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HISTORIC PHOTOS NOW HOUSED AT RESEARCH CENTER

by Karen Driscoll

If a picture is worth a thousand words imagine what 16,000 fully archived and indexed historic

pictures are worth! That is how many wonderful pictures

of Jefferson County history are now housed at the Research Center, according to Vicki Davis, archivist for the Center. While the Historical Society's home in Port Townsend City Hall is being renovated, the collection of originals and their indexes is being stored in a specially prepared room at the Center.

The Historical Society is applying to the Peninsula Daily News for a grant to purchase a large format, flat-screen scanner and dedicated computer in order to digitize the entire collection. Once digitized, the photos will be more easily accessed by interested persons on the computers at the Center and eventually on the Historical Society's

Vicki Davis, Research Center Archivist, with historic picture of local Native Americans

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When the scanner and computer have been purchased, volunteers Marge Samuelson, Elizabeth Yates and Hyatt Blatt and others will be supplying the labor to complete this major digitizing task.

Currently the photos are indexed with a card file by subject and by person's name to a set of notebooks containing copies of the pictures which can be viewed by any visitor to the Center. These copies can be duplicated on the copy machine for a few cents. If you want a higher quality copy from the original you can order it for a fee that ranges from \$15 to \$25 depending on size.

According to Vicki Davis, there are also about 5,000 additional photos which have yet to be organized and indexed. These include some wonderful old Native American pictures which are quite fascinating. Volunteers will be sought to rough sort and then prepare a detailed catalog of this fascinating collection of un-archived historic pictures of Jefferson County.

NEW BOOKS IN THE JCGS LIBRARY

Our collection keeps growing! Thank you Bev Brice, Carol Brown, Maria Mann, Eleanor Peters, Marge Samuelson, Nonie Sharp and Edith Smith for your contributions!

United States-General: The Americans, The Colonial Experience by Boorstin; Albion's Seed by Fischer New France and New England by Fiske

New England: New England's Plantation by Higginson; Third Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700 by Sanborn; Profits in the Wilderness by Martin; The Old Post Road by Holbrook. Illinois: Illinois Genealogical Research by Schweitzer; Here & There is Shelby County by Gordon Massachusetts: Every Day Life in the Massachusetts Bay Colony by Dow; The Old Post Road by Holbrook

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Eileen Martin

The Executive Committee met and noted that the agreement between the JCGS and the Historical Society relating to use of space at the Research Center has not yet been signed. The wording needs to be changed to avoid unintended liability to JCGS. It was agreed to authorize expenditure for DSL computer connection service for the Research Center when it is available and to purchase a new computer for faster on-line use. Phil Kohl and Bev Brice will research this matter.

A new budget philosophy was adopted as follows:

- Funds earned in one year will be set aside and used as the basis for the budget in the following year. This ensures that we always have on hand the money that we plan to spend. To accomplish the transition in 2004, we will spend the Endowment fund income for on-going expenses.
- Starting in 2005 endowment income will be used for major purchases only and not for on-going expenses.
- Any donations which are for a specific purpose will be spent on that purpose.
- A minimum of \$1,500 will be kept as reserve in Certificates of Deposit for emergencies.

The Committee supported sending a letter to request that a new feature be added to the FamilySearch.org website which would provide a list of new films as they are added to the catalog.

JOIN US ON RESEARCH TRIPS

by Jesse Stewart

The monthly JCGS research trips offer members the opportunity to visit places which provide genealogical reference materials in the company of others from our organization. In general, these outings will take place during the first week of the month, varying days of the week as much as possible (specific days will depend upon the hours of operation of the resource center). All trips are dependent upon someone willing to do the driving. Expenses, other than individual ferry fees or entrance fees, will be split among participants (20 cents per mile reimbursement to the driver and car & driver ferry fees, when applicable).

Tuesday, May 4: Tacoma Public Library (*note revised date!*) The Tacoma Public Library has an extensive catalog of genealogical resources, including many local, county, and state resources as well as a vast collection of family histories. Their website is www.tpl.lib.wa.us/. You can search the catalog.

