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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:

LCGS NEXT MEETING IS: 20 Jan 2009—
LCGS Meeting is being held at a special time 6:00 pm at the Art & Ruby Hamilton Room at the new Chehalis Vernita Smith Timberland Library. Elections will be held for the 2009-2010 Officers. A slate of nominations will be presented and nominations will be taken from the floor. **Please think about donating your time.** Fresh faces and minds can lead us all too new places. The following have agreed to their names on the slate of officers. President-Linda Patton, 1st Vice President-**OPEN**, 2nd Vice President-Margie Lloyd, Secretary-Joann Hulse

(Incumbent), and Treasurer-Leslie Parnell.

After society business has been concluded, we will adjourn and take a tour of the wonderful new library.

17 Feb 2009 – Program for the February meeting will be “**Finding The Outlaw in Your Family,**” by Steve Morrison. Steve is a member of the Assoc. of Professional Genealogists and past President of the Olympia GS. Steve has presented at several noted seminars in the last year, including **The 39th Family History and Genealogy Conference at Provo, Utah.** His genealogical interests are Ireland, Quaker research, Western Outlaws, and the Oregon Trail.

~DATES TO REMEMBER~

25 Apr 2009 – **Olympia Genealogical Society** Spring Seminar presents **Henry Z. Jones**, who is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, author ([Palatine Families of New York](#) and [Psychic Roots](#)), experienced researcher and lecturer. See the OGS website for more information:
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/ or call David Purtee 360-866-1590.

11-13 Sep 2009 – **Eastern Washington Genealogical Society and Washington State Genealogical Society** will have the combined seminar/annual meeting in Spokane at the historic Davenport Hotel.

Please have **Newsletter items** (including old photographs, if you'd like to submit a copy for scanning) to one of the editors by the *end of February* for the next newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST

Sign up new members between October 21, 2008 and April 17, 2009. The one who signs up the most members will receive the first prize below. New members must write the member's name who recruited them on their registration. **GOOD LUCK**

1st Prize – DINNER FOR TWO AT THE GREAT WOLF LODGE, \$50 Value, donated by Harriet Morley.

2nd Prize – BOOK "WALKING WITH YOUR ANCESTORS", by Melinda Kashuba, donated by Harriett Morley.

3rd Prize – ONE YEAR LCGS FREE MEMBERSHIP.

All prizes will be awarded at the April 21, 2009 general meeting. Remember, this is for new members, the more you sign up, the better chance to win the 1st Prize.

ALABAMA LOOKUP

Joann Hulse has the cemetery index for Shelby County and Bibb County, Alabama. She will be glad to do a lookup by request. Call at 360-748-4244 or email at wjhulse@localaccess.com.

Tidbits

Genealogy Numbering Systems

Reprinted from The Family Tree Searcher, Grays Harbor GS and Genealogical Pointers, 7 Oct 2008, www.genealogical.com

New genealogists might be tempted to spend a lot of time devising a system for arranging and keeping track of their generations of ancestors. Fortunately, they do not need to re-invent the wheel, because there are already several excellent tried and true numbering systems for this purpose. You can get the low-down on Genealogy Numbering Systems in Carolyn Barkley's article at <http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com/?p=58>

Museum CLOSED on SATURDAY until

May The Lewis County Historical Society (LCHS) is a non-profit organization specifically dedicated to serving the residents of Lewis County, WA., by preserving the history and heritage of Lewis County through the support and operation of the Lewis County Historical Museum. Hours are Tues-Sat 10am to 5pm. And Jun 1-Aug 31 Sun 1-5pm. For information phone 360-748-0831 or email Director@LewisCountyMuseum.org

COMING IN 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. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFO AS KNOWN.

NOW COLLECTING 2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES. Please check to see that you have paid. Dues not paid by March 1st will not receive the next newsletter.

Families of Lewis County WA

Book Excerpts from: *The History of Lewis County Washington*, published by the Lewis County Historical Society, First Edition, 1985.

