

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

<i>Research Ctr Expansion</i>	1
<i>From the President</i>	2
<i>Don't Miss It</i>	4
<i>Calendar of Events</i>	5
<i>Jefferson Co. History</i>	6
<i>New on the Web</i>	6
<i>New Books in Library</i>	7-9
<i>Copy Historical Docs</i>	10
<i>Book Reviews</i>	11
<i>Genealogy Class</i>	12

RESEARCH CENTER EXPANSION

By Eileen Martin

In early 2007, the Jefferson County Historical Society [JCHS] decided to add a building next to the Research Center to house all the artifacts that their society had been storing at Fort Worden and other locations in Port Townsend since 2003. Committees were formed and many hours were spent on deciding what was wanted and most importantly what was really needed. Bev Brice stepped forward from JCGS to voice our wishes in the planning. A floor plan was decided on and the cost projected to construct the much needed building. A campaign was started to obtain the needed dollars with grants and donations.

By early spring in 2011, funding had been acquired and construction was started. By mid October it was finished and the moving of stored items could begin. The center was closed for two weeks while the moving was accomplished. On November 1st the Research Center was reopened while minor things were being finished in both of the buildings. The JCHS will move all of their stored items into the new building over the next few months.

If you haven't been in you are in for a surprise from all the changes. The square footage is the same as before, but it certainly looks larger. The building has been painted inside and out and many more parking spaces are available. The JCHS purchased six library tables and extra chairs. The old grocery store shelving that fit the need in 2003 has been moved to the JCHS storage facility building. The JCGS purchased 20 new library quality book shelves [each 3'x6'x12"] to hold the books and CD's. The two microfilm readers and printer are in the same place. Between the JCHS and JCGS there are seven computers for members and guests to search the internet. The newest addition is a docking station for two laptop users. No more cords for someone to trip over when you need to plug in your laptop. The volunteer staff members really appreciate the refurbished floor copy machine that JCGS purchased last month.

The kitchen looks so nice with a new coat of paint and cabinets for the microwave, refrigerator and coffee pots to sit on. Bring your lunch when visiting or purchase a snack from the cupboard. Remember the same rule still apply, no food or drinks allowed in the research room.

A little history for the new members: The society's meeting places have changed a lot since 1983 when it was first formed. We met in the Jefferson County library for a few

Research Center Expansion



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

By Jesse Stewart

As we close out 2011, we have a lot to be proud of here at JCGS.

We started off the year with a brand new website to which we owe Diane Young, Eileen Johnston, Pam Wilson and Bev Brice our gratitude. Many indexes of our records have been posted for researchers far and wide to use, and more will be added in 2012. If you missed our September meeting, you may not know that JCGS received the inaugural "Outstanding Genealogical Society Website" award from the Washington State Genealogy Society. Our team's hard work was recognized across all of Washington.



Our Technology Advisory Committee got into full swing during 2011. Initiating a "Tech Talk" presentation at our monthly meetings, the committee has shown us ways to use technology in our family history research. These ten minute updates are a great way to keep informed about the ever-changing technology environment. A subcommittee consisting of Dick Bennett, Bev Brice and Paula McNeese also developed a timetable for computer replacement to ensure that JCGS can provide optimum experiences for its members at the Research Center. In 2011, JCGS replaced one desktop computer and the laptop – both are available for researchers to use.

The Education Committee continued to put on great monthly meetings and resource corners so we could all expand our knowledge. Dick Bennett has been writing press releases which have drawn many new people to our meetings. It's been great to "emcee" our gatherings and look out over the 40-50 people in attendance. Thanks to all!

Of course, the biggest project of the year was the construction of the new building by the Jefferson County Historical Society. Bev Brice, with a little help from me at times, represented JCGS and our needs as the building and layout were planned and implemented. A BIG thank you to Bev – she spent countless hours in meetings and in coordination with the Historical Society. Others played critical roles as well. Charlie Peterson stepped up to act as purchasing agent and found our wonderful new bookcases and copy machine as well as much of the new furniture in the Research Center. Eileen Martin participated on the committee to lay out the "public space" in our existing building and helped find furniture and supplies. If you haven't been to the Research Center since construction has been completed, you're in for a very pleasant surprise – it's roomy, welcoming and a delightful place to spend a few hours. Come on by!

