SMEDER-STOLLER. (929.1/D148D)

OK Oklahoma Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Oklahoma City) Vol. 60.2 June 2015: three sets of grandparents; executed ancestors; memories of Roy HESTER. (929.3766/OK4O)

OR Bulletin (Gen. Forum of OR, Portland) Vol. 64.4: story of Nelson Alexander FLINN of VA; the WILLSON line and Daniel STURGIS link; KEYSER family Bible; to SNP or not to SNP, that is the question; how to find newspapers for specific locations and time periods; OR currency before banks; genealogical materials in Federal Land Resources; GFO's biographical books extracts BLASER-BUSH. (929.1/G286B)

TX Stalkin' Kin in Old West Texas (San Angelo Gen. & Hist. Soc.) Vol. 42.3&4: 1904 old Confederate barbecue gives 27 names; understanding Hispanic surnames; the DELONG cemetery; Fort Concho Medal of Honor recipients pt. 1; bio of William HARRELL; bio of Wanie O'Quinn HODGES 1897-1991; family myth busters Tom MIX and Lillie FEIGHT; finding ancestors in an agricultural census; 1893-1894 issues of Coke Co. Rustler; Crockett Co. marriage records Bk. 1; 1928 civil court docket; Menard Co. marriage records Bk. 4; Reagan Co. marriage records Bk. 1; Runnels Co. marriage records Bk. 4; 1908 San Angelo telephone directory. (929.1/ST18S)

WA Bulletin (Yakima Valley Gen. Soc., Yakima) Vol. 47.2 June 2015: extracted BALL Funeral Home records of Sunnyside; Josephine WOLFE 1836-1909; family Bible records from the files of the YVGS library; memories of Christiana GRISWOLD CORUM; 1910 North Yakima High School names. (929.1/Y11Y)

WA (Ft. Steilacoom) Vol. 32.2 Summer 2015: Silas CASEY III Rear Admiral, US Navy.

***IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, SEARCH, SEARCH AGAIN.
THAT IS WHY THEY CALL IT RE-SEARCH!***

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