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Important Note

All of the website addresses 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.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT POSITION OPEN

Victoria Stewart, our 1st Vice President has submitted her resignation. Victoria is taking college classes and along with work and her volunteer time feels that she can not continue in the position at this time.

If you would like to volunteer to fill the open position, please contact President Dick Stevens or one of the other officers.

March 8, 2008 Jefferson Genealogy Seminar Features Elizabeth Shown Mills. Location is at the Oscar Erickson Bldg, 49th and Landers, Port Townsend, WA. Brochure at the meeting, if interested.

Events/Meetings/Seminars:

January 15, 2008 meeting will be at the Family History Center library located on Jackson Highway, Chehalis. Entrance is at the back of the building at the single door marked Library. An access on the south side of the building will be open for those who may have problems with the steps. Following the meeting at 7pm. we will be introduced to the resources available in the library and will have the opportunity to work with those resources. The Family History Center of the Church of Latter Day Saints is open to the public and does have posted hours for the Center.

February 19, 2008 meeting will be at The Lewis County Historical Museum meeting room at 7pm. Address is 599 NW Front Way, Chehalis, WA. Member Linda Patton will present a program on Searching for Canadian Ancestors.

2008 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

Washington State GS Newsletter Nov-Dec 2007-reprinted articles & information

RECORDING GENEALOGICAL DATES (a reminder on the best way to record dates comes from the November 2007 Family Tree Magazine, at FamilyTreeMagazine.com) Keep dates in your genealogical research accurate by recording them exactly as you found them in source documents. Next to that, write any conversions in square brackets (such as from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar), along with the tool used. If a date is uncertain, use abbreviations such as *bef* for before, *aft* for after or *bet* for between. On your genealogical charts, write dates European-style in long form: 23 February 1887. See the [November 2007 Family Tree Magazine](#) for more "dating" advise.

Interment.net contains thousands of transcriptions of cemetery records and tombstone inscriptions, from cemeteries in the USA, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. Access is free-no subscription fees, no money.

PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES ONLINE The complete set of published Pennsylvania Archives is now available on line and may be freely searched or images downloaded from www.footnote.com. You will need to register your email address and have a password. This site has many other databases available at this site for a fee, but the archives books, 132 volumes, are available at no cost.

LULU <http://www.lulu.com> Have you ever wished you could listen to genealogy lectures without having to travel across the country to genealogy conferences? Lulu.com is a lifesaver. Here you'll find audio files of hundreds of lectures given at Federation of Genealogy Societies conferences, downloadable to your computer for, usually, \$1.99 US a piece. As attending the conference can cost you hundreds of dollars, these files are a real bargain. To find genealogy lectures type "FGS" in the keyword search.

MORE GENEALOGY PARTNERSHIPS Ever since several new genealogy business relationships emerged during May's [National Genealogical Society](#) conference, companies have been declaring unions right and left. Three of the latest are the [Family History Library](#) and [Kindred Konnections](#); and [World Vital Records](#) (WVR) and the [Godfrey Library](#), and WVR and [Accessible Archives](#). Find out the details on the [GenealogyInsider](#) blog. <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/insider/More+Genealogy+Partnerships+To+Bring+Your+records.aspz>

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON HISTORICAL DOUCUMENTS DATABASE If you are doing research on early settlers of the Pacific Northwest you will want to check out the digital collections of the University of Washington Libraries at <http://content.lib.washington.edu/index.html>. The advanced search link at the top of the home page is a great entry point to all of the collections. Insert the name of a person or a place and see what is offered. The collection list itself does not give enough information, but the search engine quickly covers the material attached to each photograph and manuscript. It does well for searching early copies of territorial newspapers as well. Via The Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter, September 2007, Vol. 15, No 1.

WASHINGTON STATE PIONEER CERTIFICATES **Do you have ancestors who were pioneers in Washington State? If so....** Washington State GS is still accepting applications for your ancestors in Washington State. Pioneer Certificates are available if your ancestor was residing in Washington State prior to statehood on 11 November, 1889, or ... First Citizen Certificates are available if your ancestor was residing in Washington State on or before 31 December, 1900. To download an application and instructions visit our society website at www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs. For additional information or questions contact Frank McLean at FL635@nwinform.net or 3811 Mclean Dr, Yakima, WA 98902.



