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**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!

### **Free Obituary Listings:**

Searching for a record on a lost member of your ancestral family, try

[www.funeralhomes.com/go/listing/Home](http://www.funeralhomes.com/go/listing/Home)

funeral homes directory. They provide information for the entire U.S. along with Free obituary listings. It appears to be a good resource for those wanting to find a funeral home to visit or write to relating to any ancestral findings in certain areas. *Submitted by Don Finel to Clark County GS Newsletter, Vol. 34 No. 2 (October 2006)*

### **Events/Meetings/Seminars**

**January 13<sup>th</sup> 2007 – Archive Trip Info.** This is a special visit for our group scheduled to the Southwest WA Archives in Olympia. A majority of the records are Lewis County; however, their repository also covers all Southwest counties. We are limited to 7 attendees, and car pooling is available. Please contact Margie Lloyd at 360-748-3069 to sign up.

**January 16<sup>th</sup> 2007** – Speaker for this meeting will be Lewis County Clerk, Kathy Brack, she will share historic Lewis County courthouse documents and other buried treasures. Brack, a long-time LC resident, has served as county clerk for four years and begins her second term in office. She enjoys genealogy as a hobby and will share interesting and fun stories about some of the historic court documents located at the courthouse. For more information, contact Victoria Stewart at 262-0269.

**Apr 13-14 2007** - Wenatchee, WA – Washington State Genealogical Society Conference & Annual Meeting will be held at the Wenatchee Center Hotel & Conf. Center. Theme is “**Climbing Your Family Tree**”. More details later. Hosted by Region 8 societies. With Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. Hosts are Region 8 Genealogical Societies. Due to other activities in the area at the same time, it is recommended that you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. The Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel, 201 N. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA, 98801, ph. 509-662-1234; 800-663-1144. Be sure to tell them you want the WSGS rate.

**WANTED**  
**For NEWSLETTER!!**  
**Pedigree Charts, Stories,**  
**Photo's, Articles**

**PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY ARE EDUCATIONAL**

- ✓ **To promote an interest in genealogy**
- ✓ **To encourage and instruct members in genealogical research**
- ✓ **To preserve public and private genealogical records**
- ✓ **To publish information of genealogical significance**

At the January 2007 meeting of the Lewis County Genealogical Society, a vote will be taken for the election of officers for the new two-year term. Anyone interested in running for a position. New officers for the 2007-2008 terms will begin their new duties at the February 20<sup>th</sup> 2007 meeting. All nominees and volunteers are also welcome at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 board meeting at the museum at 5:15pm. A proposed slate of officers (nominations and volunteers will be taken from the floor for each position prior to elections) has been presented by the Nominating Chairperson, Harriet Morley:

**President:**

Richard Stevens

**First Vice-President:**

Victoria Stewart (incumbent)

Harriet Morley

**Second Vice President:**

Gayle Stevens

**Treasurer:**

Linda Patton (incumbent)

**Secretary:**

Joann Hulse (incumbent)

**The by-laws state:**

The Nominating Committee shall present a list of at least one nominee for each elected office to the Board of Directors at the November meeting and to the general membership meeting in January. The committee shall have the consent of each nominee to serve if elected. Nominations may be made by the general membership from the floor at the Annual Meeting, provided each nominee is present or has given written consent to serve if elected. Voting shall take place at the regular January meeting. Voting shall be by voice, provided there is only one candidate for office. If more than one candidate is running for any one office, the voting shall be by written ballot. Majority vote elects.

**DNA: How does it help...**

**Harriett Morley**

Many of us do not understand how DNA could become an important tool in our genealogy research toolbox. Hopefully this will give you some idea how the DNA process works.

Understand that I to, am learning about DNA, and will share the little that I know with you. Thus any mistakes are my own.

Let's begin looking at the basics of DNA testing. MARKERS are random looking numbers and are in fact called mutations that occur over time and are unique to individual families. This is how to determine if two people are related.

The Y-DNA is carried within the Y-Chromosome, and passed from father to son. The majority of the time the father passes an exact copy of the Y-Chromosome to his son. Mutations occur at random. It is possible for two distant cousins to match exactly on all markers, while two brothers may not match exactly. At that point statistics and probabilities are used to estimate the "The Time to the Most Recent Common Ancestor", or [TMRCA].

The Haplogroup is a major branch on the family tree of Homo Sapiens. The branches are usually associated with migration patterns within geographic regions, showing where certain people originated or settled for long periods of time. There are 18 Y-Chromosome Haplogroups at the present time. DNA addresses your maternal line [your Mother's Mother's Mother's] as well as your paternal line [your Father's Father's Father's]. It does not address racial mixtures, or who your ancestor's were, country they lived in exactly [although I do wish that would happen, make it easier on us].