We expect 2012 to be a good year for your Society as well – and would love your participation on one or more of our committees. Volunteering a few hours a month is a great way to give back to JCGS!

Happy New Year!

RESEARCH CENTER EXPANSION (CONT.)

(Continued from page 1)

months and then were invited to meet at the Jefferson County Historical Society's McCurdy Library behind City Hall in Port Townsend. In exchange the members volunteered their time to keep the research room open to the public more hours. You had to climb up two flights of stairs to where we were housed; and were given about 1/3 of the room for our use. The room was hot in the summer and cool in the winter. But, we didn't complain, we had a place to meet and somewhere to start gathering books. Our volunteers extracted local history records from city hall, the county court house and compiled a listing of the obits from the local newspapers. A few years later, they canvassed the local cemeteries and compiled a listing of all the tombstones.

Over the years our data increased and we were running out of room. To make it easier for our members to attend meetings, we moved the monthly meetings to the Tri-area Community Center. Membership increased as we all loved to have a cup of coffee or tea with refreshments during the meetings. Speakers were an added attraction as we all wanted to learn more about how to get records from all the various places in which our ancestors lived. In 2003, the Historical Society purchased an unused church building on Airport Road. We moved and share the building with them. Members and guests were able to spread out and have more table space to sit at in comfort and do their research. We purchased a second microfilm reader and two computers. A kitchen for us to have lunch in and warm water in the restroom was greatly appreciated. What a change from the room downtown! We loved it.



We all owe a big thank you to Bev Brice for all the hours she spent in helping this project come to fruition, and the others who helped with the packing and unpacking over the two week move. Come and make use of the Research Center and all we have to offer you in researching your family lineage.

GENEALOGY DISCUSSION GROUPS

Discussion Groups pull together people who share a common interest on a genealogical topic for the purpose of sharing information, resources, and general research support. If you have a topic of interest, please let Bev know so the session can be scheduled at the Research Center.

Roots Magic: for those using or thinking of using the Roots Magic Genealogical Software. We will provide support to those getting started, no question is too simple to ask. In addition we will look at the topics listed in the calendar as time permits.

Canadian Discussion Group: Several of you indicated an interest in meeting with others who are researching in Canada. The first meeting is scheduled for February, and others can be added if there is enough interest. If you want to attend but have a conflict on this Friday, please let Bev know.

Writers Group: If you have started writing your family story or are only thinking about it, join in the fun. It is amazing the variety of approaches people take to this important part of their research.

DON'T MISS IT!

The next four months will have some exciting programs both at JCGS monthly meetings and the Resource Corners at the Research Center.

January

Meeting: "Quilts: Part of the Family Story". **Bev Brice** will demonstrate how quilts can help tell the family story. She will present information to identify and date quilts using samples from her family collection. Members are invited to bring their quilts for an evaluation of pattern and date.

Quilts to be reviewed should be brought to the meeting by 9:30 so that an information slip can be completed. The evaluation of individual quilts will be done following the meeting. Bev, who has some knowledge of dating old quilts but is not an expert, will be happy to share what she knows.

Resource Corner: *Identifying photographs*, **Nila Madsen**.

February

Meeting: **Susan Karren** from the National Archives at Sand Point in Seattle will present a program on what to expect from the 1940 U.S. Federal Census. This will include where to view the film and how soon it will be available on line.

Resource Corner: **Jesse Stewart** - Getting the most out of a research trip, whether to a far off courthouse or a nearby library, comes down to one word - *preparation*. We'll discuss how to determine what you want to look for and what resources might be available to help you answer your questions.

March

Meeting: This will be our yearly seminar. **Dr. Lorraine McConaghy**, teaches Museum Studies at the University of Washington, and is Public Historian at the Museum of History & Industry. She recently published her book "*Warship Under Sail: Sloop-of-War Decatur in the Pacific West*" and is currently working on Washington Territory during the Civil War. She will be giving three sessions:

Transforming Genealogy to Biography

1. Framing a Historical Research Project.
2. Case Study: James Tilton and Charles Mitchell
3. Interpreting Your History

The goal is to have participants walk away understanding how research and interpretation of genealogy and social history can generate biography, how to do that work thoroughly and with confidence, and then what to do with the interpretation; to publish or present.

