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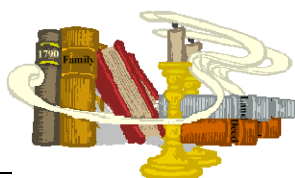
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LCGS MEETINGS

November 17, 2015: Our Annual “Show & Tell” and Potluck. Earlier time begins at 6:00 PM. Bring a genealogical find or anything you may want to share from your genealogical research journey. Meeting will begin with the potluck at 6:00 pm. LCGS will supply the plates, utensils, napkins. Please bring your own beverage, a favorite potluck dish and a serving utensil for your dish.

We will have the election of officers for 2016. Following is the slate of officers presented at the October meeting: Vice President-Patty Olsen; Secretary-Leslee Dunlap. Volunteers and nominations for these positions will be taken from the floor.

The meeting is at 6:00 PM with doors open at 5:45 PM at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532

Instead of our members bringing holiday food donations for the Holiday Food Box, St. John’s Lutheran Church suggests that we consider donating to **Food For Our Future**. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/foodforourfuture/?fref=ts> or call (360)266-7318.

December 2, 2015: Board Meeting 10:00 AM, St. John’s Lutheran Church.

December, 2015: Christmas break. NO MONTHLY MEETING.

January 7, 2016: Board Meeting 10:00 AM. St. John’s Lutheran Church.

2016 DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1st

See the registration form on the back page of this newsletter. A new registration form is needed every year. Extra forms are available at the meetings. Please fill out the form with your current information, research surnames/regions and submit it with your check made out to: “THE LEWIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY”. A current list of paid members will be printed in the **March newsletter**.

THANKS FOR PAYING YOUR DUES PROMPTLY.

Want to discover your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors?

Many people believe that researching Irish ancestors is impossible because of the destruction of the Public Record Office in 1922. While many records were destroyed, others survived and have come online in recent years.

Join experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research. Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, you won't want to miss this workshop!

What better way to celebrate St Patrick's Day itself, than by making a start on your Irish and Scots-Irish ancestral quest. Your Irish genealogy is waiting to be discovered.

With sixty years' experience of serving Irish people everywhere, let the Ulster Historical Foundation help you discover your family's story.

Monday, March 14, 2016

Bethel Church, 132 Kirkland Rd.,
Chehalis, WA



EVENTS, SEMINARS.

March 14, 2016, Lewis County Genealogical Society presents **Fintan Mullan** and **Gillian Hunt** of Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland at an all day conference at Bethel Church, 132 Kirkland Rd., Chehalis, WA.

June 18, 2016, Washington State Genealogical Society with Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society presents: Paula Stuart-Warren at the La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA. Info available at the TPCGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

If you know of a seminar or event of interest to members of our society, please e-mail your newsletter editor.

If You Don't Care About Genealogy, Skip This Post

Did you know....

...you cannot obtain a death record in Oklahoma during the seventy-five years after a death unless you are the subject of the record, i.e., the deceased;

... entries are no longer added to the Social Security Death Index until three years after the death occurs;

...state vital records officers have a **Model Act** which, if passed in your state, will close access to birth record for 125 years, marriage records for 100 years, and death records for seventy-five years?

Without records we have no research.

To find out how you can help, go to:
<http://bcgcertification.org/blog/2015/10/the-genealogists-declaration-of-rights-needs-our-support/>

WSGS Communicates: News From the Blog...

Here are some recent highlights from our Washington State Genealogical Society blog...

Metes & Bounds Boundaries or Which County is My House In? by Charles Hansen

Very interesting article on finding metes and bound boundaries in North Carolina. Is that tree they used to mark the corner of your land in 1750 still there? If not how do you know where that corner is today?

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2015/10/north-carolina-lost-county-lines/409090/>

Thomas Jefferson's Ten Rules

1. Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
3. Never spend your money before you have earned it.
4. Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap.
5. Pride costs more than hunger, thirst and cold.
6. We seldom repent of having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. How much pain the evils have cost us that never happened.
9. Take things always by the smooth handle.
10. When angry, count ten before you speak, if very angry, count a hundred.

