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SAVE THIS VERY IMPORTANT DATE

September 16th and 17th, 2011. The Annual Washington State Genealogical Conference will be held in Richland, WA. Conference will be hosted by the Tri City Genealogical Society. Featured speaker is Patricia WALL STAMM. Theme for the conference is "Building Ancestral Bridges".

18 Jan 2011

Meeting will be at the Family History Center, Church of Latter Day Saints at 7pm. Election of 2011-2012 officers will be held during the business meeting. Nominations are President: Bob McDole and Dick Stevens; 1st VP: Linda Patton; 2nd VP: Margie Lloyd; Secretary: Joann Hulse; and Treasurer: Leslie Parnell. Nominations and volunteers will also be taken from the floor. A written ballot will be given out to all paid members in attendance. After the business meeting a librarian will describe the family research resources available at the Family History Center. You will also have the resources of the LCGS Library, shelved at the Center. Research can be done until the library closes at 9pm. The entrance to the library is in the rear of the building; there are doors on the south side of the building for handicap access. Address is 2195 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis WA.



15 Feb 2011

Meeting will again be at St John's Lutheran Church in the conference room, located at the top of the ramp. The meeting scheduled at 7pm will titled "Roundtable-Problem Solving". Bring your brick wall question or any genealogical related question and join us in a roundtable discussion of ways to help with your research problems. The society will bring various reference books from our library. Address is 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA. (PUD hopes to have their remodeling finished by March, when we can return to the meeting room in their building.)

Membership Dues

Name	
Address	
City	
State/Zip	
Phone	
Email	
Yes No	Preference to have Email Newsletter?
	Check for \$12 enclosed for 2011 membership
	Check for \$15 enclosed for 2011 membership



Yes No	Permission to print member information in the newsletter?
Please list SURNAMES & STATES being researched:	
Please send a self addressed stamped envelope if you would like a membership card or receipt.	

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 **3rd (third) Tuesday evening of the months** listed. Research trips are planned periodically. Go online to our website to print out a membership form or return the following information to:
**LEWIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY,
 PO BOX 782 CHEHALIS WA 98532-0782.**

2011 DUES

Dues remain the same, see the registration form. Please fill out the form as some of your information may have changed or you may be researching more surnames/areas.

A current list of paid members will be printed in the **March newsletter**. THANKS FOR PAYING YOUR DUES PROMPTLY.

PEDIGREE CHARTS

Members-please submit your **PEDIGREE CHART** for our membership records. Also, please state permission to print in the newsletter.

Find Your African-American Ancestors


Celebrate Black History Month in February by discovering your African-American roots.

101 Best Websites 2010 African-American Roots
<http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-best-websites-2010-african-american-roots>

Top 5 from the list:

1. **African Ancestored Genealogy**
<http://www.afrigeneas.com/>
2. **AfriQuest** <http://afriquest.com/>
3. **Afro-Louisiana History & Genealogy 1719-1820** <http://www.ibiblio.org/laslave/>
4. **Digital Library on American Slavery**
<http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/>
5. **Documenting the American South**
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

LAYTON BOOK RECEIVED

We have received “**The Children of Samuel Layton**”, by Robert W. Layton for our LCGS library. The book was purchased memory of Vina O’Reilly. 

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family and friends of **Shirlie Tebbs Verley**, who passed away on 10 November 2010. Shirley was a longtime member of the Lewis County Genealogical Society and will be missed by all.

Reuse, Recycle Old Genealogy Magazines



Instead of donating your old Genealogical and Historical Research Magazines to a local library – a better choice would be to find a local historical or genealogical society, or local business such as: doctor, dental, medical offices and hair salons. First, ask if they want them. As a side note, this is how our genealogical library has grown over the years – thanks to donations – at this time we are full and unable to accept donations. Another suggestion for recycling your magazines would be to sell copies online at eBay.com, or give them away free on Craigslist.org or FreeCycle.org.

Washington State Pioneer Certificates

WSGS would like to emphasize our Pioneer Certificates which are available to direct descendants of Washington pioneers who arrived before 11 November 1889 or First Citizen Certificates for those before 31 December 1900. To assist local societies, libraries and applicants, a brochure describing some resources and procedures is available:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/pioneer-certbrochure.pdf>

Contact Frank McLean, 3811 McLean Dr, Yakima, WA 98902-3864 or FL635@yakimavalleynetwork.com to obtain copies.

Local societies are encouraged to take copies to local libraries, family history centers, genealogical meetings, and more!

