



TPCGS NEWSLETTER

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Meetings and Events Schedule

TPCGS monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month September through May. Meetings are normally held at Bates Technical College, South Campus, 2291 S. 78th Street, Tacoma, *Building E*. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm with a brief business meeting. After a short break, the main presentation begins followed by an educational session. ***Guests are always welcome!***

September 10, 2019 – 6:00 pm

This meeting will be held at the Tacoma Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma, WA 98402, in the Olympic Auditorium, located on the Mezzanine Level (between the 1st and 2nd floors) of the main branch. Our guest speaker is Brian Kamen, who will give us a tour of the Northwest Room. This room houses the library's Genealogy Collection, some of which was donated by the TPCGS! We look forward to this meeting each year, as we get to "Bring and Brag," meaning we get to share what we accomplished over the summer.

October 8, 2019, - 6:00 pm

Photo Identification - Melodie Hall. This meeting will be back at Bates' South Campus. Melodie will discuss how to look for clues in your photos to help ID people, areas and time periods. It will be a very informational meeting!

November 11, 2019 – 6:00 pm

Finding Your Ancestors in Fraternal Records – guest speaker is Steve Dunkelberger.

December 10, 2019 – 6:00 pm

Join us for our annual Christmas Party - An evening of friends, fun and treats!!

April 24-25, 2020 - TPCGS 2020 Spring Seminar

We are pleased to announce that our speaker will be *The Legal Genealogist* Judy G. Russell, a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. On the faculty of numerous genealogy institutes, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM. Her award-winning blog is at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com>.



President's Column:

Dee is off fighting forest fires in Alaska, so this column is offered by Liz Osborn, our Vice President – Programs:

Northwest Genealogy Conference

I was fortunate to be able to attend the 3-day Northwest Genealogy conference in August of this year.

For three days we were treated to wonderful speakers. The General Session on the first day was devoted to DNA Issues, Direct Line Testing, Autosomal DNA and Power Tools to make the most of your DNA Test. On the Second day, the General Sessions were devoted to the various wars. We were given a brief overview of the events just before the wars. This was most interesting. The Third Day's general sessions were: The 15 habits of Frugal Genealogists; Successful Collateral and Cluster Searching and After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research.

There were many interesting breakout sessions. In fact, I wish I had been able to take almost all of them. Also, they had many door prizes that were related to paid Genealogy Websites and Resources.

This conference is held in August every year in Arlington. The facility is beautiful, it is easy to find the rooms and the parking is the easiest I have ever experienced at a conference. If you are unable to attend all three days, you can purchase registration for the day or days you can attend.

Liz Osborn

Book Review

By: Jane Irish Nelson

Murder in an Irish Churchyard

by Carlene O'Connor

Police procedural meets cozy in the third installment in this series, with genealogy playing a central role.

In the middle of the night the local priest hears a gunshot and finds a body in the churchyard. So, he summons Siobhan O'Sullivan, a local who has gotten a reputation for being able to solve mysteries. But Siobhan has just passed her exams to become a member of the Irish police, and from now on she must do everything by the book, rather than follow her intuition as she has in the past.

The dead man is an American, who has come to Ireland with his family, to learn more about where they came from. Accompanying them is a filmmaker, recording the family history. So just what did he discover that someone is willing to kill to cover up? Together with the detective sergeant assigned to the case, Siobhan follows the clues as they interview the family members and try to discover the explosive secret.

Not only is the plot fresh, the characters are engaging, with enjoyable repartee between Siobhan, her family and friends, as well as sometimes more acrimonious interchanges with her co-workers. Recommended.

BROWSING PERIODICALS

By: **Theresa Cosgrove**, former Library Liaison



Publications exchanged with or subscribed to by the TPCGS 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.

BROWSINGS beginning December 2018

Minnesota Genealogist, Vol. 49, No. 4, Winter 2018

- U.S.-Dakota War of 1862
- Amelia Rooso's Birth
- Johannes Abrahamson, Swedish Immigrant
- Finding John Lundenburg

Family Tree Quarterly (Cobb Co., GA) Vol. 28, Issue 2, 2018

- Susannah Martin & Other Witchcraft Victims
- Early American Witches & Kimberly Nagy

Family Tree Quarterly (Cobb Co., GA) Vol. 28, Issue 3-4, 2018

- 1816, A Year without a Summer
- Journal Written in 1908-1909
- A Non-Population Component of the U.S. Census
- Search for Wm F. John
- Archives & Battlefields
- Early Concho Valley Settlers
- Abstracted Records: Counties of Coke, Crockett, Runnels, Green

