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**Important Note:**

All of the websites listed in our newsletters are direct links to the website. First you need to be online. Next hold down your ctrl (Control) key and left click your mouse to take you directly to the website.

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** - annual pot luck before the meeting, program to be announced next newsletter.

**DAR “Ring The Bell”**



**OCTOBER** is Family History Month. LCGS has scheduled a Saturday seminar to be held at the Lewis County Historical Museum meeting room.



Seminar will be held on October 25, 2008 1pm – 4 pm at 599 NW Front St, Chehalis, WA. Cost for attending will be \$10. and pre-registration is needed as the meeting room is limited to 40. Laura Pemberton Sparr, Professional Genealogist, will present a program to be announced in the September newsletter.

**Events/Meetings/Seminars:**

**LCGS NEXT MEETING IS:**

**Sep. 16<sup>th</sup>** - “Show and Tell”. Come share your interesting genealogical finds this summer (or anytime). This will be our first meeting after the two month break, so let's get back into our wonderful hobby of “family research”. Meeting will be at 7pm at the Lewis County Historical Museum meeting room at 599 NW Front St, Chehalis, WA.

**Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** - Harriet Morley will present a program “Getting the Family Involved in Genealogy.”

Please have **Newsletter items**  
(including old photographs, if you'd

like to submit a copy for scanning) to one of the editors by the *end of October* for the **next newsletter.**

## Families of Lewis County WA

Book Excerpts from: **The History of Lewis County Washington**

### DEEP ROOTS OF THE URQUHART AND ALEXANDER FAMILY

By Dixie Alexander. Published in The History of Lewis County Washington, published by the Lewis County Historical Society, First Edition, 1985.

Seven generations of the Urquhart and Alexander family have lived in Lewis County, beginning with James Urquhart and John Alexander, both of whom came from Scotland in the early 1850's. John Alexander, a single man came via the Horn, trying his luck in the California and Frazier River gold fields. He settled west of Chehalis on the river and married Margaret Urquhart, the daughter of James and Helen Muir Urquhart who had settled their family of nine boys and two girls at Napavine.

The Urquharts purchased Cutting's Homestead claim and squatters rights of Pinto, laying out the town of Napavine, building homes, a mercantile store and post office. Later when Chehalis began to thrive, they built the first store there. The Urquhart brothers began to take up donation land claims and were elected to various county offices. While their father James served two terms in the Territorial Legislature in Olympia during the time the University of Washington was being founded in Seattle.

John Alexander, the pioneer, was also very influential in early Lewis County and Chehalis civic affairs. He was instrumental in building the first bridge across the Chehalis River at Alexander Park. His neighbor, across the river was John West, known as the Father of Chehalis. In 1873, with others they built the first building in Chehalis, a warehouse near the railroad tracks and managed to have trains stop in Chehalis rather than Newaukum as originally planned.

John and Margaret Alexander had three sons, James T., Andrew U. and John W., and a daughter Mary who died in childhood. James T. and John W. were farmers and business men taking over the Security State Bank in 1903. Their descendants still reside on the original family farm home where John, the pioneer, homesteaded in 1858.

### CAROLINE (GREUNER) ROAKE

(From the same book at the left)

August 30, 1888 Caroline Greuner was born in Alameda, California. I came with my parents to Napavine, Washington at the age of one. My first years of school were at Alpha, Washington where I would walk a mile to school every day. For a short time I attended school at Forest, Wash. Later on I went to Holy Rosary Academy in Chehalis where I graduated from the eighth grade. In high school, I went to St. Dominic Academy in Everett and then to the North Pacific College of Pharmacy in Portland. After graduation I accepted a position with Stahl Drug Company in Centralia, Wash. Later on I worked for Garrison's Drug in Centralia, Chehalis Pharmacy and Marrs Drug in Chehalis, and Goodfellow Drug in Castle Rock, Washington. I have been an active member of St. Joseph Church, St. Agnes Circle, and the Soroptimist International.

April 29, 1967, I married Sam Roake who was from Castle Rock, Wash., and who was a florist. We were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Chehalis, Wash. Sam passed away in 1972. . .

My parents Caroline Lisec and Joseph Greuner were married February 26, 1881 in Srbec, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia and came to the United States in 1886 and then settled in Alameda, California. In 1889 we came to Napavine and my father had business partnership known as Fusick, Greuner and Linhart, conducting a general merchandise store. A year later he moved to Alpha and he had a General Merchandise Business and, also, he was Alpha's first postmaster from 1890 to 1897. My father could not speak English well in Alpha, Wash., but he learned the language of his adopted country and became an active citizen. In 1898 my father, mother, and I moved to Forest where they built the Greuner Store, and conducted the post office until his retirement in 1929. My mother died in 1931, and my father in 1936. I also had a brother Joseph Greuner, Jr. who passed away at Alpha, Washington.