See our Registration form at our website: wajcgs.org for more information.

Resource Corner: "How I Found Twelve (or More) Living Cousins in Three Years". **Al Standish** recounts success and failure in finding living cousins in five family lines from Canada to Washington.

April

Meeting: **Ray Madsen** - "What's new at Family Search". There are lots of new indexes and scanned items that are being added to the LDS website, Family Search, Ray will help you learn to navigate the site.

Resource Corner: JCGS member **Diane Duncan**, president of the local Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] will present a program on lineage societies with a focus on the genealogical proofs required for DAR membership.

New Members

WELCOME!

Vicky Vostakis

Denise M. Leonard

Pat Ryan

Mary & Richard Maltby

B. Middleton

Robert W. Gates

Lynne McGinn

Laurie Neuenschwander

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY - APRIL 2012

DATE	ALL MEETINGS START AT 9:30 AM AND ARE HELD AT THE RESEARCH CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
Sat Jan 7	Roots Magic Discussion Group - Citation and Documentation
Sat Jan 14	Writers Group
Fri Jan 20	New Netherland Discussion Group
Sat Jan 21	General Mtg.: Quilts: Part of the Family Story - Tri Area Community Center
Tues Jan 24	Volunteer Meeting
Sat Jan 28	Resource Corner: Identifying Photographs
Sat Feb 4	Roots Magic Discussion Group - Getting Started with Version 5
Sat Feb 11	Writers Group
Fri Feb 17	New Netherland Discussion Group
Sat Feb 18	General Mtg. : 1940 Federal Census - Tri Area Community Center
Fri Feb 24	Canadian Discussion Group
Sat Feb 25	Resource Corner: Getting the Most out of a Research Trip
Sat Mar 3	Roots Magic Discussion Group - Pictures and Media
Sat Mar 10	Writers Group
Fri Mar 16	New Netherland Discussion Group
Sat Mar 17	General Mtg.: Annual Seminar: Transforming Genealogy to Biography - Dr. Lorraine McConaghy - Tri Area Community Center
Tues Mar 27	Volunteer Meeting
Sat Mar 31	Resource Corner: How I Found Living Cousins
Tues Apr 3	Library Committee
Sat Apr 7	Roots Magic Discussion Group
Sat Apr 14	Writers Group
Sat Apr 21	General Mtg.: What's New at Family Search - Tri Area Community Center.
Fri Apr 27	New Netherland Discussion Group
Sat Apr 28	Resource Corner: Lineage Societies

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY

By Marge Samuelson

Life Events: A Death in the Family

Losing a loved one is never easy, the disruption to the patterns of our day to day existence are changed forever. For a genealogist an ancestor's death often answers many questions.

In Jefferson County, newspaper obituaries were often printed sporadically in the early papers. A community member who had achieved a certain status or perhaps an infamous person, a bank robber, murderer etc. was often written up. The Port Townsend Leader started publishing on October 2, 1889 and covered news of the local area and republished news from the eastern newspapers. Always a promoter of Port Townsend and Jefferson County, the Leader's big source of revenue, then as now, came from advertisements.

The first issue contained an article entitled SUICIDE, and contained what was then considered an obituary - the story of Mrs. Alexander Vincent, a native woman and the wife of an old and respected pioneer of Puget Sound. "Mrs. Vincent has committed the deed by hanging herself to an open door." Her descendants would learn from this obituary that she was about fifty years old at the time of death, "her mind had been gradually weakening for some weeks past, however, and is supposed at last to have given up entirely." She left a husband and several children but does not name them.

As the years passed the obituary became an important part of the "news." Often it was the only way neighbors learned of a death. Obituaries became longer, more involved and some took up as much as half a page. The newspaper reporters were not afraid to give some very personal information, using the flowery language of the time. Today, as more space is given to revenue generating ads, the obituaries are no longer a free service to the community. A brief statement of the death and place of service is provided, but for family information the families must pay.

