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Events/Meetings/Seminars

May 14th – Field Trip to Olympia Archives.

May 17th – Southern CA Genealogical Society presents: Jana Sloan Broglin. The seminar topic is "A boy named Sue".

May 17th – LCGS Meeting 7pm. The speaker will be Jenny Tenlen, Lewis County, WA US GenWeb site coordinator. Jenny will conduct a Powerpoint presentation on Lewis and Cowlitz Counties as to what information and databases can be found on her websites. Meeting at PUD Meeting Room.

Jun 21st – Peri Muhich on Researching Your Family Home.

Aug 16-21st - Southwest WA Fair in Lewis County.

Allen County Invites Your Questions

The library with the country's second-largest genealogy collection is inviting you to ask reference questions via email. Write to Indiana's Allen County Public Library genealogy staff at genealogy@acpl.info or use the online form at www.acpl.lib.in.us/ask/genealogy.html you can use the new "Ask a Librarian" service no matter where you live.

What sorts of questions are suitable? "Bibliographic or other short-answer questions, questions which begin 'what is a...' or 'how do I find...'" suggests librarian Ryan Taylor. You'll receive a reply – perhaps just a "we're working on it," depending on your query – within 48 hours. Taylor says librarians can't do your research for you, but they may be able to suggest a next step, point you to an elusive resource or recommend another repository. *Reprinted from Family Tree Magazine Email Update 3-3-05.*

Important Note: All of the website addresses in the newsletter are "**clickable**" directly from this word document. Hold down the **Ctrl key + click** to follow the links!

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Beginning June, our meetings will be held at the Lewis County Historical Museum meeting room.

Query

Teresa Doud MARTINDALE: She died 15 Oct 1911 in Centralia. I am looking for her obituary, but the months of Sep and Oct are missing from the microfilm. Does anyone know where to find a copy of the Centralia Newspaper for the last two weeks of Oct 1911? Reply to: Richard K. Martindale 8505 Mary Ave NW #20, Seattle, WA 98117-3455. Email: rkmrtndl@hotmail.com

Library Volunteers Please

We need volunteers to host our library and the museum library on the weekend. Volunteers are asked to host at least one Saturday a month. We want to have 2 hosts available every Saturday, beginning June 4th and ending Sept 17th from 12:30pm to 3pm. Margie Lloyd is coordinating the host list. Please call her at 736-5960 to sign up. Museum hours on Saturday are 9am-5pm and on Sunday 1-5pm. Those interested must first attend an orientation meeting with Karen Johnson, Assistant Director of the museum. Please volunteer a few hours of your time so that we can have someone at the library every Saturday.

Donated Computer

We have a PC donated by Craig Steepy for our Library. We need word processing & spreadsheet programs to be able to use the PC to extract statistics from the old newspapers. Do we have someone who can donate these programs?

Ship-Shape Database

Mystic Seaport at www.mysticseaport.org has posted its collection of early American published ship registers – including the New York Marine Register, American Lloyd's Register of American and Foreign Shipping and The Record of American and Foreign Shipping at www.mysticseaport.org/library/initiative/shipregisterlist.cfm. Together, these annual books list registered ships, barks, brigs and schooners from 1857 through 1900. The registers aren't passenger lists, but they may help you find out more about an immigrant ancestor's ship. You can choose a register to browse by year, or select *Search Ship Registers* to search on the *name and type of vessel*, or the **name of the ship's master**. *Reprinted from Family Tree Magazine Email Update 4-28-05.*

Fall Seminar

Co-sponsored by Lewis County Genealogical Society and Lewis County Historical Museum, Chehalis, WA. "A DAY WITH KEN ATIKEN" Ken is a popular genealogy speaker and educator from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, with over 20 years experience in genealogical education. He is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists, and is on the faculty of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Ken has published articles in genealogical journals across the US, Canada, England, and Australia. He has given workshops and seminars around the world. The four topics for the day will be:

- Overcoming the curse of floating bits of paper
- Passengers lists
- Geographic tools for English family history research
- Family reconstitution – a useful approach for problem solving

Date is September 24, 2005 at the Bethel Church, 132 Kirkland RD, Chehalis. Flyers will be out soon. Contact register, Karen Johnson at 360-748-0831. Pre-register before Sept. 15th at \$30, and after Sept. 15th or at the door \$35. A \$10 box lunch is available for pre-registered attendees Flyers and registration forms will be mailed out and also be available on our website.