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Renew Your Membership Today

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Hazel Walters Rasar, Editor

From the President:

Like many volunteer organizations the Washington State Genealogical Society makes changes at the speed of a glacier. It always boils down to the questions, "How many people can help get it done?" or "How much time do we have to spare?" At our board retreat last June we agreed we need to move into the electronic age. We need to begin delivering our publications via the internet or e-mail. We need to offer more helpful information to local societies on our website. We should also be creating weblogs with the most current information about what is going on.

Though our individual membership hovers around 200, we usually have only twenty people available to get the work done. We consistently have two or three vacant positions on the board and committees sometimes contain only one person. I would like to ask if you would consider taking on a task or two with the state society. Are there members who would like to work on a committee to recognize volunteers? We could use a few good people to prepare volunteer awards for our annual conferences and recognition for those who serve on the board.

How about assisting with the annual bulletin. Could you help gather articles, serve as a proofreader, work on layout, or see to the distribution? The bulletin is being published on a trial basis now. Is it something we should continue? Can you assist?

Do you have any computer savvy? Are you someone who could create and maintain a weblog for the societies in your region? If you are waiting for a personal invitation, it probably won't come because I do not know the great majority of you, nor do I know what talents you possess. I do know that many of you must be gifted because I see so many positive things going on in local societies. I also know there are many who are enthusiastic about maintaining healthy local societies even if they are not in our own communities.

What can you do for the Washington State Genealogical Society?.

Stephen Eric Baylor, WSGS President

Dues Increase

At the January 2007 meeting it was proposed to increase WSGS society dues and approved by the WSGS Board at the April annual meeting.

2008 dues are now due. The new fees for membership are \$12 for individuals and societies and \$13 for families.

We are also asking that you confirm or deny whether you wish to have your mailing and email addresses published in the membership directory.

Please see the dues statement form in this newsletter.

NOTICE!

The Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter is currently being produced and mailed to your home, library or place of business. With the increased costs of printing and postage, WSGS is considering an electronic version of this newsletter. To save the society the expense of producing and mailing the newsletter, please send an email message with your name and the name of your organization to the newsletter editor at hrasar@gmail.com if you would agree to receive the newsletter electronically.

Thank you, Hazel Rasar, Ed.

Hannum M.D. and illustrated by Carol B. Hannum, 2002.

WASHINGTON STATE GS NEWLETTER DEADLINE contact Hazel Rasar at hreasar@gmail.com or hazelrasar@comcast.net to contribute articles, etc. Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter. The front page of the Nov-Dec 2007 issue has been included, as the Editors felt the importance of Stephen Eric Baylor's statements.

LEWIS CO GS LIBRARY is housed at The Lewis County Historical Museum. Our collection is for research only and must be used in the library. We have books and materials covering all states, some countries, families, as well as compiled lists and map books. Any photocopying wanted can be done for a fee by the Museum Library staff. All LCGS members can access the library without paying the entrance fee for the museum. When you sign in, the greeter will ask to see your membership card or access a current membership list. Only paid members can use our library without the museum entrance fee.

New to the library are the following donated by Vina O'Rielly:

Cherokee Roots, Second Edition Volume 1: Eastern Cherokee Rolls, by Bob Blankenship. Members of the Cherokee Tribe residing east of the Mississippi River during the period 1817-1924. 1992

Cherokee Roots, Second Edition Volume 2: Western Cherokee Rolls, by Bob Blankenship. A listing of the members of the Cherokee tribe residing west of the Mississippi River. The Old Settler Rolls and combination index of the Guion Miller and Dawes Rolls are included. Drennen Roll Family names are also indexed. 1992

Images of South Sound, Presented by The Olympian, 2000, Photo's.