At the Jefferson County Genealogical Society library, the volunteers have been indexing not only the obituaries but funeral home, cemetery, church and coroners records, all with important information for the genealogist. If you visit the website wajcgs.org you will find these databases indexed, a research request can be mailed in and for a small fee Joan Buhler will copy and send them to you. Four dedicated people involved in the indexing of deaths over the years are Lora Eccles, Barb Larsen, Eileen Martin and Harlean Hamilton. What a great job they do! These are the people you can thank for finding that all important piece of information you have been searching for.

What's New on the Web

The New England Historic Genealogical Society website that we subscribe to in the library has added a number of Genealogical Journals. The interesting thing is they go way beyond the New England research area. Since they are searchable by surname, it is a quick way to see if something has been published on your family. The following Journals are available, some with all or nearly all the issues and others have just begun to appear with additions each quarter:

The American Genealogist; vol. 9-53
 Virginia Genealogist vol. 1-40
 New Netherland Connections vol. 1-13
 Mayflower Descendants vol. 1-20
 Essex Genealogist vol. 1-5 (MA)
 Essex Antiquarian vol. 1-13 (MA)
 New York Genealogical and Biographical Record vol. 1-5
 Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine vol. 1-10
 Connecticut Nutmegger vol. 1-5

You can save web pages as a PDF, useful to capture the information you want without all the side banners and extra "stuff". Copy the address from the webpage and go to www.joliprint.com and paste the web address into box on page. It will find the webpage and create the PDF version which can be saved on your computer or printed.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Many new titles have been added to the Library, some from JCGS purchases and some from a generous donor. Since the listing is so long I have not added comments, you get to explore the content yourself. If you have books on your shelves that you are no longer using, think of donating them to JCGS.

Canadian Research

The Notaries of French Canada 1626-1900, Robert J Quinton

Miller's Manual A Research Guide to the Major French Canadian Genealogy , Douglas J Miller

La Nouvelle France- The making of French Canada a Cultural History, Peter N. Mougk

The Evolution of French Canada, Jean Charlemagne Braco

Genealogist's Handbook for Atlantic Canada Research, Terrence Punch

A Catalogue of Published Genealogies of Nova Scotia Families, Genealogy Association of The Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society

The True Story of The Acadians, Dudley J Leblanc

Parish and Town Guide to the Province of Quebec,

1666 Census for Nouvelle France

French Research

Gazetteers & Maps of France For Genealogical Research, William J. Toeppe

France touring and Motoring Atlas, Michelin

Great Britain Research

Poor Law Documents before 1834, Anne Cole

Understanding the History & Records of Nonconformity, Patrick Palgrove-Moore

The Hearth Tax, Other Later Stuart Tax lists and Association Oath Rolls, Jeremy Gibson

Poll Books 1696-1872, Jeremy Gibson

Electoral Registers Since 1832 and Burgess Rolls , Jeremy Gibson

Land tax Assessments 1690-1950, Jeremy Gibson, Dennis Mills

Pre 1841 Census and Population Listings in British Isles , Colin Chapman

Southwest Family Histories- Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire,

A Guide to Genealogical Sources for Hampshire, F. H. Edwards

Hampshire- A Genealogical Bibliography, Stuart A Raymond

An Atlas for Catholic Parishes in England, Wales Scotland, Michael Gandy

A simplified Guide to Probate Jurisdictions, J.S. W. Gibson

Coroner's Records in England & Wales, Jeremy Gibson & Colin Rogers

Quarter Sessions Records, J. S. W. Gibson

Poor Law Union Records- South West England, The Marches, Wales, Jeremy Gibson, Colin Rogers

Poor Law Union Records - Gazetteer of England & Wales, Jeremy Gibson & Frederic Youngs Jr

Key to the Parochial Registers of Scotland, V. Ben Bloxham

Catholic Family History For Scotland, Michael Gandy

Scandinavian Research

Kak BiL Atlas Sweden and Norway,

Swiss Research

Handy Guide To Swiss Genealogical Records, Jared H Sues

Men of Bern Vol 1, Lewis Bunker Rohrback

Men of Bern Vol 2, Lewis Bunker Rohrback

Men of Bern Vol 3, Lewis Bunker Rohrback

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY (CONT.)