I bought this postcard at the Historic Michie Tavern, a great eating place at the base of the mountain whereupon sits Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home.

Do you think these are good rules for today?

Making Grave Markers & Memorials

A GENEALOGIST IN A CEMETERY By Lora Rose, member of the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society, Colville, WA.

So what's the difference between a genealogist in a cemetery and a cemetery caretaker? This doesn't come

with a punchline. The answer is Family History Stories and Pedigrees.

My husband was introduced to his Rose family second cousins in 2007 as a result of my research. Turns out the Rose family had come to western Oregon in 1856 with a small group of family members. It was a merging of two individuals whose spouses died and a new marriage created – his, hers and soon to be ours. The Rose family farm near Lebanon, Oregon sets on the Santiam River and was honored as a 100 year farm in August 1976. A surviving member still lives there.

So what does that have to do with cemeteries? We began a new tradition with three Rose siblings who knew the people of the area and their family stories. After the family reunion, we tramped through cemeteries in search of grave markers from lists I had created. One day was spent, Harv would drive, Martha and Alice would tell stories and answer questions. These cousins were 10-20 years our senior, so as we walked the cemetery a story or interesting tidbit of those interred was offered up to the group. It was a joyous occasion, sharing history from those who knew it best. These three were blessed to have their father live to be 106. At 102, he still maintained a roadside vegetable stand from his garden. His mind was clear and his body sturdy from a lifetime of work. His name was Russ.

On one occasion, I was looking for the 1st wife of Ron's great grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Rose. T.J. married Virginia Crabtree in April 1870 and she died in February 1871. Cause of death unknown, but we can guess. She was buried at Franklin Butte Cemetery in Scio, Oregon. We walked the grounds thoroughly in 2007 and never found her grave. Lots of stories told, other markers filmed, but a sort of sadness prevailed in not finding "her final resting place".

I was new to genealogy and on a steep learning curve. I read everything I could get my hands on, attended every educational class, group or session and talked non-stop about family....mine, his, ours. The next summer, another family reunion was planned and I had my list of cemeteries. Franklin Butte was first on the list with new collateral relatives. That day my eye caught a plain, cement poured grave marker. Virginia Rose 1850-1871. A small yell escaped me! Look what I found. It's her! The kind folks at the cemetery association had made and laid a marker for Virginia. I felt relieved and somehow closer to her. Grief once surrounded this spot, but joy pushed it aside that day. That moment stuck in the back of my mind.

Forward to 2015 and Evergreen Cemetery in Colville, Washington. I've been working with Gordy Struve over the last year to memorialize those interred at Evergreen Cemetery on our Northeast Washington Genealogical Society web site. With over 600 known burials, it is a big project done mostly in the wet, cold and low light months. I'm starting to know the people, their families and their stories. Spring and summer provides physical work at the cemetery. Over time we've had work parties to clean the grounds, limb or cut down trees & brush, fix fence, roads &

grave markers, install signage and other duties as assigned. A weed whacker is my tool—I've cleaned the north half of Stevens County with various forms of this beast, but I can be tender and exacting as a surgeon. When the soil turns to dust, I've spent a bit of time bringing the graves out of their hiding places. Genealogists thrive on mysteries, always looking for a clue....and unmarked graves leave clues, sometimes depressions, sometimes mounds, often a lilac bush stump at the head of the grave or perhaps a large stone. Most markers face east and you can pick out the grid-like pattern of plots and graves by looking end to end through the cemetery. I start at the head of the grave, gently teasing the next rock that lines the oval shape of the grave. Exposing only the tops, I continue around until.....another grave is accounted for. Our previous generations used to completely cover a grave with stones or most often just put them on the rim of grave.



