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May 18th - 7pm

The Lewis Co. GS meeting is at the Lewis County PUD meeting room, 321 NW Pacific Ave, Chehalis. Program will be presented by Viola Dyer, her English name. Viola is of Anglo and Native American Cherokee Indian Lineage. Her Cherokee name is Harvest Moon and she has been tracing lineage since 1984. Viola has a fairly large personal library with research materials, books, maps, microfiche, microfilm and CD's. Viola is 80 years young and looks forward to sharing her vast knowledge and her ancestry.

Carol Johnson, 1st VP is moving to North Carolina. We all want to wish her luck on her new home and wish her many happy years of genealogical research.

Jun 16th – 7pm

June meeting will be presented by Lee James on "DNA". Lee graduated from Bothell High School, and University of Washington, with undergraduate and graduate degrees in mechanical engineering. Lee and wife Carolyn, from the Olympia area, share a family summer home on Hood Canal where generations of James's enjoy the recreational activities that are available.

NO MEETINGS IN JULY & AUGUST

18 Sep 2010 - Chehalis, WA



Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Conference. The conference is co-hosted by the **Lewis County Genealogical Society** and the **Lower Columbia Genealogical Society**. The theme of the conference is "Journey of Discovery." It will be held at the Assembly of God Bethel Church, 132 Kirkland Road, Chehalis, Washington. There will be a bonus session Friday night, for those who come early. Steven Morrison will present the bonus session - "Outlaw Genealogy - Finding the Outlaw in Your Family." This is a fun presentation in regards to research techniques for your own research. Steve is member of the Assoc. of Professional Genealogists, a former past President of the Olympia GS, where he chaired three spring seminars and served as the Speaker's Chair for the 2006 WSGS Conference.

Saturday's speaker will be **Diane Gagel**. Diane is a retired college instructor, freelance writer and professional genealogist. She has written four books: Ohio Photographers, 1839-1900;

Windows on the Past: Identifying and Dating Historic Photographs; Directory of Photographers in the United States 1888 and 1889 and Canada 1889; NGS Research in the States: Ohio; and The Laubers: A Journey of Faith. Her Saturday seminar topics will be: "**No AAA? How did our Ancestors get here?**", "**Women and the Law: Researching our Female Ancestors**", "**Ancestors in the Attic: Finding and Sharing Family Photographs**", and "**Social History and Genealogy: Filling in the Gaps.**"



BROWN MORTUARY SERVICE

Edward C. Fissel received Cert. #16 to practice embalming in the State of Washington December 27, 1909, and opened the Fissel Undertaking Co. in late 1910 on the street floor of the IOOF Building on Prindle Street. In 1923 he built the building currently used and known as the "Fissell Chapel at the Brown Mortuary Service" on the corner of Market, Cascade and Prindle where the business has been since.

John Boone began the Boone Mortuary in the summer of 1928.

Willard and Anne Brown with Arnold and Arlene Madison purchased the Fissell Funeral Home (including a branch business in Morton that Mr. Fissell had operated) February 1, 1952. Then on December 31, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Brown bought their partner's share and, on October 1, 1957, purchased the Boone Mortuary from John W. Boone. During late 1969 and early 1970 the Browns built a new facility in Morton at which an open house was held November 8, 1970.

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.

ADDITIONAL (from last issue) 2010 PAID LEWIS COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY MEMBER ROSTER

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WHITE, Mary

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**STICKLIN FAMILY**

Louis Jacob STICKLIN with his wife, Clara, and sons, Hugh and Charles, arrived in Centralia in 1890 following the Johnson Flood which devastated their home in Pennsylvania. . . . To the Sticklin family, escaping with only a treasured Swiss grandfather clock, (a clock which today is lovingly kept by Stella STICKLIN). Chehalis and Centralia became a haven of hope.

L.J. began his new life when he opened a cabinet-making business on Park Street in Chehalis. In those days the town cabinet maker was also the “town coffin maker” so transition to the mortuary business was a natural one, as his father had been an “undertaker” before him.

He established his first mortuary on Main Street in Centralia and later relocated it to Pearl Street. A few years later he moved with his family to Chehalis, establishing a second mortuary in that town. L.J. died in 1935, shortly after the death of his favorite five-year old great-grandson, Ted.