Swiss Research (cont.)

Swiss Surnames A- Z, Emil & Clothilde Meier, Dr Fred Hanni, Stephan & Claudia Mohr

Swiss Surnames H- Q, Emil & Clothilde Meier, Dr Fred Hanni, Stephan & Claudia Mohr

Swiss Surnames R- Z, Emil & Clothilde Meier, Dr Fred Hanni, Stephan & Claudia Mohr

Invisible Immigrants - The Adaption of English & Scottish Immigrants in 19th Century America, Charlotte Erickson

US General History

In Tar and Paint and Stone, Levida Hileman

The Great Upheaval 1788-1800, Jay Winik

New England

The Great Migration 1633-1635 Vol 7, Robert Charles Anderson

Northwest

Myron Eells and the Puget Sound Indians, Robert H Ruby and John Brown

Long Day's Jouney the Steamboat & Stagecoach Era in the Northern West, Carlos A Schwantes

Southwest

The Old SouthWest 1795-1830, Thomas D. Clark & John D.W. Guice

Arkansas

NGS Research in Arkansas, Kay Haviland Freilich & Ann Carter Fleming

Colorado

NGS Research in Colorado, Kathleen W. Hinkley

Georgia

NGS research in Georgia, Linda Woodward Geiger

Idaho

Footprints Through Idaho, Ruby Ewart

Illinois

NGS Research in Illinois, Diane Renner Walsh

Michigan

NGS Research in Michigan, Shirley M Doeboer

Missouri

NGS Research in Missouri, Pamela Boyer Porter & Ann Carter Fleming

Montana

First Families of Montana and Early Settlers, Vol 1-3 Montana State Genealogical Society

North Carolina

NGS Research in North Carolina, Jeffrey L Haines

New Mexico

Genealogical Resources in New Mexico, Karen Stein Daniel

New York

10,000 Vital Records of Eastern New York 1777-1834, Fred Q. Bowman

Ohio

NGS Research in Ohio, Diane Vanskiver Gagel

Oregon

NGS Research in Oregon, Connie Miller Lenzen

Pennsylvania

NGS Research Pennsylvania, Kay Haviland Freilich

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY (CONT.)

South Carolina

NGS Research in South Carolina, Janis Walker Gulmore

Tennessee

NGS Research in Tennessee, Gale Williams Bamman

Texas

Crisis In the South West, Richard Bruce Winders

Washington

Sturdy Folk Personal Accounts of Life and work on the Olympic Peninsula, Mavis Amundson

Historical Narratives of Puget Sound Hood's Canal 1865-1885, Edward Clayson

Keepers at the Gate , V J Gregory

Faded Treasures, Vibrant Lives, Pamala Kay Grender

Clallam County Schools East to West , Irene Wyman

Jimmy Come Lately History of Clallam County, Clallam County Historical Society

Jim and Ana The lives of James Hector Munn and Ana Edwards Mund of Leland, Jefferson County, Washington, Hector Munn

Marrowstone, Karen Russell and Jeanne Bean

Sons of the Profits Seattle Story 1851-1901,

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Genealogical Research, Linda Herrick

West Virginia

NGS Research in West Virginia, Barbara Vines Little

Reference Materials

The Source Book of County Court Records, Public Records Research Library

How Healthy is Your Family tree, Carol Krause

Genetic Connections A Guide to Documenting your Individual & Family Health History, Danette L. Nilson

Family Diseases Are You at Risk, Myra Vanderpool Gormley

Ship Passenger Lists New Your and New Jersey 1600-1825, Carl Boyer

Erin's Sons: Irish arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761-1853, vol 1-2, Terrence M Punch

Erin's Sons: Irish arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1751-1858, Terrence M Punch

