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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:**

#### **Sep 15<sup>th</sup> LCGS Meeting**

Jeri McCoy from Olympia will present a program titled "From Pilgrims to Patriots: A Look at the Early Colonization of America". Jeri is a member of the Olympia GS and Webmaster for WSGS web site. Meetings are now at the Lewis County PUD auditorium meeting room located at 321 NW Pacific, Chehalis. Time: 7PM

#### **Oct 20<sup>th</sup> LCGS Meeting**

Jim Johnson, Director at Heritage Quest Library will be the program speaker – same meeting place as Sep meeting.

#### **Nov 17<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. See their web site [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waewgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waewgs).

**3 Oct 2009** – Lower Columbia GS will sponsor a Celebration of Family History in honor of Family History Month. **FACTS AND FALLACIES OF OUR ANCESTRAL FEMALES** will be the topic presented by speaker Laura Pemberton Sparr. Saturday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-3pm. Bring sack lunch & beverage. Cost is \$10. Longview resident and \$15. non resident. See web site for more info.



*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.*

**COMING SEP 17, 18, 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. SAVE THESE**

**DATES! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFO AS KNOWN.**

*Did you miss your summer issue of the newsletter? The editors do apologize for not sending out the newsletter this summer. So many things were going on, that with permission of the board; we chose to skip this one. Hope we didn't cause any inconvenience for anyone.*

**LIBRARY MOVED**

The Lewis County Genealogical Society Library has been housed in the Lewis County Historical Museum for the last 5 years. Through this time, the LCHM has grown and requires the space for their paying researchers, therefore we were asked to remove our library from the museum. The Family History Center has invited us to shelve as many books as they have room for. We are in the process of selecting the most beneficial books for the majority of researchers. Current library hours are Tues. 10am-6pm; Wed. 10am-9pm; Fri. 10am-4pm. Our books can only be referenced while at the FHC and cannot be checked out. Books not at the FHC will be in storage and can be accessed by contacting Leslie Parnell at 978-4267. We plan to have the complete list on our web site. WE CANNOT TAKE ANY MORE BOOK DONATIONS AT THIS TIME. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY DONATIONS AT THE MUSEUM OR THE FHC.

**WASHINGTON STATE'S HISTORICAL RECORDS PROJECT**

is dedicated to preserving and making available free access to all of the state's historical documents. They are always in need of volunteers. Current projects include Polk City Directories, Territorial Census, Vital Records, Military Records and Naturalization Records. Check out what's online and what's coming soon at <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Default.aspx>.

Volunteer by contacting Terri Nelson at [tnelson@secstate.wa.gov](mailto:tnelson@secstate.wa.gov).

**The Smallest Post Office in the United States**



**MINERAL** – Established June 2, 1892, Guernsey G. HARDY

**Postmasters:** Frederick C. JONAS, Mar. 26, 1894; Calvin E. FOX, Mar. 26, 1894; Mark SMABY, Nov 28, 1899; August AHISTRAND, Apr. 14, 1904; Lester I. WALRATH, Nov. 13, 1905; Mrs. Flora MORRIS (Mrs. J.C. MORRIS), Nov. 7, 1929; Forde PHELPS, Mar. 12, 1930; Earl A. DRAKE, Nov. 23, 1944; Joseph KROLCZYK, May 21, 1947

**Locations:** 12 miles north of MORTON, four miles south of ELBE, at southern tip of MINERAL LAKE, on MORTON Branch of Milwaukee Road.

The village has always been a logging and lumbering community. The area roundabout is mountainous, the land unsuitable for cultivated crops, but trees grow remarkably fast and large. One Douglas fir 16 feet in diameter at stump height stood within a few feet of the original MINERAL post office building.

MINERAL started during a mining boom, hence the name MINERAL. It was first called MINERAL CITY. A store built in 1892 supplied the army of prospectors with general merchandise. The village already had a dozen business establishments and from 40 to 250 men; others were arriving constantly to search for or to mine galena, silver or lead. The mines were six miles up Mineral Creek in the mountains. But the mines never were productive enough to

make MINERAL more than a Fourth Class post office.



