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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.

**Events/Meetings/Seminars:**

**LCGS NEXT MEETING IS: Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Our annual Pot Luck begins at 6:15 pm in the meeting room of the Lewis County Historical Museum, 599 NW Front Way, Chehalis. We ask that you supply a hot dish, dessert, or whatever you wish and your favorite beverage. The society will supply coffee, tea, water, plates, utensils and napkins. **Program** organized by Harriett Morley is “**November Fun-time**”. She has requested that you write a short story on one ancestor following his or her migration to Washington State (or another state). Try to use your great grandparents or pick one ancestor you have followed on his or her migration.

Bring your stories to the Nov. meeting. After the stories have been read at the meeting, a vote for the best story will win a Surprise gift. This is all for fun and enjoyment. Please join in for our “November Fun-time”. ***Have you turned in your “Pedigree Chart”?***



**NO MEETING IN  
DECEMBER  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
TO ALL**

**Jan 6, 2009** – Board Meeting at the museum at 5:15 pm. All members are welcome.

**Jan 20, 2009** – Election of 2009-2010 officers will be held at the Jan. meeting. We do have members who have volunteered for most of the positions; however, these members have served in most of the positions several times. **Please think about donating your time.** Fresh faces and minds can lead us all too new places. The following have agreed to their names on the slate of officers. President-Linda Patton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Harriett Morley (incumbent), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-OPEN, Secretary-Joann Hulse (incumbent), and Treasurer-Leslie Parnell. Nominees will be accepted from the floor. **(More By-Law Information next page)**

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 December* for the **next newsletter**.

**The by-laws state:** The Nominating Committee shall present a list of at least one nominee for each elected office to the Board of Directors at the November meeting and the general membership meeting in January. The committee shall have the consent of each nominee to serve if elected. Nominations may be made by the general membership from the floor at the Annual Meeting, provided each nominee is present or has given written consent to serve if elected. Voting shall take place at the January meeting. Voting shall be by voice, provided there is only one candidate per office. If more than one candidate is running for any one office, the voting shall be by written ballot. Majority vote elects.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 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 Harriett 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 chances you will have in the drawing.

In observance of **Family History Month**, on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, a seminar was held on "Immigration & Naturalization," presented by Laura Pemberton Sparr. There were approximately 20 attendees, including some new genealogist's just starting out. Some of the highlights that Laura presented were:

\*Irish boys-1<sup>st</sup> name was Christian name and all boys of the family had the same 1<sup>st</sup> name; most all have 3 names.

\*Religion, knowing ancestors religion helps find the country they came from.

\*1776 Paid up members living in the colonies became automatic citizens.

\*1776-1790 some states had their own laws for naturalization.

\*Scotsmen-came in at the Port of South Carolina.

\*1930 1<sup>st</sup> census taken that the census taker asked for spellings of names.

\*1906 – Had to file intent for naturalization at the port of arrival.

Laura pointed out several good reference books for immigration and naturalization. "Following the Paper Trail" A Multilingual Translation Guide by Jonathan D. Shea & Wlm. F. Hoffman, Avotaynu Inc.; "The German Research Companion" by Shirley J. Riemer, 2000; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of "Source" has a Land Chronology (we have in our library). Another good book is "Handy Tips to Migratory Patterns and Immigration to the US." Good web sites are National Manuscripts Collections at nucmeg.loc.gov. and Church of Latter Day Saints free web site familysearch.org. Thank you Laura, for providing your vast knowledge on immigration and naturalization.

(Reprinted from Oct 2008 TPCGS Newsletter  
*Genie Grab Bag*)

**Facebook for the deceased**

September 10, 2008

**Footnote** is trying to create "**Facebook for the deceased.**" It's the obituary 2.0 meets the social network, but likely without the permanence of a tombstone. The site gathers timeline info that you can match up with a person's life. The service also scours public records you can attach to profiles, as [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) does. The presenter said Footnote now has 80 million profiles online, which are not available anywhere else. All it needs is for those peoples' friends to come online and add the remembrances -- stories and photos -- that aren't in the public domain.

Read the rest of the article here:  
[http://news.cnet.com/8301-17939\\_109-10038423-2.html](http://news.cnet.com/8301-17939_109-10038423-2.html)

~ **Tips & Tidbits** ~

The Washington State Digital Archives at: [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov) recently went public with their new database, **Washington State Death Records 1907-1960**. They have transcribed death certificates and posted them and are hoping to get originals on in the next few years. This site is a great resource for Washington State genealogy. (Reprinted from Oct 2008 TPCGS Newsletter *Genie Grab Bag*.)

