



Lewis County Genealogical Society

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## Events/Meetings/Seminars

**May 16, 2006** - Meeting 7pm Lewis County Historical Museum, Linda Patton will present an orientation on a new project we are going to be doing. "Reconstruction of Lewis County Families" will reconstruct the early settlers in Lewis County from their arrival to departure (if they left) from Lewis County. This is an exciting project that may catch your interest. Linda will explain in more detail at the meeting.

**June 20, 2006** - Meeting-at 7pm Lewis County Historical Museum, Gary Zimmerman will return to continue his presentation on "Land Records". At his last presentation, we just ran out of time. Gary has so much knowledge to convey to us that we ran out of time. He consented to return to a later meeting.

**July & August NO MEETINGS**  
**Next newsletter will be in July.**  
**Please donate your genealogical items of interest by June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**SW WA State Fair** will be August 15-20, volunteers will be needed to help organize the display in the Historical Building and to host the display during the fair.

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Would you like to support our society this summer on Saturday or Sunday's. We will be hosting the libraries from Memorial Day until Labor Day. As little as 3 hours of your time one weekend or more will be appreciated. Chairperson Gail Stevens will have a sign up sheet at the next meetings. We are considering several projects that you may help with during your shift should you be willing. If 8-10 members volunteer, you might only be required to host 1 shift, that is not to say, you cannot volunteer for as many as you want to. Please consider volunteering your time.

### **From Interim President, Leslie Parnell**

I have served as President, interim President, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Treasurer since I joined the society. Out of the 10 years, I have been an officer for 9 of those years. I am burnt out and feel that fresh new members will bring new ideas and interests to the membership. I will continue to co-edit the newsletter with my daughter, Teresa Jordan, unless, of course, someone out there has an interest in the job. This society is very important to me, but it is time to get some rest and get back to my own research. I will continue to support this society and its important goals. Although this may seem like a farewell speech, I am just explaining my reasons for taking a step back and participating as a member. All of our current officers have supported our genealogical society by serving as officers and chairpersons wherever was needed, and as a genealogist, I appreciate all the time they have been able to give. Thank you

Leslie

**Lewis County Historical Museum** is always looking for volunteers to host the museum during open hours. (This frees up Director Clark and Assistant Director Karen to perform their museum duties. They will welcome ANY help you can give them on several different projects. Just contact one of them at the museum during open hours. Hours are 9-5 Tuesday-Saturday and Sunday 12-5. (I apologize if I am wrong on the hours.)

### **Fashion-Era**

Discover the fashion dos and don'ts of your ancestor's time with this fun site. You may even get some tips for dating old family photos with clothing clues. [www.fashion-era.com](http://www.fashion-era.com)

### **Swiss Watch**

Swiss Roots, a brand-new Swiss-American genealogy-and-culture Web site at [www.swissroots.org](http://www.swissroots.org).

### **Scottish Handwriting**

Get tutorials and weekly tips for deciphering old Scottish script. [www.scottishhandwriting.com/content](http://www.scottishhandwriting.com/content)

### **Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection**

Search for digitized Colorado newspapers from 1859 to 1923.

<http://host1.cdpheritage.org/newspapers>



### **National Geographic MapMachine: Civil War Edition**

Just type in a city or state name to see locations of Civil War battles your ancestors fought.

<http://nationalgeographic.com/maps/civilwar>

### **Free Genealogy – Google Search**

Google has indexed more than 3 billion Web pages, which represents one of the most comprehensive collections of the most useful Web pages on the Internet.

<http://www.genealogy-search-help.com/>

### **Keyword Selector Tool**

Visit Overture Selector Tool at <http://inventory.overture.com/d/searchinventory/suggestion/> - type in your keyword, such as **genealogy**, then see what other words are being web surfed. You might find some ideas you never thought of. Webmasters use keyword search tools to optimize their website so it will show up in searches.