Remember the plain, cement poured grave marker of Virginia (Crabtree) Rose? I thought about it as I weed whacked the grass and brush in preparation for Memorial Day. Wonder how the good folks at Franklin Butte Cemetery made it. After a Google search, I came upon a web site that was just what I was looking for.....a form made of 3/16" ABS, rubber letters and numerals....complete with pouring instructions. The man who owned the business had personally poured over 300 markers, mostly for pets, but gave helpful tips. I poured my first marker, and then another, then another. So far I've poured and set 10 markers this fall. All it takes is a moment that sticks in your mind!



P.S. From Donna: Yes, Lora really did make that very professional looking cement grave marker for Fredrick Padberg as well as ten others and I know she won't be done until all the known graves that do not have a marker do have one. What an example to the rest of us!

This entry was posted in [Cemeteries & Grave Markers](#).

You can sign up at <http://wasgs.org/blog/> to receive WSGS blog posts via email.

Websites to Check Out

[Map Sources on the Web for Genealogical Research: The David Rumsey Historical Map Collection](#) has over 64,000 maps and images online. The collection includes rare 16th through 21st century maps of America, North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Pacific and the World.

Popular collection categories are celestial, antique atlas, globe, school geography, maritime chart, state, county, city, pocket, wall & case, children's, and manuscript maps. Search examples: Pictorial maps, United States maps, Geology maps, California map, Afghanistan map, America map, New York City map, Chicago map, and U.S. Civil War maps. Browse map categories: What, Where, Who, When. The collection is used to study history, art, genealogy, explorations, and family history. Access is free, you can download images from the site and there is an option to purchase prints if desired. <http://www.davidrumsey.com/>

[The New York Public Library](#) has an extensive collection of over 17,000 Maps and over 3,000 Atlases in their digital collections along with a lot of other historical documents pertinent to genealogical and historical research. Go to <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/> and type in a keyword like "maps" or "atlases" in the search box and see what you find. You will have the option of downloading them to your own computer.

Free Online Newspapers:

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

The site now features more than 10 million pages - 74 terabytes of total data - from more than 1,900 newspapers in 38 states and territories and the District of Columbia.

Between January and December 2014, the site logged 3.8 million visits and 41.7 million page views;

The resource includes more than 285,000 pages in almost 100 non-English newspapers (French, German, Italian and Spanish);

More than 250 Recommended Topics pages have been created, offering a gateway to exploration for users at any level. Topics include presidential assassinations, historic events such as the sinking of the Titanic, inventions, famous individuals such as the Wright Brothers and cultural or off-beat subjects like fashion trends, ping-pong and world's fairs.

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a total of more than \$30 million in grants to 40 partner institutions to contribute to Chronicling America, listed here: www.loc.gov/ndnp/awards/. This list of award winning partners contains links to the websites of those National Digital Newspaper Program winners.

Genealogy Translations on Facebook. The purpose of this Facebook group is to assist others in translations of genealogical documents. All languages and scripts are welcome. If you're capable of translating a language that is not already provided for on the pinned list, please feel free to add that language. Ask to join the group if you have a small document you need translated. Please pay particular attention to ALL of the group rules and posting instructions before you post your request.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogytranslation/>

Extract & Confirm All the Information on a Record. The real quest in genealogy research is to extract the details from a record and use that information to locate further information and resources. To illustrate the importance of taking a look at each detail on a record, take a look at the information gleaned from the death certificate of George A. Tucker. This is a great example of why you should take the time to confirm the "facts" you find in documents.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/extract-and-confirm-all-the-information-on-a-record>

13 Secrets Ancestry Trackers Know About Your Family Tree (That You Don't) Reader's Digest article by Michelle Crouch features genealogy in their Culture column:

<http://www.rd.com/culture/ancestry-tracker-secrets/>

If you have an Ancestry.com membership, the current editions of two of the best genealogy research books, The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy, and Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources can be found on the Wiki in digital format. The Source and The

Red Book can be found at the following links:

[http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=The_Source:_A_Guidebook_to_American_Genealogy) and [http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Red_Book:_American_State,_County,_and_Town_Sources)

Katherine R. Willson's Genealogical and Historical Groups and Pages on Facebook. The list has GROWN! Here is the updated list for Facebook Genealogy groups. The list now includes over 5,700 of them, including genealogical societies. It does not include "Secret" Facebook groups. <https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2015/10/genealogy-on-facebook-list-6-oct-2015.pdf> If you want to keep this list, I suggest you download this PDF file to your computer.