There is a 12-marker test which means if two people match 95% you would have a common ancestor within the past 29 generations or 725 years. In the 25-marker test that will lower it to 13 generations or 325 years. The 37-marker test further reduces the ancestor's lifetime within 7 generations or 175 years. The last marker test is called 67 with a 95% probability that the "Most Recent Common Ancestor" would be within 6 generations.

I feel that in the future that the DNA field will help many us that come to that brick wall.

**NEW TO THE LIBRARY**

The following used books were purchased by the LCGS from Tacoma-Pierce Co GS at discounted prices. Please let me know if I am incorrect on who donated what books.

Forks of Elkhorn Church with Genealogies of Early Members, by Ermina Jett Darnell, reprinted with numerous additions and corrections, Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1980, orig. pub. 1946, Kentucky.

The Early Records of the Town of Rowley (MA) 1639-1672, Town, Church, and Cemetery Records, printed under direction of Benjamin P. Mighill, Town clerk & George B. Blodgette, A.M., 1894. New indexes by Karen T. Ackermann, reprinted by Heritage Quest.

Tisbury (MA) Vital Records in the Year 1850, pub. by New England Historical Genealogy Society at the charge of The Eddy Town-Record Fund, Boston, 1910, alpha order.

Edgartown (MA) Vital Records 1850, pub. by New England Historical Genealogy Society, Boston, 1906, alpha order.

Newspaper Indexes, A Location & Subject Guide for Researchers, Vol. III, by Anita Cheek Milner, 1980.

A Genealogical Handbook of German Research, Revised 1980, Larry O. Jensen.

Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois, IL Stat GS, 1975, indexed.

Following donated by Merrilyn McCourt

Producing a Quality Family History, by Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, Ancestry Inc. Salt Lake City, 1996.

Publishing a Family History from P.A.F., a Five Step Guide (revised & expanded) by Ilene Chandler Miller, pub. Shumway Family History Services, 1994.

Directory of Scots in the Carolinas 1680-1830, by David Dobson, pub. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1986, alpha order.

Pierce's Register, Register of the Certificates Issued by John Pierce, Esquire, Paymaster General & commissioner of Army Accounts for the United States to Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Army under act of July 4, 1783, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1987.

Scot's in Georgia and the Deep South 1735-1845, by David Dobson, pub. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2000, alpha order.

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Family Generations: Descendants of: Thomas THOMPSON; David FOX; Thomas PIERSON; John EDWARDS; Samuel MOUNT; Jacob WEISER; PATTON; John EATON; Richard SWEET; Peter WEARE; Elizabeth (FRENCH); LYNN; John LEWIS; Henry INGALLS.

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Northwest Passages: History of the Seattle District U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Vol. II 1920-1970, pub. & donated by Dept. of the Army, Seattle District Corps of Engineers., 2006.

**WORLD VITAL RECORDS LAUNCHES SCOTTISH DEATH RECORDS 1747-1868**

Over 13,000 geo-coded Scots death records have just been launched at the new World Vital Records website. For more information, see: <http://genealogyblog.com/scotland/world-vital-records-launches-scottish-death-records-1747-1868-5484> Reprinted from *Everton's Newslines* Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**THE 1901 BRITISH COLUMBIA CENSUS INDEX ONLINE**

posted by the British Columbia Genealogical Society, this index can be searched by Surname, Given Name, Birth Date, Occupation, and Birth Place or any combination thereof. And it is FREE. For more information, see: <http://genealogyblog.com/canada/the-1901-british-columbia-census-index-online-4347> Reprinted from *Everton's Newslines* Aug 21, 2006

**PRESERVING AND PROTECTING PHOTOGRAPHS**

Definition of a photograph: a metallic silver image lying on a support base of metal, glass, paper, or plastic film. Other materials have been used such as cloth, leather, and wood.

**8 STEPS IN PROTECTING YOUR COLLECTION**

1. Temperature should be between 55° to 70°, the lower the better. Humidity should be between 50% to 60%. Away from light.
2. Identify nitrate based film and separate it from the other photographs. Make duplicates of the originals. Destroy the originals. (I'm not sure about this one)
3. Negatives should be placed in individual envelopes.
4. Original prints should be given individual protection, such as transparent archival sleeves, paper envelopes, folders, or boxes.
5. Storage care for special problems. Duplicates should be made of the damaged originals. (for example, if mold is growing on the photograph or if the photograph is torn or if the glass negative is broken.)
6. Self –Stick albums are a NO-NO. Very Harmful to photographs.
7. Keep away from harmful fumes such as janitorial supplies, paint and other chemical solvents.
8. Keep away from dust or polluted atmosphere.