Wednesday, June 2: Fiske Genealogical Library The Fiske Library has a wide variety of resources for North America and Europe, but specializes in New England, New York, middle Atlantic states and New France and Quebec. Family genealogies and family group sheets are also available. Microfilms and CD-ROM archives, including the New England Historic Genealogical Society Register for 1847-1994. Computers have internet access. There is an entrance fee of \$5.00 for non-members. The Library will be open from 12 to 8 PM. Catalog of books is on their website: www.fiske.lib.wa.us/.

Friday, July 2: Clallam County Genealogical Society Library A rare chance to stick closer to home, the CCGS has a fairly extensive library with strong collections of Clallam Country obituaries, CD-ROMS of vital statistics and census records for Washington, DAR reference materials, and many US states (particularly Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, New England and New York).

Monday, August 3: Seattle Public Library Hopefully, the Seattle Library will be fully functioning in its new building! This invaluable resource offers many reference books for most states and many counties, immigration, foreign countries, family histories, and some microfilms. The Library catalog is on line at http://www.spl.org . You can search the catalog to see if your areas or families are represented.

We're open to your suggestions for places to visit. So if you have any ideas, let me know. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for one or more of these trips. If you're interested, contact :

Jesse Stewart at Jessebirder@cablespeed.com or 437-8103

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HOW CAN WE THANK BEV BRICE ENOUGH.....

by Eileen Martin

Imagine what it would be like if every genealogical society had a pro like Bev Brice as their president for six years! Under Bev's wise leadership the JCGS moved its meetings from Port Townsend City Hall to a more central location at the Tri-Area Community Center. Attendance jumped and soon the group was filling the main room. Membership has more than doubled during Bev's "reign" as president.

Bev drew on her managerial skills and formed several committees that streamlined the workload and made the group meetings more interesting and valuable to members. The monthly business was moved from the general meeting to an Executive Committee freeing up general meeting time for expanded programs. A program committee was set up to schedule fascinating speakers for each meeting. A library committee was set up to make the library function more smoothly and to strengthen its collection of reference material. Computers were added to the library to hold all the data projects the volunteers had completed and to serve the needs of the members. A research committee was established to coordinate all the research project the members were busily completing.

Bev noted that quite a few members were researching in the New England area and so she set up a special New England Discussion Group. Soon after that a Southern States Discussion Group was also formed. Beginners' classes for genealogists have expanded to five session in the fall of each year.

In 2003, the Jefferson County Historical Society purchased a fine new building, for a Research Center to house records for both the Historical Society and the Genealogical Society. The preparation of this building for its new role and the actual moving of all the shelving, machines, records, books and other materials which had been housed at the City Hall Genealogical Library was organized by Bev. Now with more space, the JCGS library has doubled the number of books and research material it houses. A new computer connection to the internet and a second microfilm reader were added.

One indication of a good leader is how well she prepares for her replacement. Bev is leaving her office in the good hands of Lesa Barnes who is very capable and experienced. The JCGS is bigger, stronger, energetic and more enjoyable as a result of Bev's six years of leadership. We can thank her best by keeping up the good work. Bev will continue working as the librarian for the Society at the Research Center. Thank you again, Bev, for a job <u>exceedingly</u> well done!

NEW BOOKS (Continued from page 1)

Illinois: Illinois Genealogical Research by Schweitzer; Here & There in Shelby County by Gordon Massachusetts: Every Day Life in the Massachusetts Bay Colony by Dow Missouri: Missouri Heartlands Family Records, Vol. 1 by Vincent New York: New York State Probate Records by Pennington; New York State Town, Village, City– Guide to Sources by Pennington; The Old New York Frontier 1614-1800 by Holsey North Carolina: State Census of North Carolina 1784-1787 by Register Rhode Island: Rhode Island General Court of Trials 1671-1704 by Fiske Family History: The Clan Gordon by Dunlop; Genealogical Notes of the Washburn Family by Washburn; The Fountain-Welch-Welsh-Walsh; a Surname Newsletter Immigration: Voyagers to the West by Bailyn Military: Revolutionary War Genealogy by Schweitzer General Reference: The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook by Croom; How to Research American Indian Blood Lines by Carpenter; Genealogy on the Internet by Brown; Understanding & Using Baptismal Records by Humphrey; National Genealogical Society 2003 Conference: Presentation Outlines including Bibliographies.

