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Or open your email provider web site (hotmail, gmail, etc) and then copy & paste the email to your new outgoing message.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 2, 2013 - Next Board Meeting.

IT'S TIME - RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Please fill out the membership form on the back of the newsletter. The society appreciates you taking the time to update your membership information.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR PEDIGREE

Pedigrees should be dated and have your name and contact information. We do want to print your pedigree in the newsletter. Please let the editors know if you do not wish yours too be printed. Pedigrees are kept in the Membership Book.

LCGS MEETINGS

20 Nov 2012 – Welcome to our annual “Show & Tell”. Bring a genealogical find or anything you may want to share on your genealogical research journey. Meeting will begin with a potluck at 6:00 pm. LCGS will supply the plates, utensils, napkins. Please bring your own beverage and a favorite potluck dish. Location is at PUD Auditorium at 345 Pacific Ave., Chehalis. Also, we will have the election of officers for 2013-14. Following is the slate of officers presented at the October meeting: President-Teresa Parnell Jordan; Vice President-Patty Olsen; Secretary-Joann Hulse; and Treasurer-Leslie Parnell. Volunteers and nominations will be taken from the floor.

Congratulations to Teresa & Bob Washington State Genealogical Society OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS OF WASHINGTON STATE - 2012

Region 4 Lewis County Genealogical Society, **Teresa (Parnell) Jordan** of Onalaska, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Lewis County Genealogical Society. Again this year, Teresa Jordan has dedicated more than 80 hours of volunteer work to put together a useful new web design for the Lewis County Genealogical Society. As a result of member requests, she included “*Save the Date,*”

the yearly calendar of meetings, as a footnote on every page of the website; and added links to the Facebook and Twitter social networks so members can keep in touch with upcoming happenings of the Society. *“Climbing Your Family Tree”* and a public surname file compiled from Society member submissions were two more additions. Teresa has gathered up historical facts and vintage photos sent in by members to form an ever-growing collection representing life in Lewis County. To complete the transformation, she prepared nineteen separate Lewis County Cemetery web pages, including their links to the USGenWeb Project. Teresa’s imaginative design and technical skills have built an exceptionally informative website for the Lewis County Genealogical Society. Her accomplishments are truly appreciated.

Region 4 Lewis County Genealogical Society, **Robert “Bob” McDole** of Chehalis, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Lewis County Genealogical Society. Bob McDole is a very versatile leader of the Lewis County Genealogical Society. He has been serving as President of the Society for the 2011-2012 term and has done a wonderful job. He is very organized, and has helped the Society’s Board of Directors to improve their effectiveness. Bob has been an enthusiastic student of genealogy and history for many years. He joined the Lewis County Genealogical Society in 1999, about the same time he joined the Lewis County Historical Society. He was on the Board of the Historical Society from 2000 to 2009, serving in several positions, including Treasurer, Development Officer and chair of the Facilities Committee. Before moving to Lewis County, he served on the Board of the Jefferson County Historical Society, and was a member of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society from 1993 to 1998. Bob has served the genealogical and historical community in Western Washington with enthusiasm and skill, and his contributions to the societies are greatly appreciated.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE EAST

Three individual lectures left of the Lyceum Lecture Series being held at the Roxy Theater in Morton on Thursdays, 12-12:50pm. Nov 15th -*“Chehalis Indian Stories of the Hazel Pete Family”* Curtis DuPois, Storyteller; Nov 29th -*“Exploring the Wilderness of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest”*, Andrea Durham, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District; and *“East Greenland: Geography, Climate, History”*, Mark Hanson.

From **FAMILYSEARCH.ORG**

Did You Know?

- A [2000 map](#) of the top country of origin of ancestors of citizens in each U.S. county is at [wikimedia.org](#).
- More people died in the [1918 Influenza epidemic](#) than in World War I.
- The [Genealogy Photo Archive](#) contains more than 14,000 photos of families.



