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LCGS MEETINGS

Sept 17, 2013

Guest speaker is Karen Johnson of Chehalis. Karen has worked in the museum field for more than a decade, is currently the director or the Castle Rock Exhibit Hall/Museum/Visitor Center, and serves on the board of the Tumwater Historical Association. Johnson has recently co-authored two non-fiction history

books. Both focus on a young man from Pittsburgh. Karen will present the second book, which covers Allen's time in Washington Territory and is titled ***A Yankee on Puget Sound: Pioneer Dispatches of Edward Jay Allen, 1852-1855***. Join us at 7pm the PUD Auditorium at 345 Pacific Avenue, Chehalis.

October's meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month, **October 22nd**, to accommodate guest speaker Roy Wilson. Roy will present a program on the ***Heritage of Cowlitz Landing and Toledo***.

HERITAGE QUEST RESEARCH LIBRARY-Autumn Quest 2013, "A Tour of Futuristic Tools to Help Uncover the Past". Speakers are Cyndi Howells, Mary Kathryn Kozy and Jim Johnson. Register by Oct 5 at \$30. More info at www.hqrl.com.

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A good suggestion from Gene Kuechmann and Pat Bael, outgoing editors of Clark County GS Newsletter: **ALWAYS REPLACE @ WITH "AT" TO FOIL ROAMING "BOTS" LOOKING FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES.**

“Improved Genealogy through Better Methodology”

Washington State Genealogical Society

2014 Conference and Annual Meeting
15-16 August 2014 Skagit County, WA



Featuring Internationally Known Lecturer and Genealogist

David E Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA. David is employed by the Family History Department, in Salt Lake City, as the Chief Genealogical Officer for Family Search. A professional genealogist since 1977, he was accredited in Irish research in 1981. He is a coordinator and instructor at many of the national institutes such as Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and the British Institute.

As the chair of the FGS Records Access and Preservation Committee (RPAC), David is on the forefront of the battle for open access to public records for genealogist and historians.



Quick Tips for Genealogists

Edited by Juliana S. Smith

Census Checkoff Sheet

Whenever I start researching a new family, I like to obtain all the census records in which each family member may appear. I create a "Census Checkoff" sheet in *Excel*. The headings on the columns are labeled: Name, Born, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940, and Died.

I start off with the name of the head of the family. The next column is for the date the person was born. This makes it easier to quickly see when a person would first enter the census. This column is followed by each census year, as listed above, then the year the person died. I put enough rows on each sheet to hold about twenty people, which should cover the largest family size. I adjust the rows and columns where needed to make small notes, like "M" for married or "D" for died.

This helps to see trends in a family's history, e.g., if several young children are missing in an individual year, this may point to an epidemic or illness in an area. Or if several older children are missing from the family, it may be a signal that the children married or moved to another area together since families tended to migrate together. Rhonda Dunn

Document Your Family Heirlooms

So that your children will know the stories about your family "treasures", photograph each item and write a story about its source. Keep the pictures and stories in a three-ring binder in clear, acid-free sheet protectors. Title it "Where Did It Come From, Mom?" You may also keep a second copy in the safety deposit box. Marilyn Larson

"Around to It" Website Folder

When reading about a new site on the Web and you don't have time to check it out, keep track of it by creating a new folder in my "favorites" (or bookmarks. Name it "around-to-it". You know, when you get "around to it" you will have another look and decide to keep or delete it. Karen Kelly Kiss

Archival-Safe Page Protectors

We've heard about using archival-safe paper, but many still don't know that plastic page protectors also need to be archival-safe. When selecting page protectors or photo protector sheets, remember the "Three Pollys." These include polyester, polyethylene, and polypropanol. These are archival-safe materials. If the package or your vendor can't verify the content of the materials, don't buy the product. Mary Clement Douglass, Former Museum Curator, Salina, Kansas

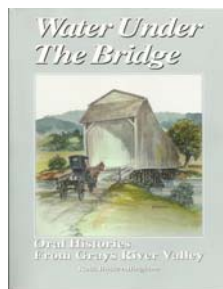
RootsWeb Town/County Database

When entering a lot of new information into your family tree software, keep the RootsWeb U.S. Town/County database
<<http://resources.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/townco.cgi> open to quickly request a county and make location entries complete. Mary Ann (Smallwood) Bolton

(These tips courtesy of Joann Hulse)

Place Names

Place Names should always be entered as they originally were – not as they are now.



Leslee Dunlap picked up this book for our library. [Water Under the Bridge, Oral Histories From Grays River Valley](#) By Ruth Busse Allingham, 2001.



The Office of the Secretary of State, in an effort to increase accessibility to the historical records of Washington, initiated the Historical Records Project in 2002. Staff from the State Library and State Archives identified records from their collections for inclusion in the project, as well as those held by numerous local museums, genealogical and historical societies.

Currently millions of searchable records are available free of charge on the Washington State Archives website. Yet much work needs to be done. Countless numbers of records need to be transcribed and indexed in order to be beneficial to researchers and genealogists around the globe.