Katherine just can't quit making lists! Here's her list of Genealogy You-Tube Channels.

<https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/genealogy-on-youtube1.pdf>

AND here is her Blog Page so you can find the latest edition of her lists when these go out of date

<http://socialmediagenealogy.com/>.

All hyperlinks in this column were tested and current at time of publication. If you find that it has gone out of date try a Google search.

Your link suggestions are appreciated. Please e-mail them to your newsletter editor at LesleeD@minerallake.com

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The Other Woman By Sandi Gaffney

This is a story that could have many titles such as; the mystery woman, the stepmother etc., in this case I am going to use the other woman.

I was about twenty and at a social activity with my future husband and his family. A lady I was introduced to said she knew my father when he was married to his first wife. Shock! This was something I had never heard before. I do not remember if I asked my grandmother or my mother but someone told me my father did not want to talk about it because he was embarrassed. It had only lasted a short time and she was from Chicago, Illinois. My father lived in a small farming community in Upper Michigan. I put it out of my mind for several years.

In the early 1980's when my daughter, Katharine, was born my mother was upset; she thought I

had named her after my father's first wife. I now had a first name. I also found out she was living in Port Townsend, Washington and her husband just passed away. She must have been cleaning out and sent some things back to my father; only he also just passed away. Once again it was all put to the back of my mind.

I purchased my first family tree program in about 1990. I started by entering information I had from obituaries and a few family group sheets I received from my father's first cousin, Elsie. She and I had corresponded for years and she would always add a little family history in her letters.

One rainy day during my lunch hour I decided to check the cost of Ancestry.com and realized that a six month subscription was not that expensive. I did not have any names at work so just put in my father. The first thing that came up was his marriage to Katherine Knaggs in Chicago, Illinois. I had a full name. The Delta County Genealogy Society has an excellent index of deaths, marriages, divorces and newspaper articles. I used the divorce index to get a copy of their decree; she was given \$10 and took back her maiden name.

Over the years I checked the various censuses and found her parents and a brother. I tried Google for obituaries thinking I would find a new married name. I found her brother in the Port Townsend city directory and sent a request to the genealogy society there, no response. Her parents had divorced, her father remarried and moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan. The Chicago city directories show her living with an aunt for a period of time. The 1940 census showed her and my father living in Baldwin Township, Michigan near his parents. They had both two years of college at this time.

In 2009 I was given a picture of my father and while showing it to my eldest son, two letters fell out from behind it. I am guessing it was a picture sent to Katherine, returned in 1980 and my mother wanted it out of the house. The letters were to her; one from my dad and the other from his mother. They were written prior to their marriage. Using Newspapers.com I did find the wedding announcement in the Escanaba Daily Press.

Fast forward to 2015 and Facebook has a post regarding Ancestry.com and the U. S. Social Security Application and Claims Index. Needless to say I spent a few hours adding this information to my online family tree. I put her name in and instantly had two additional last names. Using this knowledge I was able to find her second husband, his date of death and where.

I once again used Newspapers.com, found a news article from the Benton Harbor News Pelldium dated October 31, 1953. She is no longer a mystery woman. She graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She married Arthur Habel an x-ray technician from Benton Harbor, Michigan in 1943. She was director of occupational therapy at the Kalamazoo State Hospital. She was a member of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women. The article was about the National Business Women's week long observance and contained her picture.

In Ancestry.com U. S. School Yearbooks I found her high school senior picture. She attended Libertyville High School in Libertyville, Illinois and transferred to Central High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan for graduation. Looking again at the yearbook information I saw she also attended Mattawan High School in Michigan. This might be an indication she had a trouble time during high school with her parents' divorce.