Gone But Not Forgotten, Abandoned Railroads of Thurston County, Washington, by James

MORE HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS ONLINE In March 2007 the Library of Congress and the national Endowment for Humanities announced the online versions of public domain newspapers from California, Florida, Kentucky, and several other states between 1900 and 1910. www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/ can be searched in the Chronicling America site. More than 226,000 pages have been added to the newspaper database. Access to the site is free. Information from *The Forum*, October 2007, via the *Bulletin* of the Clallam County GS Winter 2007.

WA STATE COST FOR VITAL RECORDS UP Announcement was made in July that the fees for certified copies of birth, death, marriage or divorce certificates from the state Department of Health will be \$20 for each copy beginning July 22. (2007). Genealogists sometimes require certified copies to authenticate their facts. Birth certified records are necessary to get a drivers license, certify a will and get a passport, as well as to receive Social Security benefits. The state legislature allowed the fee increases to help state and local governments meet increasing costs for providing the services. *Bulletin* of the Clallam County GS Winter 2007.

GOOGLE BOOKS Google.com is in the process of putting thousands of books online. If you have not tried it recently, go to Google and type in a family name. If they have anything online it will come up, including scanned pages of books as well as books for sale that may have information you are looking for. From Glen Jones in the *Clark County GS Newsletter*, December 2007.

GOOD TIP ON WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE UNWANTED GENEALOGY MAGAZINES. Have you ever wondered what to do with the genealogy magazines you get each month? You know, etc? I decided to begin leaving them in waiting rooms. Doctor and dentist offices and beauty/barber shops can always use some new reading material. I put a new label on each one after blacking out my name and address. The label reads: Compliments of Clark County

Genealogical Society 717 Grand Blvd-360-750-5688 www.ccg-wa.org. This tip from Pat Bauer in the *Clark County GS Newsletter*, November 2007.

NORTHEAST WASHINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY PIONEER BRANCHES OCTOBER 2007 *The following websites are reprinted from this issue.*

www.germangenealogygroup/Military.stm New York Military Naturalization Project Database covers WWI, WWII, and Korea telling those who applied for citizenship while stationed on military camps in NY and discharges. You can search by surname or soundex.

www.passengerlists.de Bremen, Germany passenger lists from 1920-1939 may be searched by surname, ship name, departure date, destination harbor, and hometown of passenger.

CANADA

www.bifhsgo.ca The Home Children Database (orphans from British Isles to Canada 1869-1924) and The Middlemore Project (Middlemore Homes in England 1872-1900) "Barando Children" from the magazine "Ups & Downs" (Toronto 1869-1924). These are on going projects so check back for new information to be posted.

www.oldbaileyonline.org "Old Bailey Proceedings" a London publication renowned for its accuracy summarizes cases and proceedings. These have been put into a database by the University of Sheffield for the years 1674-18334. Searches may be done by keyword – surname, place, crime, verdict and punishment.

NEW YORK

www.news.nynl.net Northern New York Historical Newspapers from 1842-2004, various area papers. Index for each newspaper. This is an on going project, changing constantly.

NEW YORK & PA

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm> Great website if you have people in the Tri-County area of Bradford Co. PA, Tioga Co., PA and Chemung Co., NY.

IRISH OF MASSACHUETTS, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

www.tiara.ie The Irish Ancestral Research Association is creating a database of the MCOF/Foresters Mortuary Records. These are life insurance policies of holders who died 1880-1930. The entries should be of interest to those have the above stated ancestry. At present only the index is available. This is an on going project looking for volunteers.



The Lewis County Historical Museum Library has an extensive collection of Lewis County materials, including newspaper obituaries, family histories, photos, and early newspapers. Ask the museum director or librarians for help.

The Lewis County Historical Society operates the museum. Hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10 am to 5 pm; Closed Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. Museum admission fees are Adults \$2, Seniors \$1.50, Children 6 – 17 \$1, children under 6, free, and Family \$5. For more information at the museum, phone 360-748-0831, or e mail director@LewisCountyMuseum.org or the website www.LewisCountyMuseum.org.

Newsletter Deadline
Please have items to one of the editors by the end of February.

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 2008 membership

_____ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2008 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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