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Events/Meetings/Seminars

Jan 17, 2006- Lewis County Genealogical Society meeting at 7pm at Lewis County Historical Museum meeting room. See details elsewhere in newsletter.

Feb 21, 2006-Lewis County GS meeting, 7pm at Lewis County Historical Museum meeting room in Chehalis; speaker or program to be announced later.

March 1, 2006- is the next LCGS board meeting. All members are welcome.

March, 2006-LCGS is planning a field trip on a Saturday to the Olympia Archives. Will confirm date at Jan meeting.

Mar 25, 2006-Clark County GS, in honor of **Womens History Month** presents "Searching for Your Female Ancestors" on Saturday at the WA State School for the Deaf, Vancouver, WA. They are featuring Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, Certified Genealogist, author and speaker. To receive registration info, send an email to [CCGS Programs@hotmail.com](mailto:CCGS_Programs@hotmail.com) or see their web page at ccgs-wa.org. Peri Muhich will begin the day with a presentation titled "Seattle's Mercer Girls".

Apr 7th & 8th, 2006 is the Washington State GS Conference & Annual Meeting. Hosted by Olympia Genealogical Society, www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs/index.htm the event will be at the Olympia High School Performing Arts Center in Olympia. Further info is available at their website. Cost for the conference, breakfast, lunch and 24 available workshops will be \$40.00

*LCGS meetings are now at Lewis
County Historical Museum*

January Meeting

will be "Show and Tell" Please bring your success stories, photo's or anything related to genealogy that you would like to share. Hearing & seeing the results of other searches gives us all anticipation of achieving success in our ancestor search. Margie Lloyd has purchased the Washington State Death Index on microfilm and has donated the films to our research library. Margie will be at the meeting about 6:30 pm to explain the index and how it works. A microfilm reader was donated to the LCHM library by the Olympia Archives. The machine is set up in the LCGS library and can be used by contacting Karen Johnson.

WEBSITES & TIPS

The following were submitted by member, JoAnn Hulse.

The 1840 Census of Pensioners –looking for the military pensioners who are veterans of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 , and other military services? This information is available in print form published for the Census Department in 1841 and microfilm since that time, but has not been easy to obtain or access. Now, however, it has been indexed and placed on the Web as a searchable database. You can access this Website at www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/colonial/census/1840 National Genealogical Society

A Very Grave Matter www.gravematter.com

Looking for ancestors buried in New England cemeteries? Click the name and location of a cemetery to find a list of people buried there, along with gravestone information.

Photocopying tip – If you are copying old yellowed clippings, check the copier for a "photo" setting. This should improve the contrast to give a clean crisp copy. To make it last over time, be sure to copy on acid free paper. If you have trouble with "bleed through" from the other side, put a piece of black paper over the original on the back side.

Calculating a date in time Each time I get an old obituary or newspaper clipping, I note the date of the newspaper. Then I see in the obituary that Uncle Albert died Tuesday and funeral services will be tomorrow at 10am. To find the date of his death, I have found a free website that will calculate that information for me. You may also use it to find the day of the week on which a certain event occurred, or calculate the day of a dated photo. Website is www.timeanddate.com by Deborah J. Hollon printed in Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc. newsletter.

Soundex Converter – This website will allow you to list numerous names and then allow you to print out the names and Soundex numbers in a Table. All the other Soundex converters allow you to enter only one name at a time, and thus are quite slow. <http://www.bradandkathy.com/cgi-bin/yasc.cgi>

Civil War Soldier and Sailors System:
www.itd.nps.gov/cwss

Norwegian web site: a link shows how to make those special Norwegian letters like the following.
www.norwayheritage.com
Æ – press ALT while typing 0198
æ – press ALT while typing 0230
Ø - press ALT while typing 0216
ø - press ALT while typing 0248
Å - press ALT while typing 0197
å - press ALT while typing 0229

Claquato-Sunset Cemetery has been read and posted to the WA Tombstone project online. The goal now is to take that reading to the Claquato office and combine it with the cemeteries records, which will include unmarked graves. We need a volunteer chairman for this project. We have several members willing to work on this project, just need someone to be in charge. If you have such an interest, please let us know at the next meeting. This is a project we would like to complete this year.

1910 Washington State Census Index
The complete 1910 every name index is now on-line at the Washington Digital Archives site:
www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx

For those who have used their search engine before, their detailed search has been improved. It now gives a list of people with their birthplaces...but it is searching by counties and the researcher must search each individual county for any person, when they don't know the county to find them in.