Charles and Hugh were to become the second generation to assume the family business. Both were extensively schooled in funeral directing and embalming and according to an excerpt from the Chehalis Bee Nugget, “They are respected and valued as useful, constructive citizens.”

Charles became the owner of the Centralia and Chehalis mortuaries, while Hugh managed a third mortuary, which L.J. had established in Olympia. This mortuary was later sold because

travel time between the twin cities and Olympia by horse and buggy was a hardship. Today this business is known as Mills & Mills Funeral Service, Olympia.

Charles married Mary Alice QUICK, and became active in community activities, such as the Pioneer Days Celebration. He and Mary Alice built a home between the two towns which is still the Sticklin residence today. It was also Charles’s dream to build modern a mortuary between Centralia and Chehalis to better serve the people of Lewis County. However, this dream was not to be fulfilled and as Charles grew old, he devoted his energies to the management of Greenwood Memorial Park, a cemetery he established in the early 1920’s. This cemetery is still in existence today. Following Charles death in December, 1955, his son, Mortimer, assumed full responsibility with his wife, Stella, in the management of the mortuaries. Charles’ other son, Louis, and his wife, Rose, became the managers of Greenwood Memorial Park. Sandra STICKLIN later became owner of the cemetery following the death of her father, Louis, in 1973. She later sold the cemetery outside the family. Louis and Rose also had a son, Charles.

Mortimer and Stella continued to operate the mortuary business until their eldest son, Don, returned from military service and mortuary school. Don worked with his father until 1962, when Mortimer retired and Don received full responsibility for the business. Mortimer’s other children included Ted (deceased), Linda and Robert.

Don recalled his grandfather’s unfulfilled dream to build a modern facility with up-to-date equipment on the family site between Centralia and Chehalis. Don fulfilled this dream when he not only designed a functional and contemporary funeral chapel on this site, but also renovated the adjacent family home, originally built by his grandfather, Charles. Don and his wife, Lois, moved into the family home with their seven children in 1970.

The new funeral chapel was dedicated to L.J. STICKLIN, February 10, 1973; a man remembered for his compassion and caring.

Don STICKLIN died in 1975, two years after completing construction of his new mortuary. At that time his father, Mortimer, came back from retirement and became actively involved in the operation of the business, with his daughter-in-law, Lois STICKLIN, until his death in 1981. Lois STICKLIN is the present owner and carries on the standard of excellence set by L.J. STICKLIN in 1890. *By Stella LAWSON STICKLIN*

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**Dr. Ross GALVIN, M.D.**

My grandfather, John GALVIN, a pioneer and early developer of Centralia and the surrounding area was born May 1, 1858 in Vermont. He migrated West at the age of 16 and became manager of the Ezra Meeker hop farm in Puyallup. He came to Centralia in 1884 and was the first to raise hops in Lewis County on a 22 acre farm north of Centralia. He then started a real estate business in downtown Centralia when at that time there were only three stores in the town.

John GALVIN was the founder of the town of Lincoln, renamed Galvin later in his honor. He acquired the right of way for the railroad between Centralia and Grays Harbor, and he was the Lewis County Treasurer in 1892 and Mayor of Centralia at two different times. He and George WASHINGTON, another Centralia pioneer, were very good friends and after Washington's death, John became the guardian of his only child, Geo. WASHINGTON, Jr.

In 1890 John GALVIN and Rose SLACK, daughter of George SLACK, were married. They had 3 children, Lawrence F., Mary (Mrs. Ansel Poundstone) and, George Jay GALVIN.

My father George Jay GALVIN was in the real estate and insurance business for 40 years. The tile inlay

compass dial is still in the sidewalk in front of his office at 218 N. Tower Avenue. He was a member of the Centralia Rotary Club. A member and Sunday School Superintendent at the First Baptist Church for many years. He was a great believer in education, and in the 1920's he was on the school board and was one of the originators of the Centralia Junior College. He also gave land for one of the Centralia Grade Schools. His hobby was raising registered polled Hereford cattle which he did on three farms in the Grand Mound and Little Rock area.

He married Emily GREEN of California in 1914. They had six children. Lee Morrison, Mary Jane (Mrs. Melvin Lightle) George Jay, Jr., Carlton Knight, Marsha Jeanette (Mrs. Dick Carrington) and Ross Mitchell.

