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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.

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST**

ended on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Marge Lloyd, 1<sup>st</sup> place won the Dinner for Two at the Great Wolf Lodge, a \$50. value donated by Harriett Morley. Ed Schroeder was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner for the book “Walking with Your Ancestors” donated by Harriett Morley. Congratulations to both winners. Thank you Harriett for your generous contributions to the society

**Library Chairperson** needed to organize the volunteers working on the weekends in our library this summer at the historical museum. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, our volunteers serve as hosts on Saturday and Sunday each weekend to help the museum out. We host both our library and the museum library. Volunteers must go through an orientation by a museum representative. Please think about working and if you would like to be Chairperson, please contact an officer. We will have a sign up sheet at the May meeting.

### **Events/Meetings/Seminars:**

#### **May 19<sup>th</sup> LCGS Meeting**

A “Problem Solving” will be the focus of the May meeting. After the business meeting, we will determine how to best help the members with their problems. Problems and direction for all levels, from newbies to experienced genealogists will be welcome. Newbies or anyone who needs help can bring their family information. Both LCGS library and the museum library will both be open at 6:15 pm with the meeting beginning at 7 pm. Come join us at the Lewis County Historical Museum located at 599 NW Front St., Chehalis, WA.

#### **June 16<sup>th</sup> LCGS Meeting**

#### **~DATES TO REMEMBER~**

**11-13 Sep 2009 – Eastern Washington Genealogical Society and Washington State Genealogical Society** will have the combined seminar/annual meeting in Spokane at the historic Davenport Hotel.



*Welcome to all new and returning members’, please feel free to ask any genealogy questions you may have. We are all here to help each other find our way on the ancestor trail.*

**NEW TO  
LIBRARY MAY  
2009**



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donated by Margie  
Lloyd

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**Current Family History Hours** are Tues. 10am-6pm;  
Wed. 10am-9pm; Thurs. 10am-2pm, Fri. 10am-4pm; and  
Sat 10am-2pm March & April. Saturday hours will

continue, should research activity increase. Sun 5am-9pm by appointment only.

**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.**

**10 Common Research Mistakes**

- Failing to record information on standard genealogical forms
- Ignoring the siblings of the ancestors you are researching
- Overlooking the maiden names of female ancestors
- Assuming you are related to a famous person who shares the same surname
- Skipping a generation
- Assuming a family name is only spelled one way
- Jumping to conclusions based on insufficient evidence
- Researching the wrong family
- Relying on online data found in a family tree
- Failing to document your sources

**While learning from your own mistakes may be a wonderful way to learn, learning from the mistakes of others is far less painful.** (article by Terry & Jim Willard, printed in Ancestry May/June 2005)

**DNA Genealogy  
How it works and doesn't**

With rare exceptions, every human being has exactly 46 chromosomes, which are made of DNA. These chromosomes determine a person's inherited traits. Eye color, height, the shape of your hairline—it's all there somewhere. In all but two of these chromosomes, the DNA from both parents is blended together thoroughly to form something completely new. But one pair of chromosomes works differently. That pair's sole function is to determine the sex of the baby. The chromosome the mother contributes to that pair always has the value of X. The father, though, can contribute either another X chromosome or a Y chromosome. If it's an X, the child will be female; if it's a Y, the child will be male. Therefore, the Y chromosome's route is very easy to follow; it goes from father to son to son to son and so on. Part of the mother's genetic contribution is something called mitochondrial DNA, or mtDNA. While it is not a chromosome (it's actually something of an energy source for cells), it is passed from the mother to all her offspring, regardless of sex. So all children of one mother have the same mtDNA, as do all children of that mother's daughters (though not of her sons, since men can't pass on mtDNA). As it happens, both Y chromosomes and mtDNA evolve, or mutate, very slowly—think millennia, not generations. This means that if you can pick up either the Y chromosome trail or the mtDNA trail, you can follow it back hundreds of years. If you're a woman, you follow only your mtDNA trail, unless you have a brother (or a cousin who's the son of your father's brother) who can take a Y chromosome test on your behalf.

Many companies offer genetic genealogy services. How to choose? The basic service—analyzing your DNA—is pretty much the same everywhere. The difference lies in what extra features are offered. **Family Tree DNA** has the largest database of potential matches. Options include software that calculates how far back you

and a particular match share a common ancestor. [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com). Ancestry.com's database of potential matches is smaller, but its more conventional genealogical resources, such as online searches of vital records and other archival materials, are vast.

[www.dna.ancestry](http://www.dna.ancestry). National Geographic's Genographic Project seeks to trace the "genetic odyssey" of mankind. Volunteers learn their "haplogroup," whose common ancestor lived tens of thousands of years ago. No matching with anyone.