UPSIDE DOWN TOMBSTONE PHOTOS

How many times have any of you readers found yourselves in a cemetery trying to photograph a grave stone or marker with the sun at your back and all you have is your shadow covering the marker? Just step to the other side of the stone to let the sun shine on the marker, lean over it and snap away. When you have the photo or digital image processed, just turn it around and behold you have nice looking photograph with no shadows. No one can tell that you took the picture upside down. (from Harry Short, Concord, CA, Ancestry Daily News Dec 1, 2005.)

WEST VIRGINIA ONLINE DATABASE

Thanks to the help of FamilySearch Archive (Genealogy Society of Utah), searching those elusive ancestors with West Virginian origins or connections may now be just a mouse click away. FamilySearch scanned and indexed the records and the West Virginia Division of Culture and History is hosting them online. The free database consists of millions of West Virginia births, deaths, and marriages—a goldmine for genealogists and historians. Researchers and curiosity seekers can now search and view scanned images of original birth, death, and marriage records from six counties, as well as most statewide death certificates from 1917-54. The full text of the announcement may be found at http://eogn.typepad.com/announcements/2005/11/familysearch_ar.html posted by Dick Eastman on Nov 17, 2005.

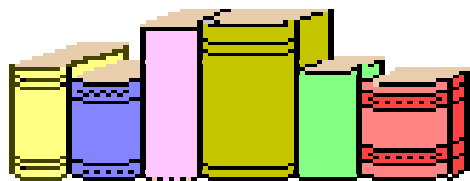
WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Annual Conference and Business Meeting

Friday evening and Saturday April 7-8, 2006. Hosted by The Olympia GS will begin Friday evening with Secretary of State Sam Reed, skirled to the podium with bagpipes SCOTLAND THE BRAVE, introducing Stephen Eric Baylor, president of WSGS, and John M. Kitzmiller II, conference speaker. Saturday morning, breakfast and the SCOIL RINCE SLIEVELOUGHANE Irish Dancers during WSGS Welcome and Orientation. Twelve workshops in the morning and 12 more in the afternoon following the WSGS Business Meeting.

The Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater area offers unique resources to genealogists. Two OGS members, staffers at the State Library, have volunteered their time to hold the doors open Friday evening only to 7:00 PM. The State Office of Vital Statistics, in Tumwater one block away from the State Library has birth, death, marriage, etc records "usually in your hand within 30 minutes." The State Archives-SW Division will as always be helpful to genealogists finding ancestral clues in Southwest Washington. State Archivist Jerry Handfield and State Librarian Jan Walsh will each have two workshops showcasing their resources and knowledge on Saturday. Questions prior to posting of Registrations: rjonasenhush@earthlink.net or kpurtee@juno.com

SALEM OREGON STATE ARCHIVES 800 Summer St., NE, Salem, Oregon 97310, ph 503-373-0701 www.arcweb.sos.stateor.us Hours: M-F 8-4:45 (closed noon hour). Death Certificates: 50yr or older-25 cents a copy if done in person, more if they make or mail to you. Call for details. (Clatsop Co GS NL *The Forebears* Vol 19 #3 Oct 2005.)

GOOGLE TIP from Mary Lovell "I discovered I could more easily find a family by typing on Google: Nickerson Family Association. I have found a lot more by typing the family name with Association." (Clatsop Co GS NL *The Forebears* Vol 19 #3 Oct 2005.)



LIBRARY ADDITIONS NOV 2005

Dating Old Photographs 1840-1929, A Family Chronicle Publication, 1st pub 2000, with some added corrections from the 1st printing, 2004. Donated by JoAnn Hulse.

The following donated by Harriet Morley

GRAVEYARDS OF ARLINGTON COUNTY VIRGINIA, Including some additional

information from family Bibles, courthouse records, and other sources, compiled by Arlington Genealogy Club and published by National Genealogical Society 1985.

EARLY NINETEENTH-CENTURY GERMAN SETTLERS IN OHIO (MAINLY CINCINNATI AND ENVIRONS), KENTUCKY, AND OTHER STATES.

German-American Genealogical Research Monograph Number 20, Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4A: Surnames A through J and 4B: surnames K through Z and 4C: Appendices, by Clifford Neal Smith, 1st printing 1984, last printing 2004.

FROM BREMEN TO AMERICA IN 1850: FOURTEEN RARE EMIGRANT SHIP LISTS, German-American Genealogical Research Monograph Number 22, by Clifford Neal Smith, 1st, June 1987 Westland Publications, last reprint 2004.

Genealogies of KENTUCKY FAMILIES From the Filson Club History Quarterly, 1st, 1981 Genealogical Publishing Co., reprinted 2000.

Genealogies of KENTUCKY FAMILIES From The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, A-M, (Allen-Moss). 1st, 1981, Genealogical Publishing Co, last reprint 2000.

Genealogies of KENTUCKY FAMILIES From The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, O-Y (Owens – Young), 1st, 1981, Genealogical Publishing Co, last reprint 2000.