HELEN ISABEL PETERS ORNING BUSH Roots Make My Home

My mother, Gertrude Rebecca **SMITH PETERS** was born 1888 on my Grandpa Teddy **SMITH**'s homestead near Adna, Washington. She went to the Adna School. The wood frame school building on the hill was new at this time. Grandpa Teddy came from England with Sam **MASSINGHAM** about 1880. Fred **CHILVERS**, also from England, was already here. They all settled in the same area north of Adna. They all married sisters from Toledo, Washington, daughters of Lafayette and Jessie Morgan who had recently arrived by covered wagon from Kansas. Lafayette was a Civil War veteran. My mother married Jerry Peters in 1908 in a double wedding at Adna with Pearl **MURPHY** and Willie **WILSON**. Both couples lived to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary together at Adna in 1958. My mom and dad celebrated their 70th in 1978 at Adna on Grandpa Teddy's homestead.

My father, Jerry Andrew **PETERS**, was born in Harrisburg, Oregon, in 1886. His mother, Kitty **CORGON SKINNER**, married Benjamin Franklin **PETERS** in about 1881. He was a shoemaker. Grandma Kitty **PETERS** was a school teacher in southwestern Washington for 30 years. One of her first schools was Claquato in 1905, earning \$50.00 a month. She purchased property near Claquato, and this was her home until her death in 1933. Jerry, her son, purchased adjoining property when he was 14. After his marriage he built a home where his first three children, Wilma, Helen, and Chester, were born.

Chilvers Road was a muddy, clay trail. Dr. **PETIT** traveled each year for three years to deliver Gerty and Jerry's babies, 1909-1912. When the fourth child, Harold, was born they had moved to the "hard surface," a narrow

paved section of Old 99 south of Chehalis, the second piece of concrete paved road in the U.S. This was our home for six years. The older children started to school here, first to Dillenbaugh, then to Cascade in Chehalis. We walked, and Mom always cautioned us to walk down below the side of the road along the puncheon of preexisting road to stay away from the new horseless buggies whizzing by 20 miles an hour. While here we were quarantined for chicken pox, smallpox, and flue. The flue epidemic took my brother, Chesters's life in 1919. We also had measles and mumps, and missed half a year of school by quarantined illness.

Jerry, by this time, was experienced in buying and selling real estate, which he continued all his life. We moved to another home on 13th Street in Chehalis in 1920. We still went to Cascade School, walking a brushy, muddy trail that was Cascade Avenue to 7th Street where it was graveled. By this time Dad owned a new Ford touring car, but had to leave it near Market Street as 13th Street was too muddy to travel on.

Dad was also a shingle weaver, and built his first mill two miles north of Littell, Washington, on a logging railroad near coal mines. Mom cooked for coal miners, shingle weavers, and her family. Wilma and I walked the railroad tract to Briar Hill School along Mill Creek.

We moved many times, selling homes and changing schools, again to Cascade, to Claquato, to West Side in Chehalis, to rocky Prairie in Thurston County, and to Adna where Harold and I graduated from high school.

I married Guido "Whitey" **ORNING** in 1931. He was from Zenkner Valley near Centralia, the son of Helga and John **ORNING**. These were "depression" years. We worked at any type of work we could get. Whitey did mill work when available. We tried pea and strawberry farming with no profit. After five years we bought acreage on Gish Road, "Moonshine Alley," near Onalaska, Washington. We took out stumps to

build a house, hauling the lumber in by a team and sled from the county road, dug a well, built a barn, and cleared 30 acres of land. Whitey built a shingle mill here that he operated five years. Our only child, George, born in 1943, attended Onalaska School to the 6th grade.

After 20 years at Onalaska, Whitey's health caused us to move to Forks, Washington, where we lived 9 years until his death in 1964. George graduated from Forks High school, and married Lorene **LEWIS** there in 1961. They gave me two grandchildren, Diane and Jay, and a great-grandson, Tommy **RANDALL**.

I had worked in restaurants while in Forks, and after Whitey's death, I moved to Adna and continued working while building a house on Grandpa Teddy's homestead. George also built a house on the homestead, and the children attended the Adna School.

