

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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NUTS AND BOLTS OF GENEALOGY

FINDING MY WAY THROUGH THE INTERNET

Lessons in patience and diligence

by Diane Young

Now that the Internet has become an everyday tool, it has also become a boon to the family historian and genealogist. Search engines, databases, message boards, blogs, wikis, and more abound. Today, with the help of the Internet, both the novice and experienced family historian can find a multitude of resources, both free and fee-based. But these resources do not replace hard work and vigilance. The serious researcher will still need to interview relatives, climb into church attics and basements, visit local court houses, read historical books, check sources, and use snail mail to supplement the use of Internet tools.

Having worked on my family history for over 30 years, I have gradually been introduced to the resources available on the Internet. But those who are new to the world of genealogy might be overwhelmed by the vastness of the Internet and all of the sources that are available. Where should the beginning family researcher start? When should you pay for online researching? What cautions should be taken?

Once you have collected everything you can about your family, you are ready to go to the Internet. Beginners should start with general and free sites and exhaust what they hold before moving on to specialized and pay sites. Here are some of the resources I have used over the years, with a few examples of the success I have had with them.

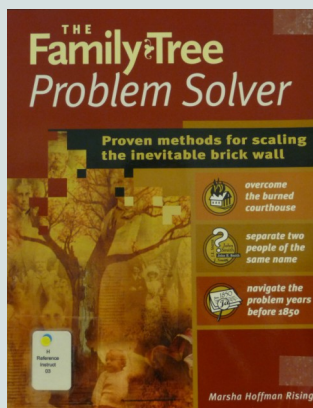
Free General Sites

Family Search—familysearch.org; online search provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This site covers most nationalities and is a combination of official documents and unverified patron submissions. Wikis through Family Search—<https://wiki.familysearch.org/en> contain general information, databases, maps and more by country. Simply click on “list all countries” and select the one in which you are interested.

Online atlases, maps and books—maps.google.com; http://www.sna.se/e_index.html (Sweden); <http://genuki.org.uk/> (United Kingdom); books.google.com/. These sites have helped me pinpoint ancestral homes and migration patterns and to learn about the history and politics of a country.

Cyndi's List—cyndislist.com; provides no data but does provide links to thousands of websites, organized by topic and locale.

New Discussion Group
Family Tree Maker
Support Group



3rd Friday—9:30

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

Hope everyone is having a great summer, and that you've found a few minutes to work on your family history. I, for one, have been focusing on other activities, and find I miss getting to know my ancestors better!

I want to thank everyone who participated in our on-line survey regarding your use of computer technology in your genealogy. We had an overwhelming response – *much to our delight*. As I write this, we are just at the end of the response phase. Over the next few weeks the Technology Advisory Committee will be evaluating the results and determining how to move forward based on your responses. I look forward to being able to share both the results and the efforts JCGS will undertake to meet your needs over the next few months. Thanks again for your participation!

As a start in helping our members improve their technology skills, Diane Young has written our cover article. Diane's advice – start with the information you already know and don't rely entirely on what's on-line – needs to be heeded! However, she provides great internet resources we can tap to help fill out our research.

And, Marge Samuelson shows how far we've come in our use of technology. The Jefferson County Historical Society has a wonderful website where researchers can search for records among its collection related to a person or topic of interest. Marge is due a great deal of gratitude from researchers for establishing a system that indexes all the names and important topics – most archives only include a short summary of the materials in any collection so the researcher has to guess if it pertains to their interests. **Thank you Marge** – it sure makes our work as volunteers at the Research Center easier too! JCGS will, in some ways, be emulating Marge's efforts as we add more and more information from our KIOSK to our website for researchers from across the country (world?) to access!

I know the return of autumn isn't the time for making "resolutions", but I hope you all will find time to join us for meetings and other educational opportunities. Come check out all the new books in our library too. If you are just getting started in your family history research, plan on attending our Beginning Genealogy Class – or, refer a friend who is interested in learning more about his/her ancestry.

See you in September.

Al Standish, our Treasurer, reports:

Our finances remain in good shape, with all CDs now invested at Union Bank, since Frontier has been restructured. Fortunately the previously existing rates have been retained. New CD rates remain low, but we will retain these investments in 1-2 year maturities as individual certificates come due. Bank and savings accounts with Quimper Credit Union total \$4247.61, while CDs equal \$21,200.99. Significant annual expenses for insurance and Ancestry.com subscription are still due this fall. Our recently delivered first quarter results for the Seattle Foundation holdings show a modest improvement in net assets to \$99,113.82.

A Thank You from Eileen Martin:

Thank you to Volunteers:

Twelve members of our society spend 115 hours in June walking amongst the tombstones in Laurel Grove Cemetery in Port Townsend updating the data. Special thanks to **Harlean and Jerry Hamilton, Lesa Barnes, Tom Berg, Cathy-Beatty O'Shea, Lorrell Louchard, Anne Virtue, Pat Roach, Mary Stolaas, Linda Atkins and Nyla Dartt**. Each year our society does one large cemetery or several smaller ones. A request on our list serve will let members know when we are ready to start on another cemetery.