The Washington State Secretary of State has sent out an announcement that **historic Washington newspapers are online for free**. The papers on, so far, are from Lynden, Olympia, Port Townsend, Seattle, Spokane, Steilacoom, and Walla Walla, for the years ranging from 1853-1890, depending on which paper. Here is a link to the search engine for those papers:  
[www.secstate.wa.gov/history/newspapers.aspx#](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/history/newspapers.aspx#)

**The Lewis County Historical Museum is presenting the First CHINESE AUCTION**

fundraiser to be held at the SW Washington Events Center at Yardsbirds Mall on Saturday, Nov 15, 2008 11am – 4pm. Come and Go or Stay Awhile! It's a **new and exciting fundraiser** - a fun hybrid between a Raffle and an Auction. Just buy a \$1 (dollar) ticket for any item and if your ticket is drawn, you are a WINNER. Some fabulous items donated for auction are Yacht and Airplane Rides, Electronics, Certificates, Baskets, Dinners --- and lots more! Must be 21 or older to attend. Featuring Wine Tasting from Heymann Winery and Widgeon Hill Winery. **(Lewis County GS has donated a "Beginner Genealogist's Kit")**. Sounds like great fun, see you there.



The Lewis County Historical Society (LCHS) is a non-profit organization specifically dedicated to serving the residents of Lewis County, WA., by preserving the history and heritage of Lewis County through the support and operation of the Lewis County Historical Museum. Hours are Tues-Sat 10am to 5pm. And Jun 1-Aug 31 Sun 1-5pm. For information phone 360-748-0831 or email [Director@LewisCountyMuseum.org](mailto:Director@LewisCountyMuseum.org)

**COMING IN 2010 TO THE CHEHALIS AREA**

**Washington State Genealogy Society Annual Conference will be co-hosted by Lewis County Genealogical Society, Chehalis and Lower Columbia Genealogy Society, Longview. BE ON THE**

**LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFO AS KNOWN.**

**Submission guidelines for LCGS Newsletter articles**

Articles for the L.C.G.S. Newsletter are always welcome. The newsletter is published six times a year: (Sep/Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, and May/Jun)

**Deadlines:** Articles should be submitted one month prior to the next edition. Articles should be submitted via e-mail to the following addresses: [lparnell@tds.net](mailto:lparnell@tds.net) or [jordanjunction@hotmail.com](mailto:jordanjunction@hotmail.com)

**Articles:** Tips on genealogy, information on interesting websites to visit, "how-to" articles, and personal articles about genealogy success stories, personal family genealogy and photos are all welcome. Local Lewis County history and genealogy is also welcome. Please do not send copyrighted material. Please do not send personal information on living relatives. Due to space limitations, please limit articles to 600 words in length, the equivalent of a one-page manuscript.

**Photos:** Historical photos are welcome. Please scan individual photos at a high resolution and e-mail. In order to print effectively, photos need to be clear and bright with good contrast. Dark photos will not print. Include a caption detailing names, dates and location. While we welcome article and photo submissions, not everything can be printed in every newsletter due to space limitations. The newsletter editors reserve the right to edit or hold articles as needed and to fit the space available. For more information call Leslie Parnell at 978-4267.

**Now in Beta: [WorldHistory.com](http://WorldHistory.com)**  
FamilyLink (formerly World Vital Records) is testing a cool new interactive mapping and history site – read more – go to <http://blog.familytreemagazine.com> – click on **Now What Blog** and search for **Now In Beta World History**.

**Finding Ancestors in the Civilian Conservation Corps**

**Q.** My relative worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Where can I find more information about his time there?

**A.** Get resources for learning about your CCC ancestors on the **Now What Blog** at: <http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/> and searching **Civilian Conservation Corps**.

[Post YOUR Genealogy Research Question to our Forum!](#)



**Lewis County Genealogical Society Web Site Update:**

With the recent change of **Roots Web** being an **Ancestry.com Community** – we now are facing a **few problems with our web site**. I am working on these issues currently. We are possibly looking at getting another host for our website. **Any suggestions would be welcome.** --  
Teresa Jordan,  
Webmaster  
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## Families of Lewis County WA

Book Excerpts from: *The History of Lewis County Washington*, published by the Lewis County Historical Society, First Edition, 1985.