Erin's Sons: Irish arrivals in Atlantic Canada To 1863, Terrence M Punch

Scots in the USA & Canada 1825-1875,vol 1-2, David Dobson

Emigrants in Chains 1607-1776, Peter Wilson Coldham

Destination Canada- A General Guide To Immigration Records, Dave Obee

Family History Research, Carolyn Hutchison Brown

Naturalization Records in Books & on Microfilm in the Puget Sound Region or the Internet, Evelyn M Roehl

Walking with your Ancestors, Melinda Kashuba

The French and Indian War, Walter R. Borneman

A Handbook of Scandinavian Names, Nancy L. Coleman & Olav Veka

Myron Eells and the Puget Sound Indians, Robert H Ruby and John Brown

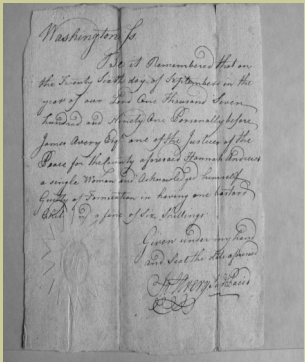
The Old SouthWest 1795-1830, Thomas D. Clark & John D.W. Guice

Long Days' Journey: The Steamboat & Stagecoach Era in the Northern West, Carlos a. Schwantes

Copy Historical Documents with your Camera!

By John Boles and Connie Ross

Copy Historical Documents with your Camera



We recently drove from Port Townsend, WA to Machias, ME and conducted genealogical research on Connie's mother's family along the way, particularly in Machias, Washington County, ME. We found that a digital camera [we used a Canon SX110IS] was a great way to copy archive pages, newspaper articles, microfilm images from a reader screen, and other formats of documents. This article shares some of our experiences, though maybe you have already employed this technique; and notes some of the advantages of photographic capture of documents.

There were a few municipal offices or libraries that did not allow photos, preferring that we pay, sometimes \$5/copy, for reproductions. However, without having to access a photocopier usually we successfully got photo images of documents and included many of peripheral importance that we otherwise might not have copied. Also, delicate original copies could be copied almost anywhere without excessive handling, and we could verify image quality on the spot. A major advantage of capturing images on a digital camera is that the images can be quickly transferred to a computer for safe storage, editing for image quality and size, duplicating, printing, and easy inclusion in reports or other articles, such as this one. Wherever we traveled we could readily review or show images either on the camera's display or on the computer screen.

We typically use "manual" rather than "auto" exposure, but either works. We set the ISO (exposure sensitivity) to 800—and less often to 1600—to allow use of available light rather than flash assist, and to let us use a fast shutter speed (1/320 sec. or faster) for hand-held copying: the aperture setting isn't very important since flat documents don't raise depth of field concerns. Our camera has image stabilization, IS, as do most cameras made in the last few years, so hand held exposures almost never were blurred by slight camera movements, even with a slow shutter. Also, our camera has up to x10 zoom capabilities, but a typical x3 or x4 zoom should work fine to make the image fill the field. If you are in one location and have a lot of images to process, such as from a photo album, the use of a tripod can help, but isn't necessary. Just place the document in the best available light, set the exposure, align, focus and shoot. If the image is on a microfilm reader it might be necessary to try different exposures or camera positions so there isn't a "hot spot" from the projector's bulb. It won't matter if there are several small documents or photos on one page as later you can crop, edit and save each individual image: most digital cameras have the resolution (pixels) to retain image quality when cropping and enlarging small images.

We've included two samples here, reduced significantly to save space: One is a document from the Washington County Maine Courthouse Session Archives in the Probate Office. This was a very fragile document, one of over 150,000 documents in these superb Session Archives. The image is easier to read in the edited camera copy than in the original! It's a good example of document photography, though it shows an unfortunate woman being fined six shillings in 1791 for [improper relations, sic] with a minor male member of Connie's family. The other is a photo of John's mother from 1922 that was taken on our camera from a family album kept by his sister in TN.

Since such reproductions are accomplished with a digital camera you can experiment with any book page, document or photo, without cost or complications. Adopt the motto: "If it's digital, take pictures!" Then you will enjoy convenient, efficient and effective preservation of items important to your historical or genealogical research.