OCTOBER DISPLAY A SUCCESS

The LCGS chose to create a genealogical display at the Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library in honor of Family History Month. The display was titled *“Vanishing Towns”*. Teresa Jordan and her team, Patty Olsen and Leslie Parnell did a wonderful job of creating the display. Did everyone see the pictures in The Chronicle? Thanks to the members for helping by supplying their personal items for the display.



Washington State Genealogical Society
Presents
2013 Conference



**Researching Rare Apples
on Your Family Tree**

Highlights

- Using Newspapers in Research: You sNEWS you Lose
- Are You My Mother!—Finding the Maiden Name in Your Tree
- The “Shady” Side of the Family Tree—Prison, Criminal, Asylum Records and More
- Nine Mini-Classes to Choose From

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**June 28, 29, 2013
In Yakima, WA**

Howard Johnson Hotel
9 North 9th Street

Bret Petersen
BYU Graduate
Board Member Utah Genealogical Society
Graduate National Institute of Genealogical Research
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Ten Reasons Why You Should Record Your Story

1. *No one else will do it for you.*
2. *No one else knows the stories of your life quite like you do.*
3. *You owe it to yourself and to your family.*
4. *Let your descendants know that you were a real person and not just a name on a tree.*
5. *The stories you heard from your grandparents will not die out with you.*
6. *Many pieces of information nobody knows but you.*
7. *You are part of the history of your city, state and county.*
8. *The things you did when you were young are as remote from the children of today as the Earth is from Mars.*
9. *In telling how you survived painful times in your past, you teach useful coping skills to your descendants and come to a greater understanding and peace.*
10. *The world will be a richer place for your having written your stories.*

"You've done the work, now let your Kids/Grandkids reap some benefits!!"

The Washington State Society of the Children of the American Revolution is a subdivision of The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, founded in 1895, the oldest patriotic organization for youth in the United States of America.

Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. The age range is birth through twenty-one. Meetings and activities are planned for all ages with special consideration given to younger members. C.A.R. Offers Fun, Family educational experiences, opportunities to learn about history while creating history.

Members gain valuable leadership experience in conducting meetings, following parliamentary procedures and standard protocol, serving as delegates and speaking before groups at local, state and national conferences. The responsibility and privilege of selecting officers helps members gain an understanding of the democratic process.

The Washington State Society was formally organized in 1947, although there were local C.A.R. societies in Washington State since 1896. The purpose of the State Society is to promote the work of C.A.R. in the local societies and to provide leader training and to facilitate cooperation between the local societies. For more Information please contact C.A.R. Senior Washington State President Connie Anderson at SrP@WaStateCAR.org. Please check out our web site <http://www.wastatecar.org> or visit the National web site <http://www.nscar.org>

Getting To Know Our Members Sandy Gaffney

My story begins in Escanaba, Michigan where Vernon Wick and Leona Vanderlinden met and married during World War II. Raised on a potato

farm several miles from school and town, I learned early to entertain myself with books and crafts. I attended the same small school for thirteen years, not a one-room but one building. I was in 4-H for eight years taking honors with my sewing projects continuing to use those skills to this day.

I was in my mid-twenties, when I discovered a natural ability for accounting and used it to support my children and myself until retiring from West Coast Mills after twenty-five years. I am trying to use those skills to index records for Family Search and keep my own family history organized.

I was married for eighteen years to Thomas Gaffney, who passed away after our divorce. We had three children, John, Mike and Kat, who all are married and have given me four granddaughters (so far). They live in various parts of the United States and have established careers.

I have been doing genealogy for about ten years, the first few years I would go gun-ho during the winter months. I used the obits and other records I had saved over the years, entering the information into a Family Tree Program. I joined Ancestry by the month and found census reports to go with the names. Knowing my grandparents came from Finland, I joined the Swedish Finn Historical Society (SFHS) in Seattle.

In October of 2009, I flew to Michigan to spend time with my mother, who was 90 at the time, and focus on genealogy. I hit the jackpot with a big wooden box that no one had looked in since 1974 or earlier, it had been my grandmother's, Ida Sjoblad Wick's. A few examples of the treasures I found: my father's high school report, several pictures of Ida at various ages, my grandfather, Charles Wick's original passport, and all the receipts for a house they had built, etc. With this information, I was able to contact SFHS and receive additional family names.