In addition to these wonderful books, our collection of magazines, newsletters and periodicals keeps growing. COME CHECK US OUT!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- June 2 Research Trip to Fiske Library, Seattle
- June 4 Library Committee , Research Center
- June 8–1:30 New England Group, Research Center
- June 11–10:00 Executive Committee, Research Center
- June 18–10:00 Southern Group, Research Center
- June 19 9:30 Monthly Meeting, Tri-Area community Center " Computers and Genealogy"
- June 23 10:00 Library Volunteer Meeting, Research Center
- June 25 10:00 Resource Corner, Research Center "What Does 'Finding Nothing' Mean?"

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JUNE PROGRAM—COMPUTERS AND GENEALOGY

Attention all computer users and future users! Don't miss our June meeting. Our own Carol Brown will review genealogy software and other related programs. She will update us on handling images on your computer and rate genealogy programs. Also she will discuss how to best preserve digital records. This is a program not to be missed.

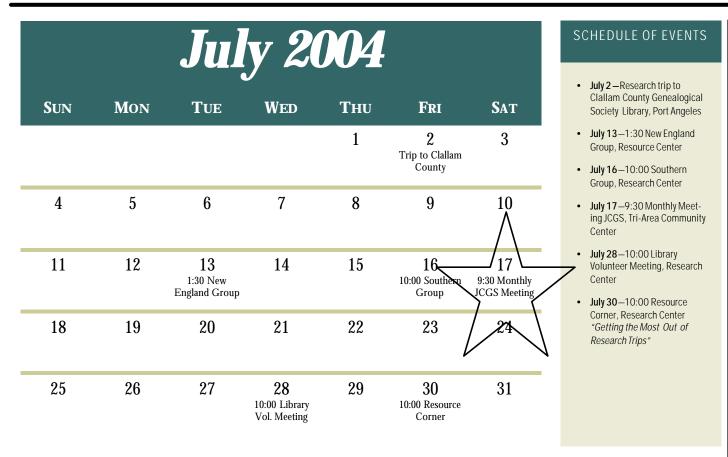
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Resource Corner: Informal discussions on subjects that can help you in your research. This is not a structured class, but a chance to learn from our collective experiences.

The June 25th topic is, "What Does 'Finding Nothing' Mean?" We have all come up with a total blank when we expected to find records in an area. Bring examples of problems you have faced and we will brainstorm the various reasons for you lack of success



Joan Buhler using the JCGS computer to work on the internet at the Research Center



JULY PROGRAM—GENEALOGY AND DNA

Genes are the stuff of genealogy. We are lucky to have Carol Brown return to present this month's program on DNA. Carol will present a thought provoking program on how DNA is being used to prove paternity of an individual and connect multiple lines of a given surname. How can DNA help us determine our ethnic origins. This will even take us beyond the seven daughters of Eve.

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Resource Corner: Informal discussions on subjects that can help you in your research. Not a structured class—just a chance to learn from our collective experiences.

The July 30th topic is "Getting the Most Out of Research Trips". Whether you are going to Europe, Salt Lake City or the Clallam Genealogical Society Library, there are tricks to making the most of your time. Come with ideas of what has worked for you, or where you have found problems.



The old railroad trestle at the head of Discovery Bay Now a footbridge

THE HISTORY OF DISCOVERY BAY

By Marge Samuelson

The community of Discovery Bay is located near the south end of Discovery Bay, 10 miles southwest of Port Townsend, 12 miles north of Quilcene, and 13 miles southeast of Sequim. The Spanish sea captain, Manuel Quimper explored the bay in 1790. He named the bay *Porta de la Bodega y Quadra* after the Spanish explorer *Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra*. In 1792 the English explorer, Captain James Vancouver, renamed it Discovery Bay after his sloop, *Discovery*. Both explorers noted finding Indian graves at the head of the bay, evidence that at some time in the past there had been a large village there. However, it was subsequently used as an Indian burial place and hunting ground. Ships' captains were impressed with the regions straight boled firs that rose up to 100 feet which would be excellent for ships' spars. Captain John Meares replaced a broken spar with one cut from a peninsula fir in 1788, and so did Captain Vancouver in 1792. In 1850, the schooner Albion lay in Discovery Bay near the northeast tip of the Olympic Peninsula and spent four months cutting spars bound for England.