Stalkin' Kin In Old West Texas, Vol. 46, Nos. 1 & 2, Winter/Spring 2019

- Search for Wm F. John
- Archives & Battlefields
- Early Concho Valley Settlers
- Abstracted Records: Counties of Coke, Crockett, Runnels, Green

American Spirit – Jan/Feb 2019, Vol. 153, No. 1

- Lockkeeper's House Restoration
- The Doctor's Riot 1788
- Vaccinating Early America, Dr. Boylson
- Spirited Adventures – Montgomery, Ala.
- Historic Homes – 1793 Woodberry Forest School
- Book Reviews – *Founding Martyr*, Dr. Joseph Warren by Christian di Spigna; *Brothers in Valor* by Robt F Jefferson Jr., PhD

BROWSINGS (continued)

TCGS Bulletin, Tri-City Genealogy Society, Vol. 59, No. 1, March 2019

- History of Daylight-Saving Time
- Hanford Construction Camp
- The Sage Sentinel
- Columbia Valley Grange #938
- Mark Stephen Black

Minnesota Genealogist, MGS, Vol. 50, No. 1, Spring 2019

- Orson Durand & Gerhardt Moen
- Bygdebok: Resource for Norwegian Research
- Tidball Families in Ontario. Michigan, ND & MN
- Parents of Margaret Kosmachek

Fiske Genealogical Foundation, Spring 2019, Vol. 26, No. 3

- Copyright & Terms of Service
- Library Acquisitions
- New Features on our Surplus Books Webpage

Je Me Souviens Magazine, Vol. 42, No. 2, April-June 2019

- Digory & Daniel Sargent
- Matthew Farnsworth III
- François Hertel & Abigail Key
- Ancestors in Woonsocket

The Bulletin – Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Vol. 68, No. 4, June 2019

- Bernice Chessman Turner (1885-1979)
- Tracking Ichabod Allyn (1711-unknown)
- Ward-Day-Saffarans Bible
- Beginner's Guide to Manuscripts & Repositories

American Spirit, DAR, Vol. 153, No. 3, May/June 2019

- Colonial physician David Hosack
- J.Q Dickinson Salt-Works
- Rachel Fawcett Hamilton, mother of Alexander



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*When the elderly die, a library is lost and volumes of
wisdom and knowledge are gone.*

– Unknown

NEWS THEN, HISTORY NOW



HistoryLink.org

Lieutenant Colonel Dwight D. Eisenhower reports for Fort Lewis duty on February 3, 1940.

On February 3, 1940, Lieutenant Colonel Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969) reports for duty at Fort Lewis. He reports as commander 1st Battalion, 15th Regiment, and the regimental executive officer. He loves the assignment and especially leading troops. November 1940 brings a new assignment, Chief of Staff, 3rd Division. In March 1941 he is promoted to Colonel and becomes Chief of Staff IX Corps. His wife, Mamie Eisenhower (1896-1979), precedes him to Fort Lewis to establish their home at 2310 Clark Street, a two-story brick house, built two years earlier (today a plaque in the sidewalk records it as the Eisenhower quarters). Their son John (b. 1922) moves to Fort Lewis with them. They will remain at Fort Lewis until the end of June 1941. In 1953 Dwight David Eisenhower will become president of the United States.

The Making of a President

Dwight D. Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas, on October 14, 1890. In 1915 he graduated from West Point and served in the army until retirement in May 1952. His first assignments were in infantry and tank units. Eisenhower did not see combat in World War I. Following that war "Ike," as he was called, became an effective staff officer, notably from 1933-1935 as General Douglas MacArthur's (1880-1960) chief military aide. In 1935 he went to the Philippines with MacArthur as the senior military assistant.

Although Eisenhower was highly regarded for his administrative skills, he longed to be with the troops. With the help of friends, he received orders to Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1939. Dwight, his wife, Mamie, and son, John, departed Manila in December 1939. They arrived in the United States on January 6, 1940, and Ike was placed on temporary duty at the Presidio of San Francisco. Mamie went on to Fort Lewis and established their home.

Life at Fort Lewis

The Eisenhowers had an active social life that included off-duty participation in the officer's club events. Dining at the club, they came to love the china service that had a image of the post's historic stone main gate. Today, this china is on display at the Eisenhower Museum, Abilene, Kansas. Ike spent some of his free time tending a vegetable garden behind the house and also entertaining friends with barbeque picnics. Also, on the home front, Colonel Eisenhower demonstrated a father's pride when John, a student at Stadium High School, Tacoma, received a West Point appointment. (John would rise to Brigadier General and become a distinguished historian).