Twenty years ago, I met an active gentleman. We traveled to many large cities for conventions, later we obtained passports going to foreign countries around the world. This summer, we had the opportunity to travel to the land of my father's heritage, Finland. Prior to going we connected with

living cousins that descend from my grandmother's side. The cousin, who came to the Hotel with his wife, immediately reminded me of my dad's brother, Waldo. I recently received information about my grandfather's side with more cousins to connect with, if I go back. While in Finland, we met people who work with members of SFHS, as well as others involved with genealogy.

I suggest to people starting out, join groups, attend seminars, use Google and spend a few bucks!!

Your fellow genealogist, Sandi Gaffney
(gaffney62@msn.com)

TRIP TO FINLAND

Sandi Gaffney



Thanks to Kristin Rhodes and Torbjorn Nikus of the Vora Emigration Center in Finland, a few names with dates and they connected me with two cousins in the Narpes, Vasa area. I received emails and phone numbers from Anders Stenlund and Brorgustav Svens saying they were excited to meet an American cousin.

We had Tuesday, July 19 free to visit with relatives; our guide made a few phone calls for me and said that Anders would come to the hotel and pick us up. It was like being with my Uncle Waldo (my father, Vernon Wick's brother); we joked with each other from the beginning. His wife Ulla came with him and they asked what we would like to see? I

had a couple of postcards of churches my grandparents (Ida Marie Sjoblad-Perus and Karl Johan Henriksson Maars, known in the states as Charles John Wick) had been associated with so we started with them. We visited the churches in Overmark and Narpes, walked through the cemetery where our ancestors are buried and saw the small barns where they kept their horses in the winter while attending church.

They took us to a local restaurant for a buffet lunch, made arrangements to have a separate room and invited the other relatives. Gustav and his wife Else came with their granddaughter Marina who did the translating. We also met Marina's 2 year old son, Alex. Anna Maija Johanna Eriksson and her husband Leo Wilson were also there. She is a distant relative and thought she was the only one, it turns out she has many relatives in the states. After lunch they showed us some of the current ways people in the area make a living, the big one being tomato growing greenhouses. We were able to tour the inside of one. Another big industry is the making of various size garbage trucks for cities in Europe as the width of streets vary. We stopped for fresh strawberries purchased on the honor system at the greenhouse restaurant (Lind's Kok, Narpes, where we were to have lunch the next day with the rest of the tour group). We also saw a local outdoor theater where the audience turns versus the stage changing. They then took us to their home and showed us pictures of their children. They had made a trip to Dubai for Ulla's sixtieth birthday and their daughter, Anna's recent wedding. (She lives in Stockholm with her husband and daughter. She placed 2nd in the Eurovision Song Contest in 2004.)

In the evening they took us by ferry to their summer home and served us a meal of local food unique to that area, including Finby pigs. They returned us safely to our hotel in Vasa after an exciting day.

From **FAMILYSEARCH.ORG**

Genealogical information in various types of maps

To select the right kind of map to solve a genealogical problem, it is helpful to know what kinds of information each type of map displays.[\[1\]](#)

Atlases are bound collections of maps. **Historical atlases** are especially useful because they tend to plot historic towns and landmarks more accurately than old maps do in relation to jurisdictional boundaries and geographic features.

Boundary change maps show shifts in borders of townships, counties, states and territories over time.

Census maps. Spelling errors by census takers often make ancestors hard to find. If you know your ancestor's address (or general area of residence in rural areas), census maps showing enumeration district boundaries can indicate where in the census rolls to search for the ancestor.

Chamber of commerce maps, which can usually be obtained for free from city and town chambers of commerce, show streets, government offices, courthouses, libraries, businesses, museum archives, and important landmarks

City and town maps show detailed street information, addresses, rail and mass transit routes, and landmarks.

City and town locator maps plot a town and often give its coordinates so that it can be plotted in an historical atlas or map to determine the county, parish, or state in which it resided during a given year.

City plans often demystify the renaming of streets, parks, neighborhoods, and other features.