## 10 Fast Ways to Trace Your Roots

1. **Clean out those closets, basements & drawers.** Precious long-lost family photos, birth records, letters, even books with historic inscriptions are often found under other junk.
2. **Document all research.** Start compiling a detailed list of all family members, including birth and death dates, occupations, marriages, military service, and hobbies. Scrapbooks are good to organize photos and documents. Then use our Family Tree pictured above to create a three-dimensional portrait of your family relations.
3. **Sit your family elders down and obtain priceless oral histories.** Using tape recorder, video, and camera. Jog their memories first with specific questions. Then ask about their memories of special occasions, family milestones, past world events, etc.
4. **Hunt down birth and death certificates for vital information.** That will lead you to doctors, hospitals, funeral homes, houses of worship, etc. Marriage certificates often give the names of parents and witnesses that go back generations.
5. **Visit the mega site of all sites.** — <http://cyndislist.com>—which provides direct access to over 181,300 links of genealogical-related material.
6. **Consider your ancestors.** In the context of their “village”—ethnic enclaves within larger suburban areas. For instance, if your relatives landed at Plymouth Rock, you’ll discover historians and other descendants have already done a ton of research; same for ethnic groups like Irish, Jewish, etc. Look through encyclopedias, history books, old newspapers, etc., as well as the Internet (enter the village name into a search engine like <http://www.google.com> and also in its “Images” tab).
7. **If your ancestors were among the 24 million immigrants.** Who disembarked at the Port of New York between 1892 and 1924, check out <http://www.ellisland.org>. Records may show a photo of the boat they arrived on, their hometown, the day of passage, their height, and even who paid for their trip.
8. **Check out the largest surname in the world.** <http://familysearch.com>—sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Its International Genealogical Index database and addendums contain more than 725 million individual names.
9. **Connect to others.** Sharing your heritage with others is how information gets passed along and expanded. Visit your local Family History Center for contacts, or search your surname, then upload your family tree onto the [Roots Web WorldConnect](#) Project to connect to other researchers with common ancestors.
10. **Don’t be a good speller.** The immigrant officials weren’t, and the transliteration of foreign names often became mangled in the rush of processing. Stay open to numerous possibilities.

*Family contributions to The History of Lewis County, Washington, published in 1985 by the Lewis County Historical Society, who states that the book has contributed material, impossible to verify and therefore disclaims responsibility for all stories published.*

**Leon (Leo) TAUSCHER Sr. Family**

Leo TAUSCHER Sr. was discharged from the German Army in 1884 and arrived in Chehalis, Washington Territory in 1887. With Leo Sr. and his wife, Mary BRANDEL TAUSCHER, came their two children, Lucy born in Bucavina, Austria, and Leo Jr., born enroute from Munich, Germany in Missouri. Several other members including half-sisters of Leo Sr., Grace TAUSCHER BARTEL, and Mrs. Len KUCHNER, and half-brothers Christ TAUSCHER and Ed TAUSCHER (formerly of Coal Creek area), also James TAUSCHER and many others were in their party.

Several of the family had been in furniture building in Germany and Austria, and they soon went to work for the Doernbecker Furniture Co., which was located in the vicinity of the courthouse in Chehalis. After a few years the company moved to Oregon City, Oregon and that branch of the family resettled there.

Leo TAUSCHER Sr. and his wife, Mary, had eight children—all raised on Logan Hill. They were: Lucy, who never married and worked for many years for the John COFFMAN family on Pennsylvania Avenue in Chehalis; Leo Jr., who married Louise MULLER of the Forest area and had two daughters, Dorothy TAUSCHER ELMGREN and Vera TAUSCHER CIRANNY; Mary, who married George WARING of Centralia and had three children, Donald WARING, deceased, Sybil BAXTER of Chehalis and Robert WARING, deceased, formerly of Tacoma; Edward, who married late in life; Andrew, who married Josie STEVENS of Rawlins, Wyoming and had three daughters, Helen EMERSON of Morton, Barbara COLE of Chehalis, and Kathleen HOGAN of Chehalis; Ann, who married Walter LAURENCE of the Agate area and had three children, Gerald of Olympia, Marjory STEVENS of Port Orchard and Lone of Palm Springs, California; Frances who married Joseph KOSTICK of the Coal Creek area and had four children, Pauline BOROUGHS, deceased, John

KOSTICK, who married Mary Ann STEDHAM of Chehalis, and Joe Jr. of Coal Creek; and Rudolph, the youngest, who worked at the Chehalis Post Office for many years and had three daughters by wife Rhoda, Beatrice ADAMS in Oregon, Mary in Portland, and Marlene of Scott Lake.

In the later years Leo Sr. sold the farm on Logan Hill and resettled on the North Fork near the Agate School.

Upon his death, Edward TAUSCHER owned the farm and it is now owned by his nephew John KOSTICK and his wife, Mary Ann STEDHAM KOSTICK. *By Barbara TAUSCHER COLE.*

**Andrew TAUSCHER Family**

In 1884 Leo Tauscher Sr. and his wife, Mary, left Munich, Germany. Traveling with them were forty members of their family. They stopped over in Bucavina, Austria where Mary gave birth to her first child, Lucy. They remained in Austria for about a year.