Once I had that last name the flood gates opened up. There will always be more questions to ask, such as how they met and when she moved to Port Townsend. She was never a relative but the secret just made me want to know more, plus the addiction of genealogy got to me.



TYPING SWEDISH SPECIAL CHARACTERS

Here's a trick we learned last month at Jim Johnson's presentation on Swedish Research.

To type the following special characters, hold down the ALT key and using the numeric keypad on your keyboard, type in the number. When you release the ALT key the letter will appear!

Å = ALT + 0197

Ä = ALT + 0196

Ö = ALT + 0214

å = ALT + 0229

ä = ALT + 0228

ö = ALT + 0246

Please note that the number keys above the letter keys will not work. If you do not have a numeric keypad on your computer, some word processing programs, like Microsoft Word or Apache Open Office will have the option to "INSERT" a symbol or special character. Look for the INSERT option on the top menu.

Genealogy Immigration/Migration:

Using obituaries in researching immigrant ancestors

By Barry J. Ewell, Genealogy by Barry, reprinted with permission.

The following are records and resources that genealogists find extremely helpful and full of clues to find immigrant ancestors. The information is designed to provide a quick reference and direction of where to find and search for records as probable places to find information.

For many of our immigrant relatives, the obituary is the only biographical sketch ever written. Men and women both are likely to have obituaries written about them. Those who died young may be fully profiled in an obituary, especially if the death was the result of an accident. You will often find information written about your ancestor that you will not find anywhere else, thus making the obituary a very important resource.

When you think of newspapers to use in your research, remember that in addition to community papers, there are also two other common categories: ethnic and religious.

Genealogy Bug

Our world is a quiet, peaceful place
We go along at a smooth, even pace;
Until that bug, 'genealogy' bites
Then all is changed, both days and nights.

We search and research each nook and cranny
To find all we can about Gramps and Granny,
Dad and Mom, Uncles and Cousins
We quiz them all, dozens and dozens.

In books we read, in records we search
In old courthouses and in the church;
We hope to find a great, or a great great
Where they lived, why and how they rate.

With pleasure our records we compile
Each one we add brings a smile;
We are inspired, life is much brighter
That bug, 'Genealogy' is a real biter.

By Alice Mickey Weddle

Ethnic Newspapers. Additional newspapers to consider are papers that focused on a particular ethnic group. For example, it was common in most mid-western cities for German-language news-papers to exist side-by-side with general, English-language newspapers. Occasionally they were published by the same company on the same presses. Ethnic newspapers are usually printed in the language of the community. Remember that while you may not be able to read the language, the name of the deceased is usually in the headline. Find what seems to be a relevant article, then have the article translated if you don't speak the language.



Religious Newspapers. Often our immigrant relatives were more religious than their descendants. They often participated in their church's activities on a regular basis. Therefore, the death would be major news within the religious community. Most denominations supported one or more newspapers in the nineteenth century. Larger denominations, such as Catholics and Lutherans, often had newspapers in every major city and in several minor ones. Religious newspapers were often published for denominations such as Baptists or Methodists.

Obituaries can be found in newspaper journals, magazines, and even yearbooks. Obituaries started to be mentioned in local newspapers during the 1870s. You should be able to find the following information in most obituaries:

- Name
- Age
- Date of death (sometimes only giving the day of the week)
- Family information
- Names of survivors
- Church or mortuary holding the service or cemetery

In addition, it wasn't uncommon to find biographical information, so you might be able to find information such as the following:

- Names of parents
- Occupation
- Military service
- Affiliations with local clubs
- Fraternities or associations
- When person settled in the area
- Birth information (for example, "came from Ireland in 1849" would tell you that the person was likely born in Ireland)
- Clues to locating documents such as passenger lists

It's not uncommon to find obituaries in several papers in the area the person lived. It is important to review obituaries from all the newspapers that you can find. It is not uncommon for obituaries to contain slightly different or additional information.