**WHY PHOTOGRAPHS DO NOT LAST**

1. High temperature & humidity can cause a chemical reaction to occur and the photographs stick together and deteriorate more quickly.
2. Pollutants in the atmosphere from industrial areas. Silver is sensitive to hydrogen sulfide gases present in industrial areas and volcanic and coal burning areas.
3. Residual chemicals from the original developing.
4. Direct physical contact with harmful materials: sorting, handling, display, rubber bands, and paper clips.
5. Exposure to light: direct sunlight, fluorescent light and flash bulbs from cameras. The ultra violet rays are harmful to the photograph.
6. Harmful fumes from near-by materials: paints, plywood, and exhaust from motors.

7. Fungi and insects: organisms thrive in high humidity; fungus damage can occur and distort the photograph.
8. Physical damage: from careless or misguided handling. Oils from hands, torn or bent photos and spills and stains.

**DEFINITIONS OF PHOTOGRAPH TYPE**

**DAGUERROTYPES 1840 -1860** Silver mercury on a thin sheet of silver plated copper. This is covered with clear glass and usually placed in a hinged case. Lies on a true mirror surface and appears bright and clear with fine detail.

**AMBROTYPES 1854 -1881** A negative on glass with black paper, cloth or black painted background. Never has a great contrast, shadows or dark areas are without detail, highlights never appear clear white.



**TINTYPE** lies on a true mirror surface and appears bright and clear with fine detail.

Highlights dull and other tones muddy. Suffers from a lack of contrast, the whites never a sparkling white, but a dull gray.

To test whether an image is an Ambrotype or Daguerrotype – stand it upon a sheet of light paper. If the image is positive, it is an Ambrotype; if it looks like a negative it is a Dauerrotype.

Lantern Slides: Image on a glass plate. For use the slide was protected with a glass cover and bound on 4 sides by black tape.

Nitrate Film: "Nitrate film" is written along the border and the film has an odor. Most nitrate negatives are more than 50 years old and the film will show some signs of deterioration.

**INCREASING FONT SIZE**

Changing font size is very useful when trying to read small print. This is how to do it: Place your cursor anywhere in the document and hold down the Ctrl key on your keyboard and then turn the small wheel in the middle of your mouse away from you or towards you. The print size will increase or decrease, depending on which way you turn the wheel (*Tri-city GS Bulletin, Vol. 46. #2 and Tacoma-Pierce County GS The Researcher 37:3 & 4, 2006*)

Again, this year, the board members would like some input on goals & interests of the membership. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire and return with your 2007 dues. This will help us determine speakers & programs for the coming months. **Please fill out the membership renewal form each year to assure that we have your current address, etc, as well as any surnames, places, you may have added to your research.**

Do you have any suggestions for programs or speakers at our meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to volunteer as an officer or other committee member, and which one?  
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Would you submit a pedigree chart to be placed in our membership book and to be printed in the newsletter?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (mail or bring to meeting)

What would you like to see in our newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have research stories, etc. that you would submit for our newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

Use the following space for a query or other genealogical interests you would like to see in the newsletter.  
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**DIGITIZED WARRANT REGISTERS ARE ONLINE AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ARCHIVES WEBSITE**

The Pennsylvania Warrant Registers serve as an index to the land warrants, surveys, and patents for about 70 percent of the land in Pennsylvania, covering the dates 1733 to 1957. If you have got Pennsylvania roots, you MUST go check out these indexes. You would never know that these records are on the Pennsylvania State Archives website unless someone told you. The data is buried so deep in the menus of the website; you would never know it was there. For more information, see: <http://genealogyblog.com/united-states-research/pennsylvania/digitized-warrant-registers-on-the-pennsylvania-state-archives-website-5080>

**MISSOURI CHURCH RECORDS**

The Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri contains thousands of original church records for Missouri churches. A few of the denominations represented include: Methodist, Baptists, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Catholic - as well as many others. For more information, see: <http://genealogyblog.com/united-states-research/missouri/missouri-church-records-5456>  
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**ANCESTRY.COM ADDS ABOUT 300 BOOKS FROM GENEALOGICAL PUBLISHING COMPANY**



Ancestry has just added about 300 volumes to its online digital book collection. Most of the books are source books, listing people and places. I noted that a few are how-to as well as history. For more information, see: <http://genealogyblog.com/ancestrycom/ancestrycom-adds-301-new-resources-from-gpc-5482> *Reprinted from Everton's Newslines Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

**HISTORIC UNITED STATES POST OFFICES**

Post offices have come and gone over the years, just as the communities that supported them have also disappeared. Jim Forte has a terrific postal history website that includes 186,056 listings of U.S. post offices. For more information, see: <http://genealogyblog.com/general/united-states-post-offices-5117> *Reprinted from Everton's Newslines Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

**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 2007 membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2007 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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