Until 1935 a well established post office was maintained at Forest, 7 miles south of Chehalis on Hwy. 99, now the location of Trodahl's Grocery Store. The post office was established by W. R. Monroe and for many years of the life of that office, Joseph Greuner was the postmaster there. After Joseph Greuner had the store, it was Ed Deggeller

and then Trodahl's. The patrons that like there now are served by motor routes out of Chehalis

We had plank roads all the way into town and all was woods from Newaukum River up to Forest.

### **NEW MEMBER CONTEST**

Sign up new members between October 21, 2008 and April 17, 2009 and your name will be entered into a drawing for **prizes**. New members recruited must write the member's name who recruited them on their registration, to be eligible for the prize drawing.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – DINNER FOR TWO AT THE GREAT WOLF LODGE, \$50 Value,** donated by Harriet Morley.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – BOOK “WALKING WITH YOUR ANCESTORS”, by Melinda Kashuba,** donated by Harriet Morley.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – ONE YEAR LCGS FREE MEMBERSHIP.**

All prizes will be awarded at the **April 21, 2009** general meeting. Remember, this is for new members, the more you sign up, the more changes you will have in the drawing.

### **Free Forms**

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms>

Getting organized and knowing how to address government agencies and organizations can help you get quicker, more effective results. Family Tree Magazine has created forms that can help you access and **organize your family history information**. They're available in two formats: text and portable document format (PDF). The text versions give you the basic form structure in files you can open in your word-processing software. You can print, edit or even type your information right in the file. The PDF versions are read-only files with snazzier designs—they're suitable for displaying or sharing your research with others.

### **Basic Charts and Worksheets**

Here, you'll find basic reference sheets and the forms you need to get started tracing your family tree.

### **Research Trackers and Organizers**

These forms help you keep track of your research progress and organize your genealogy files.

### **Census Forms**

Use these sheets to record information found in US censuses.

### **Immigration Forms**

The forms in this area are designed for transcribing details from passenger lists.

### **Record Worksheets**

On this page, you'll find forms for recording information from a variety of genealogical records.

### **Oral History and Heirlooms**

Look here for sheets to keep track of family stories, traditions and treasures. Sample printed on back of this article: *Oral History Interview Record*.

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**Insert Oral History Interview Record Here**

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## **DONATE YOUR TIME**

It's time to think about serving as an **officer of the Lewis County Genealogical Society**. Please let an officer know if you have an interest. There have been a few volunteers for some of the positions. **Voting** is held at the **January, 2009 meeting**, at which time new officers will serve a **2 year term**.

*"Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideas, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them."*

– Harriet Naylor



## New to LCGS Library

**Forgotten Patriots, African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War**, 872 pages, list of over 6600 names, covering all regions from 1775 to 1783, presented to Lewis County Genealogical Society by Macy Lacy Chapter DAR in honor of George Washington, founder of Centralia, WA.

**Guide to German Parish Registers, in the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Volume One BADEN, BAVARIA, WUERTTEMBERG**, compiled by John

**Family Surnames, DUNSTON, MOHNEY, SCOTT** received from Marjorie King, Las Vegas Nevada 2008.

**CROSSCUT, Number 11 Washington History, Places, People.** Centrum, March 1977. Don. Joann Hulse.

**TACOMA BEGINNINGS, First 100 Years**, A Publication of the Tacoma Public Schools, 1969.

**REMINISCENCES OF RIDGEVILLE and the MISSISSINEWA COUNTRY, with an additional History of the Old Settlers Meetings**, by Samuel Ginger 1905 Ed, reprinted 1987. Donated by Phyllis Crawford.

**Memories of BOWERS MILL, (Missouri)**, by Charles & Neva Chrisman. Donated by Phyllis Crawford.

**The History of LaRussell, (Missouri)**, by Charles & Neva Chrisman, 1988. Donated by Phyllis Crawford.

The following purchased by LCGS.

**Search for the Passengers of the MARY & JOHN 1630, Vol. 4, 11, 13-16.** A collection of records or information gathered and published from the passengers. Pub. Burton W. Spear, 1987.

**1870 Federal Census WASHINGTON TERRITORY**, compiled by Stillaguamish Valley GS. 1988.

**Census Substitutes & State Census Records, Vol. 1 Eastern States, Vol. 2 Western States**, by William Dollarhyde, 2008.

**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 Historical Society Museum meeting room, 599 NW Front St., 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 2008 membership

\_\_\_\_ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2008 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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