In 1858 the Port Discovery Mill was established by S. L. Mastick & Co. of San Francisco. By 1885 it had shipped 29 million board feet of lumber in 54 vessels. A small village of 300 people surrounded the mill both on the beach and on the bluff behind the spit. The company manufactured rough and planed lumber, spars, and piles for export. It also sold wholesale and retail groceries and provisions. There was a fairly large Chinese population which located in a gulch behind the mill. The owners of the mill operated the store and at its peak did \$17,000 worth of business a month. Most of the goods for the store came from San Francisco on the company's ships. The mill didn't keep up with the times and when they used up the local trees and failed to acquire additional timber that could be easily reached by ox-teams, the mill gradually deteriorated.

William Delanty came to Port Discovery in 1868 and worked at the mill until it closed, but remained with his family long afterwards. His daughter, Edith, eventually became county superintendent of schools. The early settlers ferried the bay in an open boat to Tukey's or Keyme's landing and from there traveled seven miles by horse and buggy to Port Townsend. The school, called Uncas School, was built in 1916, and the land around it was donated by several people including George and Jane Cooper who sold about one-third of the 3.9 acres to the school district for \$1.00 in 1892. Grades 1 through 8 went to it and the high school students went to Quilcene until 1940 when district lines were changed. After that Discovery Bay students began attending Port Townsend schools. Uncas school was purchased by the Port Townsend School District in 1928 and sold in 1980. It is now used as a private home.

Tillie Christian, who attended the school from 1921 to 1928, said the school, "was a real nice one. It had good clean water and indoor plumbing. And there was plenty of good land around it", she recalled. Tillie and her classmates went on to Quilcene for high school. The Discovery Bay Post Office was established on February 28, 1861, with Levi Mastick as Post Master. A mail boat plying the waters between Port Townsend and New Dungeness first served the Port Discovery post office once a week. The boat made the 14 mile round trip on Tuesdays between 7 AM and 4 PM with a three hour stopover at Port Discovery. On March 24, 1882, an announcement was made of a contract awarded to Mr. E. Rose for carrying mail between Port Discovery and Quilcene for \$240 a year and to Hastings and Morgan for mail service between Port Discovery and Neah Bay and back for \$2,990 a year. In 1890 the Port Townsend and Southern Railroad was built and mail for Port Discovery was taken by train daily from Port Townsend, dropped off at Tukey's Landing and brought across the bay by a sailboard named Chevy Chase. Later the mail was taken to Fairmount and brought across the tip of the bay by motorboat. The Discovery Bay Post Office was discontinued on December 15, 1925.

Many of the early settlers were buried at the Discovery Bay Cemetery at Maynard. One headstone reads, "Grandma Julie Ann Jacobs 1792–1896" born the year Vancouver came to Discovery Bay. The descendants of these early settlers are using the Discovery Bay Cemetery to this day. The Jefferson County Genealogical Society has many records of these settlers for those searching for their lost "Discovery Bay" ancestors. A new group of history buffs has formed to do further research on Discovery Bay, meeting at the Jefferson County Research Center. We look forward to the history they will write about this beautiful little bay.

Sources: City of Dreams, edited by Peter Simpson, With Pride in Heritage, a history of Jefferson County, published by the Jefferson County Historical Society (now out of print) and The Last Wilderness by Murray Morgan. Post office information came from Postmarked Washington.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- August 3 Research Trip to Seattle Public Library
- August 10—New England Group, Resource Center
- August 13 Executive Committee Meeting, Research Center
- August 20–10:00 Southern Research Group, Resource Center
- August 21—Annual Noon Picnic at Elsie Lopeman's home, 170 Lopeman Road, Port Hadlock
- August 25–10:00 Library Volunteer Meeting, Research Center
- August 27–10:00 Resource Corner, Research Center, "How to Use the Research You Find On-Line"

AUGUST POT LUCK PICNIC

Come smell the flowers -

Join us for a relaxing Saturday afternoon at the home of Leon and Elsie Lopeman, at 170 Lopeman Road, Port Hadlock.

