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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:**

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup> LCGS Meeting**

Annual “Show & Tell” and “Potluck”.

Bring your genealogy related achievements to share with the members during our annual potluck meeting. The society will supply utensils, plates, and napkins. Members are responsible for one potluck dish and their favorite beverage. See you there!

**NO DECEMBER MEETING**

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup> LCGS Meeting**

Join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year. Steven Morrison will present a program titled

**“PROFILE OF A QUAKER – Friends in the Middle Colonies”.** Steven (the speaker who

spoke last year on his “Outlaw Genealogy”), is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a past President of the Olympia Genealogical Society.



*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.** Next newsletter should have more details.

***LIBRARY MOVED***

The Lewis County Genealogical Society Library is now located at the Family History Center, Church of Latter Day Saints. Address is 2195 Jackson Hwy. and entrance is at the rear of the

building. Should you need handicapped access, please call the library during library hours. 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.

### FamilySearch News

FamilySearch recently announced its publication of millions of records from Southern states in its rapidly growing, free online collection. To search these and many other free databases, go to *FamilySearch.org*, click on **Search**, click on **Search Records** and click on **Record Search Pilot**. (Thanks, Joann Hulse).

*The following 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.*

### Robert Edgar and Emma Pearl COOPER

Robert Edgar COOPER and three brothers-George, Ernest and Elbert – and their father James Addison COOPER, a Civil War veteran (Confederate), came by train to Chehalis from Harrisonville, MO, in 1879, then to Harmony, WA, north of Mossyrock. Ed, As he was always called, soon traveled over the mountains following an Indian trail to forty acres he had bought from Northern Pacific Railroad at Bremer, where he built a small, split-cedar, two-room house.

He (Ed) married Emma Pearl CASTO on December 23, 1897. She was also a pioneer who came by covered wagon, with her parents,

Enoch and Barbra CASTO, brother Ed, and sister, Mary to Oregon fro Kingston, MO. On the way, they stayed awhile in Oklahoma, then in Kansas.

While in Oregon, they had another daughter, Viola. In 1885, when she was three-years old, they moved to Lewis County, settling in Harmony, WA. Later they moved to Bremer Valley and bought land for \$1.25 an acre.

Enoch was a Civil War veteran. He was born July 17, 1846 and died March 5, 1922. His wife Barbra, was born June 13, 1852 and died February 13, 1929. (Viola married John PARNEL, gr. Father to Carl PARNELL, husband of Leslie).

To earn money for winter supplies, Ed COOPER was a trapper, peeled cascara bark, worked on county roads, and repaired telephone lines. They had to drive, with team and wagon, to Chehalis. It took three days to make the trip. They had to stay with friends, one night, on the way home.

The COOPER's would go by horseback, over the mountain by Indian trail, to pick hops in early fall. The field and kiln were owned by John DUNN, Sr. They dried the hops and sold them.

He, also, worked on shingle-bolt drives. They would wait till the Tilton River was high, then float the cedar-bolts, fro the Tilton River into the Cowlitz River, to the shingle mill at Kelso. On one drive, Ed was hired as a cook. That was in 1907.

In later years, he bought a threshing machine. During harvest season, he would work for about six weeks, going from farm to farm, threshing wheat, oats, and barley. Four men were the crew, using three wagons and teams. One team pulled a wagon with a gasoline engine, that was used to power the thresher. Another, pull the trap wagon, which had the supplies, gasoline barrels and bedding. Another, pulled the thresher and separator.

On March 4, 1899, their son Harry William was born. Ed and his wife liked to fish in the Tilton

and Cowlitz Rivers. Ed was one of the first farmers at Bremer to own a car, a 1916 Model T Ford Touring car.

In 1919, he sold his farm and moved to Morton, where he bought a garage and service station. He ran it until about 1935 and then leased it to the Shell Oil Company and to private parties, for many years.

Ed was born in 1872 and died in 1948. His wife, Pearl, was born in 1882 and died in 1944. *(Author unknown, probably Katherine STUDHALTER COOPER).*

**Harry and Katherine STUDHALTER COOPER**

Harry William COOPER WAS BORN March 4, 1899 at Bremer, nine miles west of Morton, WA. Katherine COOPER was born April 30, 1902 in Tacoma, WA. We have known each other since 1911. We were neighbors since 1912. Harry started school in a log cabin which had a three month term. Then later a school was built which had one room. The teacher taught eight grades and the term was nine months. We both finished through eighth grade.

Katherine went to Roger School in Tacoma until fourth grade. Then moved to Bremer and went to the same one room school as Harry. He and several STUDHALTER children walked one and half miles to school in every kind of weather, snow and rain. We had to eat cold lunches, sit in wet clothes and try to warm by a wood heater. We got water from a well. Had an outdoor toilet. Then after a few years, the teacher had Katherine doing a little cooking to help the kids have a little warm food. Katherine was one of the older girls. Always had her lesson done. Had experience of cooking at home. There were five lunches to fix each morning. The children would take turns in furnishing material for soup and cocoa. Sure did taste good on those cold winter days.

On June 1, 1920 Harry COOPER and Katherine STUDHALTER were married in Chehalis in a Methodist church, where the Lewis County Courthouse now stands. We drove a model T

Ford and took most of the day to get to Chehalis. You could get your license the same day and then marry. School day sweethearts and we'll be married 65 years June 1, 1985.

Harry as a child lived on a farm at Bremer. He started working young, raising rabbits, ducks and peeled cascara bark, to buy his first gun, camera and bicycle. About 1918 he worked in a mill near Morton. Did mechanic work at a garage that was owned by St. John from Chehalis. In 1919 when his folks moved to Morton he worked for his father in his garage that he had bought and was the mechanic. Later years in 1936 he bought a gravel truck and hauled gravel on roads all around Lewis County. Later he bought a logging truck and hauled ties for six years. Then more trucks and he went into business logging with sons Harold and Jack Winslow until 1959.

Harry decided to retire, so he sold his interest to his son George. Harold quit the woods in 1973 and has been Lewis County Commissioner since then. George worked as a logger until 1972 then bought the Morton Union Oil Distributorship and retired in 1983. Harry and Katherine have two sons, George Harry, born Sept 17, 1921 and Harold Ray, born April 28, 1927. George has three children, Ed, Kathy and Timothy. Harold has three sons, David, Douglas and Keith. So we have six grandchildren. Ed has a son Clinton, Kathy has two daughters, Alicia and Erin, so we have three great-grandchildren. *(By Katherine STUDHALTER COOPER)*

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**ALABAMA Civil War** service records database is now complete. Search surnames online, over 226,000 surnames now available. [www.archives.alabama.gov/civilwar/search.cfm](http://www.archives.alabama.gov/civilwar/search.cfm)

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.

**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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\_\_\_\_\_ Check for \$12 enclosed for 2010 membership

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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.

*2010 DUES SHOULD BE PAID BY JANUARY*

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