### **Tip - Put a Cap On It**

Write surnames in all capital letters on your genealogy forms. This approach lets you (or someone reading your pedigree charts) immediately distinguish last names from first and middle names. This might seem unnecessary at first, but when you run into kin named Guillame **GAUTIER** de **LACHENAYE**, you'll see the importance. *Reprinted from Family Tree Magazine Email Update 3-30-06.*

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**CHAIRPERSON** needed for the coming officer elections in January. Chairperson duties include seeking out volunteers to accept an officer position that runs for 2 years. Chairperson will also contact the members by telephone.

### **Washington State Library Historical Records Project**

(Free Download of Historical Screen Saver)

Thanks to the dedication of the genealogical societies and volunteers from Washington State and around the world, the Office of the Secretary of State is proud to offer researcher access to Washington's historical treasures online at Digital Archives at [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx)

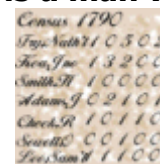
The next project for the Washington state Digital Archives is to transcribe the death records for Washington State 1907-1937. This is a major project for the State Library. Any assistance, from any source, is welcome.

If you would like to volunteer to help the Historical Records Project, either proofreading or transcribing, please email [Terri Nelson \(tnelson@secstate.wa.gov\)](mailto:tnelson@secstate.wa.gov). *Reprinted from the WSGS Newsletter May-June 2006.*

### **Fiske Library**

The shelf-list for Fiske Library holdings is now complete and easily accessed on line at [www.fiskelibrary.or/ShelfList/bibint.htm](http://www.fiskelibrary.or/ShelfList/bibint.htm).

**Found on a grammar school test paper: "A census taker is a man who goes from house to house increasing the population."**



### 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 2006 membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2006 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.

### **Expert Advice:**

#### **Don't Get Lost on the Web**

The next time you find yourself surfing all over the Web, use these 10 quick tips to get back on course.

1. Before logging online, write down your goal, for example:
  - Find and join the Jackson surname mailing list.
  - Locate a Revolutionary War-era map of Connecticut.
  - Get the mailing address for ordering a death record.
2. Use the appropriate search strategy. If you are unsuccessful with one strategy, try another, then another.
3. Attack your search problem from every conceivable angle. Follow your hunches.
4. Keep an electronic or paper file of every site you visit in your search.
5. Note the pertinent information on each query you leave, for example, the date, the URL, the name of the site, and the subject ancestor.
6. If you find a site brimming with possible goodies, but it doesn't pertain to your current search, finish the current search first, then return to the goodies. This is a tough one, and I speak from experience.
7. Keep an electronic or paper file on your genealogy-related e-mails, and be sure to date when they're sent. This will keep you from sending the same question to someone you've already contacted.
8. Know when it's time to say "uncle." If you follow the search strategies in this book and attack the

problem every way you can think of, and you still can't find what you're looking for, it's possible it's just not online. Save the search and run it again in six months. Or see if the record you need is on microfilm at a Family History Center.

9. Weave back and forth between online and offline research. You will need to contact local agencies for vital records, as well as ordering land, probate, and other records.

10. Ask for help. When a research goal becomes tough, ask other researchers on your mailing lists—or your local genealogy society—for suggestions. Excerpted from "Finding Your Roots Online" by Nancy Hendrickson. *Reprinted from 9-11-03 family tree magazine email update*

#### **Social Security Number Allocations**

The first three numbers of a Social Security number indicate the state where the card application was filed. Since individuals often draw their final Social Security check far from where that original application was made, the numbers themselves may provide a valuable clue indicating where to begin or continue research on an ancestor. In many cases the place where a person applied for a Social Security number is the state where the person was born. A site where one can see a list of the states and the numbers used by each state can be found at [www.ssa.gov/foia/stateweb.html](http://www.ssa.gov/foia/stateweb.html). *Reprinted from The Researcher 37:1.*

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### **89 Family History Freebies**

[www.familytreemagazine.com/jun06/freebies.asp](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/jun06/freebies.asp)

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