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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.

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST**

**21 Sep 2010 - 7 pm**

The Lewis Co. GS meeting is at the Lewis County PUD meeting room, 321 NW Pacific Ave, Chehalis. A hands on program will be led by Jerry Kelly called "What is It?" He will bring bygone gadgets & tools, etc. and we will learn how to identify them. Sounds like a lot of fun.

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**19 Oct 2010 – 7pm**

Location will be at PUD building. Returning speaker Laura Pemberton Sparr will talk on "Breaking though Brick Walls" Laura is a past president of WSGS and speaks on any genealogy related topic. She has been to our society meetings a number of times and

we always learn something new. Members may bring any problems they are having with brick walls and Laura will have some suggestions on what to do next.

**15 Nov 2010**

Annual Potluck & Show & Tell

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

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**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](#)**. See the enclosed registration form.



*Diggin' for Roots*

*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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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Yes, it's that time again. If no one volunteers, the president will appoint a chairman at the September meeting.

**Nominating Committee** shall present a list of at least one nominee for each elected office at the November meeting and the annual meeting in January. The committee shall have the consent of each nominee to serve if elected. Also nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, at which time voting will take place, by voice, with only 1 candidate for the office. Written ballot will be for more than 1 candidate.

**VOLUNTEER FOR AN OFFICER POSITION**

Please think hard about volunteering your time for one of our officer positions. The only way we can continue to represent the genealogists in our community is to be active in leading the way. If you consider being an officer, we think you will have a rewarding experience. Below you will find a brief description of the positions.

**President** – shall preside at all meetings; appoint committee chairpersons and sign, with the secretary all contracts and documents authorized by the society.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Assume the duties of the president, if for any reason the president cannot perform their duties; be a director of Program Committees (can appoint assistants as needed).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Assume the duties of the president and 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, if for any reason they cannot perform their duties; be director of Membership (can appoint assistants); be Director of Archivist/Historian Services by collecting and preserving the genealogy, biography and pedigrees of its members.

**Secretary** – be a custodian of the Societies records and correspondence. . . . keep a record of the proceedings of the Society; conduct the correspondence of the Society; maintain a current inventory of all legal documents, records, and equipment belonging to the Society.

**Treasurer** – be custodian of all funds of the Society, sign checks, present new membership packet, maintain a current membership list of all members, (with copies to all officers); present a statement of finances at each meeting.



**PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE-Lewis County Genealogical Society**

- ✓ Baw Faw 1850-1976 A Historical History of the Boistfort Community, Lewis County, Washington \$8.00
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Mortuary Records Vol. 1 1895-1910 (Sticklin Register 5 Nov 1908-1 Feb 1910 missing) \$5.50
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Mortuary Records Vol. 2 1911-1920 (Includes List of Lewis County Cemeteries & Common Medical Terms (Fissel-Brown, Sticklin, & Newell-Hoerling Mortuary Records are included in Vol. 1 & 2. \$12.00
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Birth Register 1891-1906 \$6.00
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Territorial Marriages 1847-1889 \$5.50
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Death Records 1891-1906 \$5.50
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Territorial Census 1871 \$5.00
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Territorial Census 1883 \$10.00
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Newspaper Extracts Vol. 1 1884-1886 \$6.00
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Newspaper Extracts Vol. II 1887-1889 \$8.00
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Newspaper Extracts Vol. III 1890-1893 \$17.50
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Newspaper Extracts Vol. IV 1894-1896 \$17.50
- ✓ Lewis County Washington Newspaper Extracts Vol. V 1897-1899 \$22.50

Shipping and Handling \$6.00 for the first book  
Add \$2.00 for each additional book

**Please have Newsletter items (can include old photographs, obits, etc.) to one of the editors by the end of August for the next newsletter.**

**FREE Queries are accepted as space permits.**

*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.*

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**OUT OF THE PAST – INTO THE FUTURE?** DONNA HENRICKS BURNETT

Four tremendous chestnut trees tower over scrub firs and brush near the Middle Fork Road between Forest and Alpha. There were planted by Irwin Balser WEYBRIGHT on his homestead in 1884. For over one hundred years each generation in the area has gathered the nuts to roast in their fireplaces and enjoy the sweet delicacy of the num meats.

Standing beneath those trees on the site of the WEYBRIGHT home and the Sharon Post Office was an inspiration to finish a project begun five years ago when I returned to Chehalis. With most of the research completed, I am writing the family history for the many progeny of our Lewis County pioneers.

Jonathon DAVIS brought his family to settle on his Donation Land Claim on Eden Prairie near Toledo in 1851. He later moved to the Skookumchuck near Tenino, but relatives who settled at the same time, the LAYTONs still live on the adjoining claim.

James Wesley HENRICKS came to Lewis County from Oregon where his family settled in 1845. He married Elizabeth DAVIS and homesteaded south of Chehalis. Then in 1870, they with four other families – the WINSTONS, DOSS, MILLERs and BERRYs, became the first settlers above the Cowlitz gorge on Klickitat Prairie between Mayfield and Mossyrock.

Louis and Nora KLAUS took a homestead one mile toward Forest from her parents, the

WEYBRIGHTs, in 1885. They later bought the Ira JOHNSON farm at the corner of Highway 99 and the Onalaska Road. My cousin, Tom KLAUS of Morton became interested in my project and spent hours with maps in the County Courthouse and questioning people he met. It was he that located the chestnut trees and discovered that on state maps the Onalaska corner is named KLAUS Corner, also that the bridge over the Newaukum near the corner is named the Louis J. KLAUS Memorial Bridge.

Almeda, known as Eden KLAUS married Thomas Owen HENRICKS. When he decided to leave farming for contracting the building of roads in 1918, they moved to Chehalis. It was here my brothers and I grew up.

I graduated from Chehalis High School in 1932, then was off for college, first Mills then W.S.U. From then on I was only intermittently in Chehalis. I married Louis S. BURNETT, nephew of Morris BURNETT of Chehalis. Louis was a retail jeweler in Tacoma. I became engrossed in painting, papering, decorating our home and gardening. World War II was a lonely and fearful time with both Louis and my brother Tom in the European theater. They both came home.

Our two children, Bambi born in 1946 and Jim born in 1949, became the center of our lives and the sources of our greatest pride and job. . . . .



**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.

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 2010 membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2010 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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