### HARRY AND PEARL MAUERMANN FAMILY

By Harry Mauermann

My grandfather, George **WAUNCH**, was born in the State of Baden Wurttemberg, Germany, in 1820. He came to the United States in 1841. After a stop in Missouri, he came to the Oregon Territory in 1845, where he settled on 320 acres. The homestead was on a prairie that was later to bear his name (Waunch's Prairie). He was the first white man to settle in what is now Lewis County. He married Harriet Jane **FORD** in 1847 and they had one child, George L. **WAUNCH**, Jr. George and Harriet soon separated. In 1855, George married Mary **HAGAR**, with whom he lived the rest of his life. They enlarged the farm to 640 acres and had 11 children: Amelia, Henry, Caroline, Aurora, William, Charles Edward, Frank, Edith, Walter, Charles F., and Flora. Amelia married Adolph **MAUERMANN**; Aurora, also called Addie, married Charles **BURGESON**; Henry died at age 8; Caroline died at age 2; William married Zula **CURTIS**; Edward married Angie **FORD**; Frank married Jessie **FORD**; Edith married Charles **REBHOLZ** and later married Mr. **NYLANDER**; Walter married Florence (maiden name unknown); Charles F. died at age 8; Flora married Lee **MINARD**; and George **WAUNCH**, Jr. married Emma **JENNINGS** and later Katherine **WALLACH**. George **WAUNCH**, Sr. died at his home on Waunch's Prairie on July 7, 1882. His wife Mary, later married August **SEWALL**. They built a new home near the old one. She lived in the new home until she died on September 20, 1916. Determined not to spend two years of his life in military service, my father, Adolph **MAUERMANN** (with an older brother, Keydon) left his home in Germany and came to the United States. His brother went to Canada to live while Adolph came to Lewis County, where a cousin had already made his home. In 1872, he met and married Amelia **WAUNCH**. They settled on land across the Skookumchuck River from the George **WAUNCH** claim and started clearing ground. My mother was very strong and helped my father falling trees and sawing wood to sell. Five children: Evelyn, Joseph, Daisy, Edwin, and Fred were born to them on this location. In 1884 they loaded all their household articles on a hay wagon pulled by their yoke of oxen, "Buck and Bight," and leading their three cows and two calves, they moved to a new home on Lincoln Creek, located about five miles west of their old home. They cleared more ground and farmed. Three more children: Frank, Maude, and I (Harry) were born. My father farmed on Lincoln Creek with the help of his family until 1910. He then moved with his wife to Centralia, where he died in 1912. Amelia, my mother, then lived alone until she died on August 30, 1948. There have been many changes since I was born on March 27, 1893. Then there were neither automobiles nor electricity. We traveled by foot or by horseback and used kerosene lanterns for light. Indians still came and camped by Lincoln Creek at one of their old summer camp sites which was on part of the farm my father claimed. They dug camas and fished. I was the youngest child of Adolph and Amelia **MAUERMANN** and grew to manhood helping my father and brothers farm on Lincoln Creek. When my father and mother moved to Centralia, I helped my brother Fred. I stayed on the farm for a while, but I soon found work in the logging camps and began life on my own. While working near Tumwater, I met and married Pearl **JONES**, whose family had come from Missouri by wagon some years earlier. We purchased an 80 acre farm from Mr. **HIGGINS** that was adjacent to and west of the farm my father owned on Lincoln Creek. We cleared more ground and raised grain, hay, cattle, and chickens. Times were rough through the "Great Depression," but we managed to acquire 93 more acres; raise three children, Edith, Lyle and Bonnie; and save a little money for our old age. I worked at other jobs, logging, and in the mills when I could, but always continued to farm. I served on the school board as a director for many years and helped the community to grow in many other ways. My daughter Edith married Russell **WEBSTER**, my son Lyle married Margaret **BRECKENRIDGE**, and my daughter Bonnie married Richard **BROWNING**. In 1974, my wife Pearl passed away. Since my children were all grown and had families of their own, I lived alone on the farm with help from my children until December 1983. Now at age 92, by my choice, I live at the Royal Care Nursing Home in Centralia. My mind is sound and my health is good for one of my age. Each week my children take me to their homes to visit and at royal Care I keep up with world affairs by watching television and reading. I have nine grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. *Harry Mauermann*

### 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 2009 membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2009 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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