Get Started Writing Your Life Story

Before you start putting memories down on paper, think about what type of life story you want to write. An "autobiography" covers your whole life; a "memoir" focuses on a few key themes and important years of your life.

In autobiography, you not only record your life story, but also add facts and explanations about historical topics that affected you. For example, you might write about the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated and what you were doing when you heard the news. First, you need to fact check and make sure you've got the right date. Then, to broaden the scope of the story, you would research newspaper articles to see how and why this event rocked an entire nation. Finally, you would tell how it affected you.

A memoir focuses more tightly on a slice of your personal experiences. Suppose you're a baby boomer who, as a teen in the early 1970s, wore love beads and bell bottoms and protested the Vietnam War. Your memoir might cover just that decade in your life—the theme being coming of age in the '70s—and include not only your experiences, but examples of what being a "typical" teenager in the 1970s was like.

If you're not up to tackling a book-length autobiography or memoir, you could start writing your life story as a collection of short-story-length memoirs or essays—like that school paper you wrote on what you did on your summer vacation.

Each essay should have an independent theme, focusing on one event or experience in your life. Your ultimate collection may have a common connecting thread, or each may represent a stand-alone experience.



To help prod your memory or to select themes and topics for essays, use guidebooks on oral history interviewing, taking one question at a time from the book to write about.

A good book for this approach is William Fletcher's *Recording Your Family History*. Fletcher breaks down events in a person's life by age, with subtopics, such as "the first time you saw your spouse," followed by specific questions:

- Do you remember the first time you ever saw your wife/husband—the very first time your eyes met?
- Do you remember the first time you talked to each other?
- Do you remember what you talked about?
- Did you have any idea at that time how your relationship would develop?
- What did you think of him/her at first?

Flip through such a list, find a topic that intrigues you, then write about it using the questions to get started. This collection of essays can be simply that: an assortment of short life stories you keep in a three-ring notebook. You can arrange them in chronological order or thematically. Or you can buy a blank journal book and record your essays there.

If you keep a diary, you can include your stories as part of it. If you don't already keep a diary, consider it as an alternative to writing essays, autobiography or a memoir. A diary or journal doesn't have to be a day-by-day account of your activities; your diary can be whatever you want it to be. **Your descendants will be thrilled with whatever you choose to record.** [Reprinted from Family Tree Magazine Email Update 1/2011]

Links worth Checking Out

Facebook

What's on your Genealogy To-Do List for 2011? Read what other genealogists have on their list at:

www.facebook.com/familytreemagazine

Family Tree University

Online genealogy courses and webinars

www.familytreeuniversity.com

"Who Do You Think You Are?"

NBC Announces: The Celebrities Tracing Their Family Trees on Season TWO!!!

NBC will return for its second season on Friday, February 4 (8-9 p.m. ET)

Produced by Lisa Kudrow.

2nd Season Listing: Ashley Judd, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kim Cattrall, Lionel Richie, Rose O'Donnell, Steve Buscemi, Tim McGraw and Vanessa Williams

If you missed out you can catch up at the website listed above: Watch entire 1st season online at: <http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/video/categories/season-1/1197290/>. Those lives that were researched last season were: Brooke Shields, Lisa Kudrow, Susan Sarandon, Matthew Broderick, Sarah Jessica Parker, Spike Lee, and Emmet Smith.

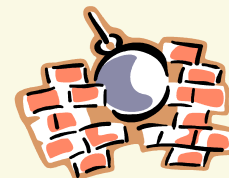
Answers at Your Fingertips

Genealogy Reference Books Found online at Amazon.com (or check the public library).



THE FAMILY TREE POCKET REFERENCE

Get Genealogy and History Facts at Your Fingertips! You'll appreciate this convenient and timesaving handy collection of genealogy reference material that gathers the best resources, tips, lists and need-to-know facts from the experts at Family Tree Magazine use the Family Tree Pocket Reference to find definitions for unfamiliar terms and acronyms, US state fast facts and immigration ports, genealogy data websites, census dates and questions and much more! Stash the indispensable Family Tree Pocket Reference in your computer case, tote bag or even your pocket, and take it with you wherever you research.



101 BRICK WALL BUSTERS: SOLUTIONS TO OVERCOME YOUR GENEALOGICAL CHALLENGES

101 Brick Wall Busters is your secret weapon for getting over, around, under and through obstacles in your family history search. Your family history research is humming along just fine? you've discovered a trove of old letters here, a census and a birth certificate there. Then something genealogists call a brick wall stops you cold: You can't find the record you need. Your great-grandmother's maiden name eludes you. You don't know where your immigrant ancestor was born.

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Newsletter Items | Queries

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

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