If you don't know the death date of an ancestor, consider the following ideas to narrow the scope of where and when to search:

- Check the census records to see if 1) the person even appears in the locality or 2) if the spouse appears as widow or widower.
- Check probate records from the last known residence.
- See if your state has online vital record databases to search for death records.

Once you have a date, then you can continue your search with the following steps:

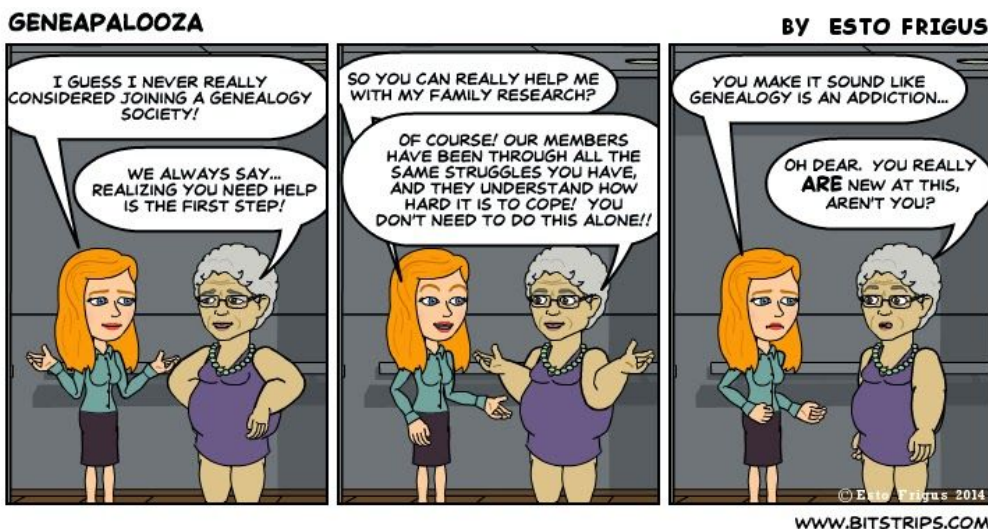
- Check with local libraries and historical societies to see if obituaries have been clipped and put on file.
- Check with local libraries and historical societies about newspapers that served your area during the time period of your ancestor's death. It's not uncommon to have newspapers go in and out of business.
- Check to see if the local paper has been microfilmed, which can then be exchanged through library loan.
- Check online. It's not uncommon to have obituaries abstracted and posted to the Internet.
- Check to see if local indexes have been published that will tell you if and where obituaries were published.

Many libraries offer the services of looking in microfilm for an obituary. Of course, for them to do this search, you will need to provide the date of death. The cost of service is usually less than \$10.00.

Don't overlook ethnic, religious, or professional papers. If these papers are not part of the local library collection, libraries should be able to tell where to locate them.

Depending on the region of the country, you may find several postings for the person's death: an obituary within a few days of the person's death, a profile of the person's funeral a week later, and a thank-you card from the family expressing appreciation to family and friends.

Your chances of finding an obituary will increase depending on the size of the town. The larger cities did not usually print the obituaries of every person's death.



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 via email. Add \$3 if you wish a printed copy via US Mail. We meet January-June, September-November at St. John's Lutheran Church, meeting room, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532, on the third Tuesday evening of the months listed. Research trips are planned periodically. Please return the membership form with your check made payable to: THE LEWIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 782, CHEHALIS WA 98532-0782.

My/Our membership should read:

Name & Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preference to have newsletter by **email** _____ (attachment), or **standard postal mail @ \$3.00/year?** _____

\$ _____ Check for Individual \$12 (emailed newsletter) OR \$15 (USPS delivered newsletter) enclosed for 2015 membership

\$ _____ Check for Family \$15 (emailed newsletter) OR \$18 (USPS delivered newsletter) enclosed for 2015 membership

Permission to print member information in the newsletter? ___yes ___no

If you are joining us mid-year, would you like the past newsletters for this year? ___yes ___no

Please list surnames and locations being researched: _____

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

Items for the January-February newsletter are due by December 31st

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