County, Parish, or Province maps show roads, cemeteries, landmarks, local boundaries, and physical features.

Fire insurance maps (Sanborn maps) of 12,000 cities and towns yield street names and specific properties and addresses starting in 1867. Using these with city directories can help locate urban ancestors in a given year.

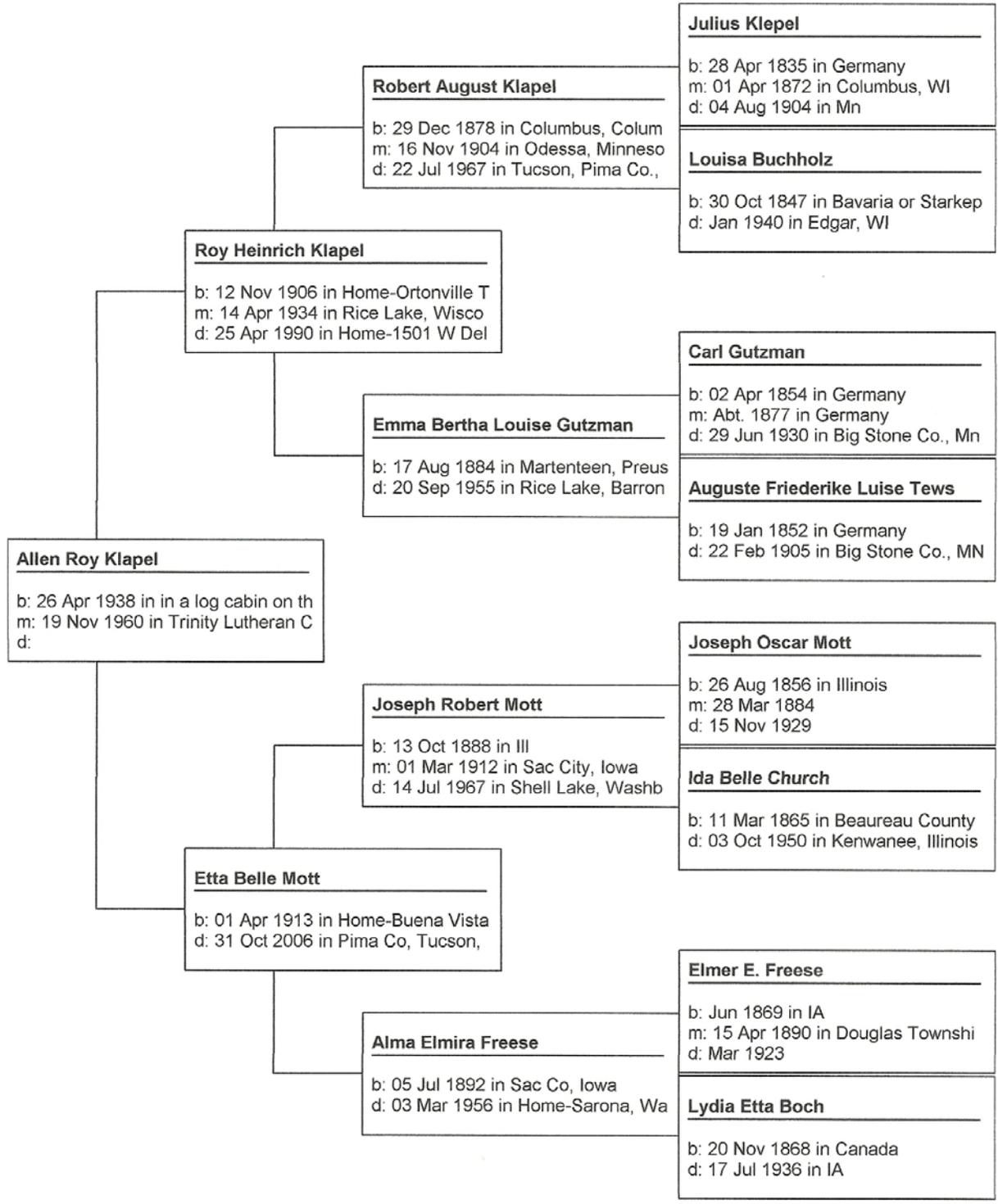
Land ownership (cadastral) maps and plat books show boundaries of land plots, and usually the owners' names.