[www.nationalgeographic.com/genographic](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/genographic). There is a fee for this service for all 3 listed. (from an article by Richard Rubin in the Mar-Apr issue of AARP magazine.)

**TIDBITS**



The Kitsap County Historical Society &  
The Puget Sound Genealogical Society

**"Save the Date!"**  
Saturday \* April 25, 2009 \* 10:00am - 8:00pm  
"History & Heritage '09"

**Antique Faire**  
Appraisals & Sales

General Admission: \$5.00 Trade Show & Lectures  
\* \$5.00 per Appraisal Item, limit of 5 per person.  
President's Hall \* Fairgrounds Complex  
1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd, Bremerton, WA  
Kitsap County's *only* antique and appraisal show!  
*Antique & Collectible Dealers \* Appraisers \* Door Prizes \* Lectures*  
*Free Parking*

**16 May 2009** – Seattle Genealogical Society presents their Spring Seminar featuring John Philip Colletta, PH.D. Sessions to include: **Breaking through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD!**; **Lesser-Used Federal Records: A Sampling for Fresh Research Ideas (Homestead Files, Passport Applications, Civil War Income Tax, and more)**; **How to Assemble and Write a Narrative Family History: Part I, A Reliable Document; and Part II, A Readable Story**. John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers. More info on Seattle GS site at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/waseags/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/waseags/)

**LEWIS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
**HOURS:** 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday



**OBITUARIES MOVED**

As some of you are aware, the museum has been keeping obituaries on file in their Lewis County Library for several years. As free space has been declining, a decision was made to move the obituary files to the Lewis County Genealogical Society's Library. Copies of obituaries can still be made in the museum library.

**QUIZ TESTS KNOWLEDGE OF GENEALOGY TERMS**

Myra Vanderpool Gormley, columnist with the Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Genealogists not only have to learn how to research, but must master some legal terms, land measurements, old occupations, diseases, and a bit of Latin, plus get a real grip on historical dates and events. Try this quiz to test your genealogical acumen.

- 1) You have found your great-grand mother referred to as a relict. Once you get over the shock, what does that tell you about her husband? (He was dead. It comes from the Latin "relicta", meaning the one left. Technically a relict was the widow and relictus was a widower, but relict is the term often used to describe either.)
- 2) This word means ancestor table in German. (Ahnentafel)

- 3) Your ancestor's place of birth is given as "AA" on a census. Where was that? (Born at sea.)
- 4) The Great Wagon Road, down which so many of our ancestors traveled, was a 700-mile road that ran parallel to the Appalachian Mountains from Pennsylvania to where? ( Georgia)
- 5) A Latin term that means that you "cause (it) to be done" referring to writ of execution commanding the sheriff to levy and make the amount of a judgment from the goods and chattels of the judgment debtor. (Fieri facias).
- 6) What was a Gretna Green marriage? And, where did it take place? ( A runaway marriage. The name comes from the village Dumfries County, Scotland, just across the English border, where many English couples went to be married quickly with a minimum of hassle.)
- 7) When citing the source for a family Bible record, what is the first information that should be included in your citation? (Name and principal residences (if known) of original owners(s) of the Bible.)
- 8) Do all or most English surnames have a family crest? (A full English coat of arms {known as an "achievement"} consists of: A shield {with the arms painted on it}, and above the shield, a helm or helmet; hanging from the helm, the mantling, a torse or wreath, {being twists of cloth wound around the helmet}, and the crest, sitting on the torse. Many people mistakenly call a shield bearing arms a crest. Arms are not associated with surnames, but with individuals, and in some countries, with families. The fact that your surname happens to be Brown gives you no claim to any of the arms borne by various people named Brown. However, there are many unscrupulous and/or ignorant

businesses who are more than happy to promulgate false information about 'family crests' and the subject of armory and to take your money. If you want anything more than a decorative wall piece, these commercially offered "family crests" are a waste of money. If you just want a pretty decoration, save yourself some time and money and choose the picture of any arms you like – but don't try to fool your genealogist friends.

- 9) In column 18 {regarding naturalization} on the 1900 census, your ancestor is listed as "PA." What does that mean? (First papers filed; meaning the Declaration of Intention had been filed in court.)
- 10) It was the year the Pony Express started and the eighth census was taken – when was it? (1860.)

**Calculating Birth Date From Tombstone**

Submitted by Joann Hulse

Monument-died May 6, 1889, age 71yr 7mo 9days

Using calculator: Enter

18890506 - year died

( 710709) - age of deceased

18179797

( 8870)

18170927 = Yr 1817, Mo 09, Day 27

**LEWIS COUNTY TRIVIA**

In 1911, what hotel opened in Centralia? a) The Centralia Hotel, b) Hudson Hotel, c) The Belmont.

**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 June* for the **next newsletter**.

**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.

Answer to Lewis County Trivia is c) The Belmont.

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