Dig Up Your Family Tree Online

From cemetery transcriptions to census records, millions of genealogy resources have been posted online in recent years, making the Internet a popular first stop in researching family roots. No matter what you want to learn about your family tree, there is a pretty good chance you can dig up at least some of it on the Internet. It's not quite as simple as finding a database that contains all of the information on your ancestors and downloading it, however, ancestor hunting is actually much more exciting than that! The trick is learning how to use the myriad of tools and databases that the Internet provides to find facts and dates on your ancestors, and then going beyond that to fill in the stories of the lives they lived.

Discovering Your Female Ancestors

Our female ancestors have wonderful stories to tell – legacies which extend far beyond sets of names and dates in the family tree. Yet, women's lives have historically been less visible than men's lives in history books and genealogical records. Learn how to use available records to tell the tale of your female ancestor – how she lived, what she wore, her hopes and dreams...[http://womenshistory.about.com/library/weekly/aa\)22403a.htm?nl=1](http://womenshistory.about.com/library/weekly/aa)22403a.htm?nl=1)

Old Occupations

So your ancestor was an axle tree maker – what does that mean? Use this glossary to translate your kin’s archaic occupations.

Accomptant: Accountant

Amanuensis: Secretary or stenographer

Axle Tree Maker: Maker of axles for coaches and wagons

Baxter: Baker

Bluestocking: Female writer

Brewster: Beer manufacturer

Cohen: Priest

Collier: Coal miner

Costermonger: Fruit seller

Goaler: Jailer

Hind: Farm laborer

Joyner/joiner: Skilled carpenter

Lavender: Washer woman

Leech/sawbones: Washer woman

Peruker: Wigmaker

Slopseller: Seller of ready-made clothes

Snobscat: Shoe repairer

Tide Waiter: Customs official

Tipstaff: Poiliceman

Vulcan: Blacksmith

Webster: Weaver

Whitewing: Street sweeper

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Begin With Obituaries

Obituaries can be a gold mine for information on family units, including siblings, parents, spouses, and even cousins, as well as the date of birth and death and place of burial. Obituary notices may also help lead you to living relatives who can provide further information on your family tree. There are several large obituary search engines online which can make the search a bit easier, but if you know the town where your relatives lived you will often have better luck searching the obituary archive. (when available online) of the local paper. If you aren’t sure of the name of the local paper for that community, a search for *newspaper* and the *city, town* or *county name* in your favorite search engine will often get you there. Be sure to search out obituaries for siblings and cousins as well as your direct ancestors. www.obitcentral.com

Death Indexes & Cemeteries

Since death records are usually the most recent record created for a deceased individual, they are often the easiest place to begin your search. While monetary restrictions and privacy concerns mean that the majority of death records are not yet available online, many online death indexes are available through both official and volunteer sources. Try www.deathindexes.com or do a Google search for death records plus the name of the county or state in which your ancestors lived.

Continuing with the search for *death records*, online cemetery transcriptions are another huge resource for information on your ancestors. Volunteers from around the world have traipsed trough thousands of cemeteries, posting names, dates, and even photos. www.rootsweb.com

Research Library Update

LCGS Research library now located in the Lewis County Historical Museum at 599 Front Way, Chehalis, LCGS members may access our library and the museum research library by showing their current membership card. The LCHM Library will provide copies at the museum membership copy 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 2005 membership

_____ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2005 membership

Permission to print member information in the newsletter? ___yes ___no

Please list surnames and states being researched: _____

Free Queries can be submitted for the newsletter.

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