Diane and Jay both graduated from Adna High school, Diane exactly 50 years after I did. And Jay 77 years after his great-granddad, Jerry **PETERS**, went to Adna High school. Teddy **SMITH** and Sam **MASSINGHAM** are recorded as early Adna School Board members. My Class of 1930 will meet at Adna for their 55th class reunion in July, 1985.

My name was **ORNING** for 40 years. In 1971, I married Forrest "Bud" **BUSH**. He died in 1972. I am at home on the same road where I was born, and same homestead where Mom was born. I think I'll stay awhile. It seems like home. I have roots here.

LEWIS COUNTY TRIVIA

Who was Dr. Kennicott?

- a) Doctor who opened the first hospital in Lewis County.
- b) Performed first heart transplant in Lewis County.
- c) First doctor sued for malpractice in Lewis County.

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NEW TO THE LIBRARY



Following donated by member Harriett Morley for children

The Kids' Family Tree Book, by Caroline Leavitt, pub. Paperbook 2007 by Sterling Publishing Co., Inc. New York, orig. pub. 2005. (children) #1105

The Great Ancestor Hunt, The Fun of Finding Out Who You Are, Clarion Books, a Houghton Mifflin Co, New York, 1989. (children) #1106

Climbing Your Family Tree, Online and Off-Line Genealogy for Kids, by Ira Wolman and the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. 1991. (children) #1107

My Family Tree Workbook, Genealogy for Beginners, by Rosemary A Chrozempa, Dover Publications, Inc Mineola, NY. 1982. (children workbook) #1108

The following donated by Maxine Alexander

Tacoma City Directory 1909, R. L. Polk & Co.'s, photocopied and bound, Vol. 1. Aaberg – Gunderson, Ole. #1109

Tacoma City Directory 1909, R. L. Polk & Co.'s, photocopied and bound, Vol. 2. Gunderson, Thos – Nourse, Claribel. #1110

Tacoma City Directory 1909, R. L. Polk & Co.'s, photocopied and bound, Vol. 3. Nourse, Jas. D. – Zylstra, Albert. #1111

1889 Auditor's Census of Pierce County, Washington, pub. by Tacoma-Pierce GS 1987. Vol. I #1112

**1889 Auditor's Census of Pierce County,
Washington**, pub. by Tacoma-Pierce GS 1987.
Vol. II #1113

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 \$4.00 for the first book
Add \$1.00 for each additional book

LEWIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE NEWS

Please update your bookmark as we have a new website home page. Web Master Teresa Jordan has set us up with our own site at <http://www.walcgs.org>. All links should be working and we should receive more visits to our website. Thanks Teresa

2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

***If you haven't paid your dues, you may mail in or pay at the January meeting.

***Please fill out your renewal form when renewing your membership. Why? The newsletter editors receive the renewal forms and the membership fee is given to the treasurer. To have the most **current mailing/e-mailing** information from the members, not only for receiving your newsletter on time, but when we print your family data in the newsletter, all will be correct. Surnames and areas of research may change and evolve each year. **Please fill out your renewal complete. Thank you.**

Homestead Records Become Available on the Internet For the First Time on Footnote.com Free on FamilySearch)

Original Records Documenting the Lives of Early Settlers Offer a Unique View Into 19th Century America September 18, 2008 – Footnote.com along with several partners announced a project to make available hundreds of thousands of original Homestead Records on the Internet for the first time. This project involved the efforts of organizations including The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the National Parks Service, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and FamilySearch. The Homestead Act of 1862 was a landmark event at a time when the American Nation was being torn apart by the Civil War. These records, most of which have never been microfilmed, contain more than simply the names of those who petitioned the U.S. Government for land. They tell the rich story of a fast-growing country and those men and women eager to live the American dream by becoming land owners. (online newsletter *Volume 26 Issue 1 January—February 2009*)

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGY SOCIETY DUES WILL BE AN EXTRA \$8.00 YEAR FOR THOSE WANTING THE NEWSLETTER BY POSTAL MAIL. AN ONLINE COPY IS AVAILABLE WITHOUT THE EXTRA COST.

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.

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 2009 membership

_____ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2009 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.

Answer to Lewis County Trivia question is a) Doctor who opened the first hospital in Lewis Co, WA.

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