Bring a hot dish, salad or desert and your favorite beverage. Elsie will provide the table service.

Resource Corner: Informal discussion on subjects that can help you your research. Not a structured class—but a chance to learn from collective experiences.

Our August 27th topic is "How to Use the Research You Find on-Line". We have all found other people's research on our families by searching the Internet. Let's discuss the possible uses for this information and the various ways there are to evaluate it's reliability. What about extracted records, etc. Bring examples that we can use to sharpen our skills in online research.



Cookout from Jefferson County's past courtesy Jefferson County Historical Society Archives

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Bev Brice

Recently a JCGS member said she had belonged to a number of genealogy societies but JCGS is the first one she really felt part of. What gave her this feeling? Participation in the discussion groups, sharing her skills with others to help them in their research, watching the library grow ,making a commitment to donate her books when she no longer needs them, participating in the research trips, and the shared laughter and fun were all on her list.

Sometimes it is hard to get to the discussion groups or the research trips. Sometimes other things in our lives take over the time we would like to devote to genealogy. But there is always a way that you can be a contributing member of this group—just ask around. And all of you do just that. That is what has made it so much fun for me to be your President over the past 6 years. We have grown and changed and faced up to whatever challenge came along and we have sailed through it all. That is only because you, each and every one of you, are such special people.

Thank you for the chance to learn and grow myself. I am a much better researcher than I was 6 years ago thanks to all the tips and support along the way. It is a unique opportunity when you can volunteer your time in an area that happens to also be your addiction! Thank you for the privilege. I look forward to being the Librarian and working with Lesa and the new Executive Committee. Our only limit is our imagination, and there is no lack of that in this group.

LIBRARY REPORT

by Bev Brice

We went on a spring-cleaning spree in the Library recently and discarded unneeded backup material for research already completed. I can't tell you how great that felt. We now know what we actually have in deep storage and have room for the essentials. It is a major accomplishment that we have collected all of our material from members' basements and have it housed in the Research Center. (All but the back-up disks for our data, of course, that are stored off-site)

Many members have come in to use the on-line resources including Ancestry and New England Historical and Genealogical Society. We have added to our membership list from people who come into the Center and find this an important help in their research. It is especially helpful for those who are in the beginning stages of documenting their families. You will be glad to know that DSL will be available in May and the executive committee has approved the purchase of a faster computer. This will bring on-line searching into the modern age. Remember that we have the immigration section of Ancestry if you do not have access to that from home. The comfortable working space in the Research Center has encouraged members to take advantage of the volunteers on duty by bring their research problems in for review. We are happy to do this, but would suggest that you call ahead to be sure you get the help you need. Hope to see you at the Research Center in the near future.

A friend of mine recently returned from her home town in North Carolina, says they've spruced up the churchyard cemetery since her last visit several years back. "Lots of new greenery," she said, "And families are together now."

"Together?" I asked, puzzled.

"Well, years ago they never much worried where they buried someone because everyone was a neighbor anyhow. They'd just dig a grave where ever it seemed to balance things. But they've redone it so people are with children and grandchildren, instead of scattered."

"You mean they exhumed all those people and reburied them?"

"Oh no," she said. "They just shifted the headstones. Everyone agrees it looks ever so much nicer." from Lora Eccles

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Jefferson County Genealogy Society

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Surname List

Tom Berg is maintaining a list of surnames being researched by members of our society. Send your updated list to: P.O. Box 627

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	Activity for February 10, 2004–April 28,2004 Checks # 798 to # 812		
Beginning Balance Income Expense Income less expense Less adjustment Total	\$ 2,249.73 \$ 2,794.19 <u>\$ 722.24</u> (\$ 4,320.01) .72 \$ 4,319.29	CD's 1 year 6 month 1 year 6 month Checking Seattle Foundation TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 579.02 \$ 569.07 \$ 777.46 \$ 770.85 \$ 4,319.29 <u>\$85,603.47</u> \$82.380.20
Net Worth	\$ 92,619.16	Respectfully submitte Marge Samuelson, JC	

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> Meetings: 3rd Saturday each month 9:30 AM Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum, Washington



Discovery Bay seen from the Eaglemount Rockeries