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## **LCGS MEETINGS**

**Jan 15, 2013** As we were unable to have our Show N Tell in November due to weather conditions, several members have requested the Show N Tell for the January meeting. Bring any story or genealogical find to share at the meeting. 7pm PUD Auditorium at 345 Pacific Avenue, Chehalis. New officers for 2013-2014 were elected at the special December meeting. (See list of officers)

## **From the President**

Happy New Year 2013! I am excited to be President for the Lewis County Genealogical Society for 2013-2014. I would like to first thank Bob McDole for the past years he volunteered to be President –I hope to continue his organized meetings and agenda's for the society.

A few new program ideas are in-the-works for this year – so please attend the meetings to see what transpires!

A little about me that you may or may not already know. I grew up loving family history and genealogy because of my mom, Leslie Parnell. My kids even learned what it's like to have picnics in the cemeteries, researching and transcribing. Learning the significance of where you came from – and preserving documents and photos so many more of our generations can gain knowledge of the family stories. I have been involved with LCGS in one way or another for nearly 20 years – newsletter co-editor, past Vice President, webmaster and social media. I take pride in representing the LCGS and now I will add President 2013-2014 to this list. ~

*Teresa Parnell Jordan*

**LCGS Meetings Cont...Feb 19, 2013** meeting will be at the Church of Latter Day Saints Family History Center at 2195 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis. Librarians will give us an update on new additions or changes to their library. This is a great opportunity to learn what they have to assist the public in researching their genealogy. Meeting will be at 7pm, with doors open at 6:45pm. No early research will be available before the meeting, however, time permitting, research can be done after the orientation. The entrance is at the back of the building and should you be able to use the steps, there is an entrance on the south side of the building.

Please be sure to visit our web site. Teresa has done a wonderful job and wants your comments. <http://www.walcgcs.org>

Renewal membership dues should include a new registration form as our research takes many turns each year. Please be sure to fill out and turn in to the treasurer.

### ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS REPORT

From WSGS President, Sue Erickson

Sue says thanks to all the letter writing efforts we have achieved a measure of success. The State Archivist and the Department of Health as agreed to the State Archives request and will be settling a 10 year battle over the transfer of original birth & death records to the Archives for safe storage and accessibility. Also, the DOH will not be pursuing a legislature effort to limit access to vital records in the upcoming session of the State Legislature. DOH still believes that access should have greater regulation in all likelihood will begin the effort again at some future time.

The genealogical community must keep informed about any future threat. WSGS is a member of the Washington Coalition for Open Government and a member serves on their Sunshine Committee. They will try to keep members informed of any future action by DOH or any group who attempts to limit access to records that we find valuable to our family research.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

### EVENT SCHEDULE

**February 16, 2013**, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will hold their Winter Seminar: Methodology Matters. Keynote speaker is Washington State Archivist, Jerry Handfield. Also, amazing programs to choose from, presented by Jim Johnson, Mary Kozy, Steve Morrison and Eric Stroschein. More Info to follow! Also find them on Facebook and on the web at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/)

**March 2, 2013** Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present their Spring Seminar from 1 to 3 pm at the Church on Wall and Country Homes Blvd. in Spokane. Presented by Maureen MacDonald. More information:

<http://www.ewgsi.org/events.php?ecid=4&tf=12>

**April 27, 2013** Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar featuring Leland Meitzler & William Dollaride. Location is at the La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1425 East 27th St., Tacoma, WA. Go here for more information:

### National Conference Spotlight

**March 20, 2013** The Association of Professional Genealogists will present their 2013 APG Professional Management Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown, Salt Lake City. More details are here:

<http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html>

**March 21-23, 2013** Rootstech 2013 will hold their conference in Salt Lake City, UT. Registration is now open for Rootstech. <http://rootstech.org/> Theme: Family History & Technology.

**April 17-21, 2013** New England Regional Genealogy Conference will be held in Manchester, N.H. at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. Theme: Woven in History—The Fabric of New England.

<http://www.nergc.org/>

**May 8-11, 2013** the National Genealogical Society will present “Building New Bridges” in Las Vegas, Nevada.

[http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info) Here is the announcement brochure:

[http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2013 Announcement Brochure 27 April.pdf](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2013%20Announcement%20Brochure%20April.pdf)

**June 7-9, 2013** Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree will be held in Burbank, California. Go here for more information: <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/> Try their blog: <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/>

**August 21 to 24, 2013** Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold their annual conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Here is their conference website:

<http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43> and the preliminary brochure is at:

[http://www.fgs.org/upload/files/FGS2013 Conference Flyer.pdf](http://www.fgs.org/upload/files/FGS2013_Conference_Flyer.pdf)

NOTE: Fort Wayne has the **Allen County Public Library** which is 2nd to the Family

History Library. Past conferences were very popular, so book as soon as registration opens.

## Tips from Genealogy-In-Time Magazine at

[www.genealogyintime.com](http://www.genealogyintime.com)

**Birth Records** - If you are having difficulty finding the birth certificate of an ancestor, then try ordering the birth certificate of one of your ancestor's brothers or sisters. Reading the information on the sibling's birth certificate (such as the spelling of the parent's name) can often provide enough information to lead to the birth certificate of the ancestor you seek.

If you are fortunate to have several siblings to chose from, pick the sibling that was born closest to the ancestor you are trying to trace. The information on this sibling's birth certificate will provide the closest match to your ancestor in terms of spelling of names, occupations, addresses, etc.

**Computers** - At [GenealogyInTime Magazine](#), the number one thing people write to us about is font size. People often complain to us because they struggle to read the small fonts on many websites. Well, we have a simple solution for you.

To increase the size of any web page simply hold down the Ctrl key and press the + (plus) key. Pressing the + key several times while holding down the Ctrl key will make the web page even larger.

You can also do the reverse. Hold down the Ctrl key and press the - (minus) key to make the web page smaller. This works great if you are using a smart phone or other device that has a small screen.

This simple solution works on all browsers and on all operating systems.

**Surnames** - France was one of the three main countries that helped colonize North America (the other two being Britain and Spain). As a result, many people in North America have French ancestry, even if they are not aware of it. This is most likely if you have ancestors originating from Eastern Canada, Northeastern United States and around Louisiana.

Over time, many people with a French background Anglicized their family names. Sometimes these Anglicizations are fairly easy to figure out, such as the French surname Allain being converted to the English equivalent of Allen. Often, however, the forms of an

Anglicized name can be difficult to predict, even for someone well versed in the French language. For example, the French surname LaLiberte becoming the English surname Bow.

Fortunately, the Quebec Genweb project maintains an excellent and detailed list of English surnames and their North American French equivalent. This is a wonderful resource to consult if you have French ancestry in your family. Even if you don't think you have any French ancestry, it may well be worth taking a look. Who knows, it could open up a whole new avenue of exploration that you hadn't considered. [\[List of Anglicized French Surnames\]](#)

**Membership Dues** Lewis County Genealogical Society membership runs January through December. Cost for one person is \$12 and for a couple in the same household is \$15. Membership includes a bimonthly newsletter. We meet January-June, September-November at the Lewis County PUD meeting room, 345 Pacific Avenue, Chehalis WA, on the third Tuesday evening of the months listed. Research trips are planned periodically. Please return the membership form to: LEWIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 782 CHEHALIS WA 98532-0782.

My/Our membership should read:

Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Check for \$12 enclosed for 2013 membership

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Permission to print member information in the newsletter? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Please list surnames and states being researched: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a self addressed stamped envelope if you would like a membership card & or receipt.

**News items for the March newsletter are due to the editors by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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