BOOK REVIEWS

by Barb Larsen

Walking With Your Ancestors
A Genealogist's Guide to Using Maps and Geography
 By Melinda Kashuba

The author of this book is a genealogical researcher, writer, and a speaker with a Ph. D in geography. Her theory is that maps are the key to learning the locations of the records to assist you with your genealogy. A few of her chapter headings are: Determining Boundaries and Jurisdictions, Topographic Maps, Land Division, Migration Trails, and Military Maps. The last chapter is Using Global Positioning Systems. I find I frequently use GPS as a marker for future generations to assist them in finding a place or cemetery on a map. I like the feature of the author using icons in the margins to assist the reader with important points. She uses simple icons for tips, reminders, internet sources, and notes. The appendix lists places in the United States with major map holdings. This book is **H Reference Map 30** in our library.

Township Atlas of the United States
 Compiled by Jay Andriot

This 1,508 page book is a modern assist for the genealogist. Each state map is divided into current county maps. Each county map is divided into township maps with the town and city positions identified. There is a complete index by state. This helped me when my grandmother's obituary read "Bluff Creek Woman Dies." I knew of no town in Iowa with that name. This book identified Bluff Creek as a township. Our library has other maps of the United States and world for you to peruse.

Published by Documents Index of McLean, Virginia., 1991. It is **H Reference Map 17** in our library.

Officers

President	Jesse Stewart	jessebirder@cablespeed.com	437-8103
Vice President	Marge Samuelson	marge.samuelson@gmail.com	385-4297
Treasurer	Paula McNeese	ponemcnees@waypt.com	385-3453
Recording Secretary	Eunice Franklin	rfranklin@cablespeed.com	379-8392
Corresponding Secretary	Mimi Starks	mkstarks@olypen.com	385-2223

Contact Persons

Exec. Committee	Jesse Stewart	jessebirder@cablespeed.com	437-8103
Members' Books	Pam Wilson	pamelalearywilson@gmail.com	697-3822
Librarian	Bev Brice	bb@olympus.net	385-6599
Newsletter Editor	Dave Sachi	sachi82@msn.com	385-5590
Researcher	Joan Buhler	jaybee@macaid.com	385-0849
Cemeteries	Eileen Martin	eileenm@olypen.com	385-0673
Research and Obituaries	Lora Eccles	lora@cablespeed.com	344-4860
Education Committee	Jesse Stewart	jessebirder@cablespeed.com	437-8103
Membership	Tom Berg	grebmot@olypen.com	643-1112

Jefferson County

PO Box 627
Port Townsend
Washington
98368-0627
360-385-9495

**Research Center
Location & Hours**

13692 Airport Cutoff Road
Hours: 11 to 4
Tuesday—Saturday
\$4.00 admission for
non-members
\$2.00 children

We're on the Web!
<http://www.wajcgs.org>

Meetings:

**3rd Saturday
9:30 AM**

**Tri-Area
Community
Center**

**Chimacum,
Washington**

**Visitors
Welcome**

Beginning Genealogy Class

A great way to start learning about your family is the Beginning Genealogy Class offered by the Jefferson County Genealogical Society. This 5 week class is designed to provide an overview of the basic steps for successful genealogical research. The class can be a helpful refresher to researchers who have started to work on their family history as well as for those who are truly "beginning".

The use of genealogical forms, vital records, and census records will be covered. We will give an introduction to additional types of records such as land, probate, military, and immigration as well. Attention will be paid to online research, but you do not have to use a computer to take the class, as all types of resources will be covered.

The class will be held on 5 Monday afternoons Jan 30th thru Feb 27th 2012 from 1 to 3:30 at the Historical Research Center, 13692 Airport Cutoff Road.

The cost is \$30 for Genealogy Society members and \$50 for one non-member or \$45 each for family groupings (one year membership included in cost). Registration will be accepted through Jan 20, 2012.

To register complete the registration form available on the JCGS website www.wajcgs.org and mail it with your check to: JCGS, PO Box 627, Port Townsend, WA 98368. For questions call Eileen 385-0673 or Bev 385-6599.