Military maps show extreme detail regarding geographical features, terrain, landmarks, natural resources, place names, and landmarks.

Railroad maps indicate preferred routes of travel during an era where the routes changed from one year to the next. These also aid in tracking the possible whereabouts of railroad employees since many railroads merged or changed names.

Topographic or geologic maps show terrain, natural resources (forests, mining resources), and features that

affected travel (rivers, rapids, canals, mountains, mountain passes, canyons).



Notes:

**Pedigree Chart for
Margo Ellen Heiser Richert**

Orie Francis Heiser

b: 04 Dec 1903 in Pine Hollow,
Monroe County, Wisconsin
m: 11 Feb 1944 in Centralia, Lewis,
Washington, USA
d: 16 Apr 1960 in Centralia, Lewis,
Washington, USA

Margo Ellen Heiser Richert

b: 08 Jun 1948 in Centralia, Lewis,
Washington, USA
m: 25 Jan 1969 in Seattle, King,
Washington, USA
d:

Lillie Johanna Anderson

b: 25 Dec 1904 in Renton, King,
Washington, USA
d: 20 May 1957 in Centralia, Lewis,
Washington, USA

Frank Heiser

b: 18 Jan 1859 in Upper Brush
Creek, Monroe, Wisconsin
m: 05 Nov 1901 in Monroe County,
Wisconsin
d: 05 Sep 1944 in Cashton, Monroe,
Wisconsin, USA

Annie Marie Stoiber

b: 17 Nov 1866 in Wilton, Monroe,
Wisconsin, USA
d: 06 Dec 1942 in Cashton, Monroe,
Wisconsin, USA

Harry Heikki Koljola Anderson

b: 20 Feb 1873 in Vihanti, Oulun
Laani, Finland
m: 01 Sep 1901 in Boise, Ada,
Idaho, USA
d: 19 Nov 1936 in Centralia, Lewis,
Washington, USA

Edla Isaksdotter Lassila

b: 21 May 1877 in Bäckby, Finland
d: 10 May 1959 in Centralia, Lewis,
Washington, USA

Adolph Heiser

b: Sep 1830 in Weilburg, Limburg-
Weilburg, Hessen, Germany
m: 23 Aug 1853 in Beloit, Rock,
Wisconsin, USA
d: 1908 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, USA

Maria Elisabeth Fuhrmeister

b: 24 Mar 1835 in Dardesheim,
Halberstadt, Sachsen, Preussen
d: 11 Mar 1881 in Jefferson County,
Wisconsin, USA

Anton Stoiber

b: 10 Dec 1825 in Hersfeld,
Bohemia, Austria
m: 1862 in Wilton, Monroe,
Wisconsin, USA
d: 01 Oct 1903 in Wilton, Monroe,
Wisconsin, United States

Josephine Schmieder

b: 22 Feb 1842 in Aigen, Austria
d: 05 Feb 1922 in Wisconsin, USA

Antti Koljola

b: 15 Sep 1848 in Vihanti, Oulun
Laani, Finland
m: 22 Apr 1867 in Vihanti, Oulun
Laani, Finland
d: 24 Jul 1926 in Vihanti, Oulun
Laani, Finland

**Pieta Gustaava Jakobsdotter
Jaakola**

b: 20 May 1844 in Vihanti, Oulun
Laani, Finland
d: 15 Jun 1909 in Vihanti, Oulun
Laani, Finland

Isak Mattson Lassila

b: 13 Dec 1851 in Bäckby, Finland
m: 21 Feb 1875 in Esse Finland
d: 24 Mar 1906 in Bäckby, Finland

**Lisa Isaksdotter Brannbacka
Flinck**

b: 19 Sep 1839 in Esse, Finland
d: 01 Jun 1877 in Bäckby, Finland

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, 345 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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_____ Check for \$12 enclosed for 2013 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.

Items for the January newsletter should be to the editors by December 31st

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