PASSENGER ARRIVALS at the Port of Philadelphia 1800-1819, 1986 Genealogical Publishing Co, last reprint 2003.

The following 2 books were donated by Laura Pemberton Sparr from her book collection.

Genealogical Research Directory, National & International, Guide to Genealogical Societies, Keith A. Johnson & Malcolm R. Sainty, 1986, The Editors of the Genealogical Research Directory.

SONS OF THE PROFITS or, There's No Business Like Grow Business!, The Seattle Story, 1851-1901, by William C. Speidel, 1967 Nettle Creed Publishing Company.

RECENT ADDITIONS IN ON-LINE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: reprinted from Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society 2005 *The Researcher* 37:1 Scottish census records, a pay-per-view site, can be assessed at

<http://www.scotlandpeople.gov.uk> They have recently added the 1871 Scottish census. For six pounds, a viewer can access as many as 30 page views within a period of 7 days. A directory of online death indexes and records, listed by state and county, can save a lot of searching through individual state sites. Joe Beine has built a very user-friendly website that includes death records, death certificate indexes, death notices & registers, obituaries, probate indexes, and cemetery & burial records. Also available is information about searching the Social Security Death Index online. Go to <http://www.deathindexes.com/>

SEARCH ENGINE TIPS by Mike Jarvis

...We use (and) to indicate terms that would be written in a search box.

First-the use of **quotation marks**. When using a combination of words in the search box, the search engine results will include every web page where these words occur anywhere on that page regardless of whether these words are immediately next to each other. Using the search term of (family history) will result in 109,000,000 hits while ("family history") within quotations will result in 5,400,000 hits. This is because in the second instance it is only finding pages where the words are actually next to or immediately touch each other. Try this with a family name. For example my grandmother is named Flora MacDonald. If I search (Flora MacDonald) in Google, it returns 251,000 hits. Putting ("Flora MacDonald") in quotation

results in 29,600 hits. This is far too many hits and primarily relate to a prominent woman in Scottish & American history. This is not my grandmother. However, knowing that my grandmothers middle name was Hermosa, it makes sense to put ("Flora Hermosa MacDonald") in the search box and I get two hits related specifically to my grandmother. Success!

Second-The use of the **minus sign**. This is my second favorite search tip. Using any combination of words in a search box with the minus sign directly next to a word that you DO NOT want to find is also helpful. Using the search ("Flora MacDonald"-Scotland-Scottish-"North Carolina"-NC) will eliminate any pages from my search that includes the words next to the minus sign. So I will get only those pages that have my grandmother's name and do not have Scotland or North Carolina on the site. This effectively reduces the number of sites by more than half, from 29,600 to 12,800 hits. Using quotation marks and the minus sign in combination greatly improves your search results.

Third-The use of the **plus sign**. The plus sign has the effect of instructing the search engine to give special emphasis to any word where the plus sign is against it. My grandmother's father was Alexander MacDonald. However, not the Alexander MacDonald who was the prime minister of Canada. Using the search term (Flora MacDonald-Scotland-Scottish-"North Carolina"-N.C.+"Alexander MacDonald"-Canada) gives me hit that directs me to a site about my grandmother. Here we have combined quotations marks with the minus sign and the plus sign.

Fourth-The **site search**. Let's say that I would like to find Alexander MacDonald, however, I only want to search a particular domain. I would simply use the search phrase ("Alexander MacDonald"site:rootsweb.com) Rather than thousands of hits I get 204. Similarly, you could put a minus sign in front of rootsweb.com so that its searches all domains except Rootsweb.

Fifth- The **intitle search** term. Suppose that you would like to find every site on the Web with

the word genealogy in the title. The search box would need the term (intitle:genealogy), which would result in 943,000 hits. Similarly, use the term (intitle:genealogy-site:ancestry.com) and you eliminate 3000 sites related to ancestry.com. Once more try using the term (intitle:genealogy-site.com) which will have the effect of eliminating all domains with the .com extension (commercial sites).

Sixth-The **related search term**. If you like to know which sites are similar to your own, then use the term as follows:

(related:USGenWeb.org) results will vary with Google providing 31 similar sites and Yahoo serving up 35,000 related sites. Nearly all of these terms will work in most search engines. (Clatsop Co GS NL *The Forebears* Vol 19 #3 Oct 2005.)

PLAT MAPS 1930 Missouri County Plat Maps include individual property owners. <http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/i/image/image-idx?c=platic>

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NEW YORK searchable database of New York passenger arrivals from 1830 to 1892 is at www.castlegarden.org

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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.

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

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_____ Check for \$12 enclosed for 2006 membership

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Permission to print member information in the newsletter? ___yes ___no

Please list surnames and states being researched: _____

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