Ike's experience in leading troops, developing battle strategies, and administrative work set the stage for future achievements. His Fort Lewis time prepared him for greatness. The Eisenhowers left Fort Lewis at the end of June 1941 going to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Ike received his first star, a Brigadier General, in October 1941. In August 1942 he made a brief return visit to Fort Lewis. **War Years**

During the first years of the war, his planning and administrative skills led to war planning duties. During January 1944 Eisenhower assumed the awesome duties of Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, planning and carrying out the invasion of France. His leadership led to a fifth star as General of the Army in December 1944.

During 1945-1948 Eisenhower held the Army Chief of Staff position. As Chief of Staff he visited Fort Lewis and the local area. In February 20-21, 1946, Eisenhower inspected McChord Field and Fort Lewis. He spoke to 2,000 veterans at the Madigan Hospital Red Cross Hall. On another Fort Lewis visit on August 15, 1947, Ike reviewed 10,000 2nd Infantry Division troops, and met with soldiers.

Presidential Visits to Washington

In 1953 Dwight David Eisenhower became the 34th president of the United States and served two terms. During his presidency, he flew out to dedicate Washington's McNary Dam in September 1954. Ike returned to the Tacoma area on October 18, 1956, when he spoke at the University (then College) of Puget Sound with 8,000 in attendance.

On another visit, in November 1958, Dwight stayed at brother Edgar's home on American Lake, a time together that included golf. Edgar Eisenhower (1889-1971), a prominent Tacoma lawyer and outstanding golfer, regularly shot a 70 on the par 72 Tacoma Golf and Country Club. He won the Washington State Seniors tournament three times. Dwight Eisenhower also made several other visits to Washington state, including one to the Century 21 World's Fair in 1961.

Dwight and Mamie retired to a Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, farm. He died on March 28, 1969. Fort Lewis honored him with a 50-gun salute and displaying the flag at half-mast for 30 days.

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Eisenhower House, home of future president Dwight Eisenhower, his wife Mamie, and their son John, 1940-1941, Fort Lewis, 2008; Courtesy Fort Lewis



General Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969), late 1940s

Courtesy of HistoryLink.org.
<http://www.historylink.org>

“MARK YOUR CALENDAR” - Upcoming Events

Seattle Genealogical Society’s Annual Fall Seminar – October 5-6, 2019

Fairview Christian Church (Sat) and SGS Library (Sun)

Thomas W Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS – Creating Credible Conclusions While Circumnavigating Walls

<https://wasgs.org/blog/2019/09/03/seattle-genealogical-society-october-seminar-2/>

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall Seminar – October 5-6, 2019

Center for Self Enhancement, 3920 N. Kerby Ave. Portland, OR

Fritz Juengling - “Deutsche & Dutch, Genealogy on the North Sea”

<https://wasgs.org/blog/2019/09/09/genealogical-forums-thursday-e-news-28/>



HQRL Autumn Quest – October 12, 2019, 8:15 am - 3 pm

Presented by: Heritage Quest Research Library

Held at the Emerald Queen Conference Center, 5580 Pacific Hwy E., Fife, WA

Featuring: Dave Obee

For more information contact: <https://hqrl.com/> or call 253-863-1806

RootsTech 2020 – February 26 - 29, 2020

Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT

For more information: <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake>

National Genealogical Society 2020 Family History Conference – May 20-23, 2020

Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration Opens December 2, 2019

If you are interested in attending the NGS Family History Conference and want to coordinate your travel with others in our Society, please contact one of our Board Members. It would be great to have a few members attend together!



Northwest Genealogy Conference 2020 – August 12-15, 2020

Arlington, WA - “A World of Discoveries”

Save the Date! They are still working on the lineup of wonderful speakers.

From the Washington State Genealogical Society Website:
The National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies
 plan to merge no later than October 1, 2010.

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All officers can be reached through their email address listed on the TPCGS Website at <http://www.tpcgs.org>



Boating off Pt. Defiance, circa 1905

The boat, which is a launch, has a covered canopy over the central part. There are ten adults and a young girl on the boat. They are identified on the reverse of the photo as members of the Hale and Danner families: Pearl Danner, Geo. Hale, Will Hale, Naomi Danner, Russell Danner, and Ethel Hesper Hale.

Photo and information courtesy of Washington State Historical Society