Thanks again for your continue support on this project.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

BEV BRICE

Nuts and Bolts of Genealogy: Voter Registration Records

The NGS Magazine (April-June 2010, p16) can be found in the library and gives some very interesting information about Voter Registration records, a record source that tends to be underused by researchers. Consider the following:

- Voter Registration Lists include eligible voters in a particular jurisdiction generally precincts or divisions. Sometimes it is by party affiliation.
- Using census enumerations and city directories the researcher can determine the geographical location of the list.
- A secret ballot wasn't in use until 1888 in Massachusetts, universal by 1892. In colonial Virginia the vote was cast in the presence of the sheriff and supporters of other candidates.
- Women's suffrage was mandated in 1920 by the US constitution but existed in various states and territories beginning with Wyoming Territory in 1869. Washington granted women the right to vote in 1910. Beginning in 1776 in New Jersey all "free inhabitants" meeting property requirements could vote. Women with property used this loophole to vote in New Jersey until the state legislature ended women's voting in 1807. So be sure to check on the laws where you are researching.

Voting records are inconsistent in the information provided, but they can be real treasures. Consider what you can find for families that lived in Jefferson County between 1886 and 1914. These records are from outside Port Townsend only for 1914. Here is an example of what a record for a Port Townsend resident might include:

- Name, ward, registration date, age, occupation, address, place of birth, arrival date in Port Townsend, naturalization, length of residence in Port Townsend, and signature.
- In the case of Charles Eisenbeis it includes the following detail about his naturalization, "Rochester, New York, March 11, 1887", and that he was born in Prussia and had lived in Port Townsend 38 years. Wouldn't you like to know that about your ancestor?
- For Minnie Eldgridge who lived in the 3rd Ward in Port Townsend we learn that she was 45 years of age on 3 Oct 1913 when she registered and that she resided on Taft Street and had lived here 9 years. She was born in Missouri.

Copies of the Jefferson County records for these years are part of the Jefferson County Historical Society collection. The information has been added to the Kiosk by Jefferson County Genealogical Society volunteers. Some of the record books include a signature of the voter, and copies of these can be made for the researcher. Visit the Research Center for a copy or request one by going to the JCGS website to complete a research request.

Older Voter Registration records have not always survived and can be hard to track down. Research Guides for your area of interest would be good places to start. Genealogical or Historical societies are good place to ask. More recent lists would be found at the County Courthouse, although they might be stored in an archive or state library. Voter Registrations are worth the hunt!!

Jefferson County Research

The Kiosk is a surname index to Jefferson County Records. For those researching Jefferson County names, it will be a major help in locating records on your family. New Extractions into the Kiosk include:

James Swan Scrapbook Index

Port Townsend Directories 1872-1878

Jefferson County Marriages 1855-1915: The detailed information formerly only in print form has been added to the database.

St Paul Episcopal Church, Port Townsend: 1880-1887 Burials

Surname Index to *The Story of Old Leland*, a history of this area of the county.

Birth Records of Prominent Citizens: notices taken from the Leader of people in the community who celebrated their birthdays.

These folks were not born in Jefferson County.

Port Townsend Poll Tax—1901

Property Tax Index 1872—1956: a comprehensive database summarizing information about property sites. Most are in Port Townsend, some in the County. Allows you to trace the history of your property.

DON'T MISS IT!

JCGS has a full schedule of events for the coming trimester. You can refer to the calendar in this issue for dates and times (don't forget to mark your calendars), but some of the special things coming up include our monthly meetings, discussion groups and resource corners:

Monthly Meetings:

September: We are having a member participation meeting. We would like each of you to tell us about their most favorite ancestor. Do you have a war hero in your family or, perhaps, someone who was hung as a horse thief? Bring their stories and share them.

October: To be announced

November: This is our annual brick wall meeting. Marge has redesigned our forms for your brick wall questions, the new forms are now at the research center. Pick them up and submit them early!! Then hopefully we can steer you in a new direction of research and break through your wall!

December: A member participation meeting for sharing your "Christmas Memories". Do you have a family tradition, Christmas Card, or Christmas family lore which has been handed down through the generations? Come join us for coffee, snacks and good fellowship!

Discussion Groups:

Roots Magic Support Group: appropriate for those who use the Roots Magic genealogy software or for those who want to get an idea of how it works. Questions such as: how to enter source information, creating custom reports, and editing sentence structure will be addressed. No question is too mundane to ask, the purpose of the group is to share our experiences using the software. Along with your questions, bring a laptop if you have one, but this isn't essential.

Writers Group: What has emerged over the time we have met is the wide diversity of styles for presenting your family research and stories. Those who have put ideas on the page and those who are just thinking about doing so find the group helpful. Everyone is welcome.

New England Discussion Group: Defined as the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and a spillover into New York since so many people migrated that way. The depth of information available for researchers in the area is astounding. We share what we have found to be useful and are good at listening to research problems. If you had ancestors in this area, do join us.