This is where you come in! The bulk of accessible records would not be available for research if not for the tireless efforts of volunteers like you! Work from home, at your own pace, on equipment familiar to you. Volunteers are the lifeline of the Historical Records Project and vital to its success!

Be a part of preserving Washington State History! To find out how you can help, contact the Historical Records Project.

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Rebelle Gossens via Michael Grecco, 2010. 1922 State Library Photograph Collection, Washington State Archives

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE
NEW Website for WSGS?
The address is: wasgs.org.**

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW on PBS

September 23 to October 14, 2013

9 pm to 10 pm

<http://www.pbs.org/about/news/archive/2013/genealogyroadshow-natl/>

“GENEALOGY ROADSHOW”’s premiere season will feature participants from four American cities — Nashville, Austin, Detroit and San Francisco — who want to explore unverified genealogical claims, passed down through family history, that may (or may not) connect.

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Genealogy Today: Ten tips to overcome ‘genealogy burnout’

By Betty Malesky Special to the Green Valley News |

Posted: Sunday, August 4, 2013 12:15 am

A friend confided recently that she was suffering from “genealogy burnout.” This was a new term to me, but a

little research reveals genealogy burnout identified as far back as August 2000.

While I wasn’t aware of the condition, it fits me to a T. After 50 years doing genealogical research I, too, am suffering genealogy burnout.

As primary evidence, I canceled my subscription to Ancestry.com in June. Once an unthinkable action, I realized I hadn’t used it for over a year and didn’t need to spend any more money on it.

If you also suffer from this condition, don’t worry; it’s not a fatal condition. Try one or more of the following 10 suggestions, in no particular order, to see if it will perk you up.

1) Quit trying to break down brick walls. They are enough to burn anyone out. Some brick walls are not going to go down no matter what you do. Let’s face it, we don’t need to know every last ancestor’s identity.

2) Switch research to another line that may produce better results. Sometimes we get bogged down in a family and can’t see the logical next step. Switching to another line clears the fog and sharpens the mind.

3) Turn off the computer and go out for dinner at an expensive restaurant. If there is someplace you’ve always wanted to go for dinner, now’s the time. The number of nights this will work is constrained only by your budget, but remember the money saved on Ancestry.com?

4) Find a genealogy angel or buddy in that remote location you can’t get to. Two heads are better than one,

especially when one of the heads lives where your elusive ancestor lived.

5) Go to a conference or take a class. Listening to an expert is always a good way to refresh your thinking and revitalize your search. And it's fun besides.

6) Read Marsha Hoffman Rising's book, "The Family Tree Problem Solver." It's a fun book, and she can suggest ways to find that difficult ancestor that you never even dreamed of.

7) Quit looking for that elusive ancestor. If you can truthfully say that you have looked everywhere and have a long list of records to prove it, why not consider your search is over (at least until the next time it pops into your mind.)

8) Take a well-deserved vacation just for fun and forget about genealogy. I know, this is a hard one. How can a genealogist go on vacation without looking for a single

ancestor? It would be like cutting off your head to lose weight.

9) If you feel aimless when you're not doing research, review all that data you have collected. Look for good stories among your ancestors. Now start writing those stories. You plan to do it someday, so why not start now. You'll feel great once you have something to show for all the work you've done.

10) Finally, chocolate is the answer to nearly every problem. If you're getting nowhere, grab a chunk of Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate. If that doesn't make you feel better, maybe you really are hopeless.

Betty Lou Malesky, certified genealogist, is past president of the Green Valley Genealogical Society. Contact her at bettymalesky@cox.net. The society's Web site is www.rootsweb.com/~azgvgs/.

Does our family have a coat of arms?

A coat of arms can be a neat thing to display on a wall or at a family reunion, and many people wonder if their family has one. Although selling coats of arms by surname has become a popular business, coats of arms in most countries were originally granted to individuals and were not inherited exactly as they were granted. They could be transmitted from father to son (and also to wives and daughters), but a coat of arms could only be used by one person at a time, and when it was transmitted it had to be changed in some way so as to differentiate it from the one used formerly. Still, if you are a direct descendant of someone who had a coat of arms, you may be eligible to legally use it. You can also create and register a coat of arms for yourself. You can visit [The American College of Heraldry](http://www.collegeofheraldry.org/) for more information about registering a coat of arms.

Since the bearing of coats of arms is not regulated in the United States, we personally see no harm in people displaying a coat of arms related to their surname as long as it is understood that the coat of arms doesn't actually belong to them. And keep in mind that unless you have proven to be descended from someone who was granted that coat of arms, it is possible that the coat of arms never did belong to someone in your family tree but only to a family of a similar surname.

http://www.legacytree.com/genhelp/coat_of_arms.html

My mother has started calling cemeteries "Ancestor Farms"

GENEALOGY POX

WARNING: Very contagious to adults.

SYMPTOMS: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has blank expression and is sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking for records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mail carrier when s/he does not leave mail.

Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret calls at night. Hides phone bills.

TREATMENT: There is no known cure. Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines, and be given a quiet corner in the house where s/he can be alone with his/her computer.

REMARKS: The unusual nature of this disease is.....the sicker the patient gets, the more s/he enjoys it!

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.

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