The family arrived in New York in 1886 where some members of the family settled. Others went into Canada and south to Argentina. The remaining families started west. On arriving in Missouri, Mary gave birth to her first son, Leo, Jr. Some members stayed in Kansas and the rest continued west to Chehalis, which was then in Washington Territory. They arrived in Chehalis in 1887.

Part of the family settled in Chehalis and others took up homesteads in the surrounding area. Leo Sr. and Mary settled on Logan Hill, about one-half mile from what is now the Logan Hill Grange. While their 8 children were growing up, the grange was the Logan Hill School.

Leo TAUSCHER Sr. and family were members of Sacred Heart Catholic church, which was on St. Helens Avenue, and charter members of St. Joseph's church, which was renamed when it moved to 6<sup>th</sup> street in Chehalis, where it is still located. Many members of the family have attended St. Joseph's School, including many of Leo Sr.'s grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Leo Sr.'s sons, Leo Jr. and Andrew, took over the homestead of their uncle Steve TAUSCHER when he died in 1909 on the North Fork of the Newaukum River.



During World War 1, Andrew was drafted and served at Camp Lewis and later Forks, Wa., in the Spruce Division, where they were logging spruce for the U.S. Army Air Force.

**Andrew TAUSCHER Family Cont...**

In 1921, Andrew met and married Josie STEVENS, who had just arrived from Rawlins, Wyo. To live with her sister and brother-in-law, Myrtle and Ben SNYDER, who lived 3 miles up the valley. Their farm was located a mile above the Agate School which was where the Centralia-Alpha Road crosses the North Fork Road.

In 1922, Andrew and Josie built a new home on the north side of the North Fork which is till occupied by their daughter, Barbara and her husband Noel COLE. Andrew and Josie had three daughters: Helen TAUSCHER EMERSON, who married John EMERSON of the Logan Hill area and now live in Morton, and have four children, Michael, of Morton, who married Patricia SPARKMAN of Morton, and have 2 children, Amy and Angela; Patrick, of Morton who married Donna WALKER of Morton, and has 2 children, Kraig and Erin; Teresa KNODEL, who has two boys, John and Ryan and Kimberly LIPE, who married Davie LIPE of Seattle, and have two children, Nichole and Meredith; and Barbara TAUSCHER COLE, who married Noel COLE of St. Louis, Mo. And has four children, Steven, of Olympia; Gregory who married Mary HAVER of Chehalis and has two children, Damon, 10 and Marissa, 6, of Eugene, Ore.; and Jeffrey of Suquamish, Wa., and Michele MITCHELL who has one daughter, Samantha, and lives in Centralia; and Kathleen HOGAN, who married Chet HOGAN, and had children Judith CARROLL, who married Jim CARROLL of Hammond, Ind., and has 2 children, Jim, Jr. and Amanda and live in Green Bay, Wis., and Jim MARTIN who married Angel WALDROP of Chehalis, and has two children, Jennifer and Joseph, and now live in Auburn, Wa., and Carol MARTIN, deceased, and Daniel MARTIN, who married Sandra BERNARD of Winlock and live in Chehalis.

*By Barbara TAUSCHER COLE.*



Please have **Newsletter items** (including old photographs, obits, etc.) to one of the editors by the end of October for the **next newsletter**. **FREE Queries** are accepted as space permits.

**Digital Libraries, Local Histories Online**

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**WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY Resources**

Located at 6880 Capitol Blvd S, Tumwater, Washington with hours of 8am-5pm Monday thru Friday. The library genealogy collection includes America's Genealogy Bank, Ancestry Library Edition, Biographical Resources, Birth Registers 1891-1907, Birth Records Index 1907-1929, City and County Directories, County Histories, Daughters of the American Revolution Publications, Donation Land Claims, Death Registers 1891-1907, Death Records Index 1907-2004, Divorce Records Index 1968-2004, Footnote.com access, Gazetteers and Business Directories, HeritageQuest Online, Maps and Atlases, Marriage Records Index 1968-2004, Military, Newspapers 1853-Present, Passenger Lists, Periodicals, Telephone Directories, Territorial Assessment Rolls, Territorial Censuses, and United States Census.

Washington State Library is open to the public and will look up research questions. Mailing address is PO Box 42460, Olympia, WA 98504-2460, Genealogy Desk phone 360-570-5574, or email

[www.secstate.wa.gov/library/Genealogy.aspx](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/Genealogy.aspx)  
an online catalog is available.  
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**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.

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