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donation for the Holiday food box, our contribution to the church for allowing us to meet there.

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER
SEE YOU IN JANUARY**

21 Jan 2014- LCGS - Field Trip to Family History Center, Church of the Latter Day Saints, 2195 Jackson Hwy. (Entrance is at back of building, should you be unable to use the steps, there is an entrance on the south side of the building). Volunteer librarians will explain the research tools available at the FHC. You do not have to be a member to use the FHC. Meeting is at 7 pm with doors open at 6:45 pm. No early research will be held before the meeting. There will be some time to do some research after the orientation. See you there!

LCGS MEETINGS

19 Nov 2013 – Join us for our annual “Show & Tell” and Potluck, Earlier time begins at 6:pm at the St John’s Lutheran Church, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis. Enter at the main front door, then right to the kitchen. Bring your favorite pot luck food item, a serving spoon, and your beverage. The society will provide eating utensils, plates, and napkins. Also, **bring a**

October’s Program

A big Thank You to Cowlitz Tribe Shaman Roy Wilson for speaking about his heritage and Cowlitz Landing. The meeting was well attended and there was so much good information!

Post Card Photo's

A member's collection of over 50 photos of vintage Lewis County area are being scanned and added to our LCGS Website. Anyone who would like to share a few favorite photos can bring them to any Genealogy Meeting or email to Teresa at jordanjunction@gmail.com.

Digital Archive Project

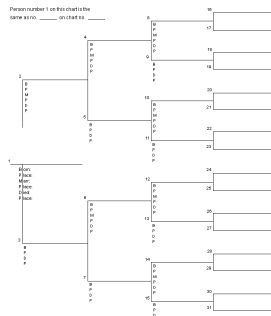
What will you do with your genealogy research?

Do you have family members that want to carry on the research work?

Or consider a donation to the local historical museum maybe?

After 40+ years of handwritten research, one member of the LCGS has decided it's time to put it all in digital archive format. She will then provide copies to family members when requested. The process includes inputting family group sheets into a software program (Legacy) and scanning photos and other documents of research. It's a long process however then you need to ask what to do with the **handwritten originals?**

PEDIGREES - The Pedigree Book for members will be at each meeting. Feel free to glance through the book to check who other members are researching.



Pedigrees should be updated every year to reflect any changes or additions, including the date. **DO WE HAVE YOUR PEDIGREE?** We like to print a one page pedigree in each newsletter.

Lewis County Vital Statistics

Birth & death certificates can be ordered at the Washington State Department of Health in Chehalis. They do have them locally back to 2005. Others can be ordered at the Health Department or go online to www.doh.wa.gov A form can be printed out from the site. Cost is \$20.00.

DUES ARE DUE – 2014 Membership Dues remain the same as last year, \$12 for single and \$15 for family in same household. Please fill out a new membership form as additional connections, searches, address, phone, or email may have changed. If membership form not available, just jot down updated information on a piece of paper. **THANKS SO MUCH**

A Major Milestone in Genealogy Search

A major milestone was reached this week in online genealogy search. An additional 300 million records were added to the Genealogy Search Engine. The free and very popular [Genealogy Search Engine](#) now searches over 3.0 billion free ancestral records from around the world.

Free genealogy records do exist on the internet. They are just scattered across many hard-to-find websites. The powerful Genealogy Search Engine helps bring them all together in one convenient location. Here are some stats on the process:

- Over 1,000 websites with known ancestral records are constantly scanned for new content.
- Over 3.0 billion free genealogy records are then indexed by the search engine.
- The Genealogy Search Engine has become incredibly popular in the genealogy community. It receives over 1 million queries a year from people looking for their ancestors.
- Search results are delivered quickly. Duplicate records are automatically removed from the results. This streamlining process allows people to efficiently focus their time and effort on discovering new ancestors.

The Genealogy Search Engine has become the most powerful free search engine in the world dedicated specifically to finding ancestral records from around the internet. It is part of [GenealogyInTime Magazine](#)'s mandate to find creative and innovative ways to help people connect with their ancestors for free. You want to find your ancestors. We want to help.

Use the [Genealogy Search Engine](#) to search 3.0 billion free ancestral records.

Use the [Family Tree Search Engine](#) to search an additional 3.8 billion records found in online family trees and genealogy forums. This is a good way to see if anyone else is researching your family members.

Read [A Guide to Performing Online Genealogy Searches](#) to learn how to get started on your genealogy search.

- See more at:
<http://www.genealogyintime.com/news/a-major-milestone-in-genealogy-search.html#sthash.BMzqpps0.dpuf>

[GenealogyInTime Magazine](#)
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Here are some highlights from the latest update:

- Several additional online historic newspaper collections have been indexed.
- The digital archives from several libraries and universities in the US and Canada were added. Many of these archives contain significant photo collections.



The latest additions to the [Genealogy Search Engine](#) include significant new photo archives.

- Several more online memorial websites containing obituaries were indexed.
- Several additional historic websites from Canada (such as [Canadiana.org](#)) have now been indexed.
- [Newspapers.com](#) was removed from the search engine since they no longer provide free views of historic newspapers. - See more at: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/news/a->

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Ancestry.com Buys Find A Grave

Ancestry.com announced the purchase of cemetery website *Find A Grave*. This has potentially big implications for genealogy. In this article, we look beyond the press release and discover some of the facts behind the Ancestry.com purchase of what was the largest free and independent genealogy website.

The purchase of Find a Grave changes the competitive landscape for genealogy. Prior to the purchase, Find A Grave was the third largest genealogy website overall and the largest independent and free genealogy website. Now Find A Grave is part of Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com now controls the first, third, sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth largest genealogy websites in the world. Source: [Top 100 Genealogy Websites for 2013](#).

Find A Grave was originally created in 1995 by its founder Jim Tipton in Salt Lake City as a way of finding the graves of famous people. It has since grown to become the number one cemetery website in the world. It currently has approximately 106 million grave records.

In late 2012, Find A Grave surpassed FamilySearch.org in internet traffic to become the largest free genealogy website (see the article [Top 100 Genealogy Websites for 2013](#)). According to our estimate (based on recent Alexa rankings), Find A Grave currently gets about 12,800 visitors a day (versus about 10,000 visitors/day for FamilySearch.org).

Ancestry.com purchased Find A Grave for an undisclosed amount of money. They have pledged to keep Find A Grave free. They have also pledged additional resources to the website to develop (for example) apps, presumably to make it easier for people to upload cemetery data. Certainly Ancestry.com will want to keep the goodwill of all the people who contribute cemetery information to Find A Grave for free. - See more at: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/news/ancestry-buys-find-a-grave-page1.html#sthash.joaBNT0o.dpuf>

Ancestry.com continues to dominate the genealogy industry. With the purchase of Find A Grave, Ancestry.com now directly controls 11 of the top 50 genealogy websites.

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: _____

Preference to have newsletter by **email** _____ (attachment), or **standard postal mail**? _____

_____ Check for \$12 enclosed for 2014 membership

_____ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2014 membership

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.

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