Dr. Ross Mitchell GALVIN was born in Centralia Dec. 19, 1918. He attended local schools, the junior college and graduated from the University of Washington in 1940. He also graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1943. Interned at the Swedish Hospital in Seattle and then spent 2 years as a medical officer in the Army. He was married to Patricia Gail HUBER of Edmonds, WN in 1942. They moved back to Centralia in 1946 where Doctor Galvin was physician and surgeon for 35 years, retiring in December 1981. He is a past president of the Rotary Club and was on the Tumwater Boy Scout Council for over 20 years. He is a member of the First Methodist Church. He served as Chief of Staff at Centralia General Hospital two different terms and was an original partner and builder of the Centralia Medical Center. He is also a charter fellow of the American Board of Family Physicians.

Dr. and Mrs. GALVIN have three sons. John Ross, pharmacist, and owner in two drug stores in Tacoma, a graduate of the University of Washington. He is married to Janet Marie KALLIO of Seattle and they have two daughters, Jeannie and Jennifer.

The middle son, Dale Jay GALVIN, is a graduate of the University of Washington and Willamette Law School, and is an attorney in Seattle. He is married to the former Mary C. ROSS of Fargo, North Dakota. They have a son Bradley Ross and a daughter Lisa. The youngest son, Bruce Robert, is a graduate of Western Washington University and Master in business from Oregon State. He is an assistant treasurer in a Seattle firm. His wife, Robin FRISBIE and he have one son, Matthew Robert.

**BY DR. ROSS GALVIN, M.D.**



### How to Trace Irish Ancestry

**Step 1** – Write down your family names. On a piece of paper, write down as many family names, or surnames, as you can recall. Call your grandparents, aunts, uncles or

any other relatives who may know the last names and maiden names of your grandparents, great-grandparents or relatives who have died. Obtain the correct spellings of these names, if you can, as the spelling can determine the origin of your family line.

**Step 2** – Check your list on [House of Names](#). House of Names is a website that can tell you where your individual surnames originated. Simply type the surname in the box on their website, and you can find out the country, history, age, and name variations of your family. By researching your Irish surnames on House of Names, you can discover where in Ireland your family originated.

**Step 3** – Research an Irish surname at the library. If you have researched an Irish surname on House of Names, you may have discovered that your family ancestry has a written history. Many times, a genealogy group will self-publish books on family histories, which can be ordered or found at your local library. Check with your local library to see if anyone has written a book about your Irish ancestry.

**Step 4** – Evaluate your family names. You can learn a lot about Irish history through the spelling of the last name. An "O" at the beginning of the name, for example, translates to "grandson of" or "descendant of." A "Mac" or "Mc" at the beginning of the name translates to "son of." The last part of the name can indicate the original descendant of the family line, or where the family name split into a new surname.

**Step 5** – Add "O" or "Mac" to your surname. If you are having trouble locating your surname on House of Names, and you have a strong feeling that you have Irish ancestry, add "O" or "Mac" at the beginning of your surname when you research. Immigrants to America would often drop the surname prefix upon arrival.

### Ideas for Organizing a Family Reunion | Types of Reunions

The most popular formats for family reunions are picnics, receptions, camp-outs and special occasions. A picnic is the most economical option and works best when all members live within driving distance. Camp-outs work well for families who enjoy the outdoors and want to spend more time together.

### Delegate Responsibilities

When the date and location have been set, the real work begins. Contact several family members who are willing to take responsibility for an element of the event. One person could handle communication, for example, while another coordinates games and activities or recruits a clean-up crew. Spreading out the tasks means more time and attention will be given to each.

### Reunion Activities

The emphasis is on family, which means the age range of members should be taken into account. Choose a location that holds appeal and attractions for all age groups in the family, and consider special needs of very young children and the elderly. Trivia games that draw on knowledge of family history can be enjoyed by all but the youngest members of the clan. More-physical competitions will be welcome among active family members. [Family-Reunion.com](#) suggests telling stories about each other, an activity that members of all ages will enjoy.

### Communicate Clearly

Create a list or database early in the planning process to record names and contact information for all family members. Gathering mailing addresses, email addresses and phone numbers will provide multiple means of communication. Send invitations far in advance to provide people with adequate time to arrange their schedules. Be sure to include all relevant information about the location, accommodations, travel tips and costs involved. Contact information for the main coordinator of the event should be provided so questions can be directed to the right person.



**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 PUD meeting room, 321 Pacific Avenue, 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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