Family Tree Maker Support Group: Starting with 2008 (a bad year—corrected in 2009) the FTM has many new features to help you manage your genealogy. Only one of those is easy exchange with Ancestry Family Trees. All FTM users are welcome to get together and share your tips and tricks and questions about making the program work for you.

Resource Corners: This series of presentations provides researchers with an opportunity to learn about various research techniques and resources

September: There are many ways to use a digital camera in our genealogical research. Jim Martin has agreed to review the basics of using the camera for those of us who feel we need help in getting the most out of it. Jim is an experienced photographer and will be able to answer questions at any level.

October: Leading up to the November program on solving Brick Wall problems, Lesa Barnes has agreed to share an overview of her Harris research. This research project has progressed from monumental to despair to possible resolution. It is a good example of various research techniques that can help with tough problems.

November: The Family Search website is scheduled for a redesign with additional features to help researchers. Jesse will give an overview showing the change in access to the scanned records and books placed on the website. She will also focus on how to utilize the Library Catalog.

Open House:

Saturday, Oct 2 from 11-4 the Research Center will be open to the public for free. The Research Center houses information about Jefferson County families as well as resources for family history research throughout the United States and abroad. Bring a friend who is interested in starting their family adventures, or just stop by to say hello. Featured will be family journey stories contributed by the JCGS Writer's Group. Volunteers will be on hand to assist visitors, and there will be snacks in the kitchen.

New Members

WELCOME!

Kathy A. Webster

L. Diane Haisman

Geri Eekhoff

Robert Guard

Bonnie Glendenning

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER * OCTOBER * NOVEMBER * DECEMBER

DATE	ALL MEETINGS START AT 9:30 AM AND ARE HELD AT THE RESEARCH CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
Saturday, Sept 4	Roots Magic Support Group
Saturday, Sept 11	Writers Group
Friday, Sept 17	Family Tree Maker Support Group
Saturday, Sept 18	General Meeting: Member Participation—Favorite Ancestor - Tri Area Community Center
Friday, Sept. 24	New England Discussion Group
Saturday, Sept. 25	Resource Corner: Basics of Digital Photos: Jim Martin
Saturday, Oct. 2	11:00-4:00 pm Open House at the Research Center
Saturday, Oct. 9	Writers Group
Friday, Oct. 15	Family Tree Maker Support Group
Saturday, October 16	General Meeting: Topic to be Announced - Tri Area Community Center
Monday, Oct. 18	1-3:30 pm Beginning Class
Monday, Oct. 25	1-3:30 pm Beginning Class
Thursday, Oct 28	Volunteer Meeting
Friday, Oct. 29	New England Discussion Group
Saturday, Oct. 30	Resource Corner: New Definition to Brick Walls: Lesa Barnes
Monday, Nov. 1	1-3:30 pm Beginning Class
Thursday, Nov. 4	Library Committee
Saturday, Nov. 6	Roots Magic Support Group
Monday, Nov. 8	1-3:30 pm Beginning Class
Saturday, Nov. 13	Writers Group
Monday, Nov. 15	1-3:30 pm Beginning Class
Friday, Nov. 19	Family Tree Maker Support Group
Saturday, Nov. 20	General Meeting: Brick Walls- Tri Area Community Center
Friday, Nov. 26	New England Discussion Group
Saturday, Nov. 27	Resource Corner: The Family Search website: Jesse Stewart
Saturday, Dec. 4	Roots Magic Support Group
Saturday, Dec. 11	Writers Group
Friday, Dec. 17	Family Tree Maker Support Group
Saturday, Dec. 18	General Meeting: Member Participation—Christmas Stories
Monday, Dec. 20	Research Center closes for the Holidays
Tuesday, Jan 4, 2011	Research Center Reopens

FINDING MY WAY THROUGH THE INTERNET...

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Free Specific Sites

Message boards—rootsweb.ancestry.com; organized by county and state or by country; one can post a query and wait for an answer. I had a sensitive family issue in my husband's Scottish ancestry and wanted to know if other descendants of this ancestor might be researching, too. After posting a general query on a Scotland county message board, I waited, and waited; 18 months later I received a response from a relative of my husband's; in addition to sharing information, we found that another relative lives in the same town in Washington where we have settled.

Genweb—<http://usgenweb.org/>; is a free United States site organized by state and county; I had been researching my ancestors in Hamilton County, Iowa, and posted one of the surnames I was researching under the surname registry. Once again I waited and waited. Over two years after posting the surname, I received an email from someone who was researching the same line; he is a serious and skilled researcher, and together we have worked on our common ancestor.

Ellis Island—ellisland.org; search for ancestors who came through Ellis Island; while all of my ancestors had arrived in this country before Ellis Island existed, this site helped me verify a reference in my great-great grandfather's obituary to a re-entry to the United States from Sweden late in his life.

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System—<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/> can help you find a Civil War ancestor. I used this site to locate my great-great grandfather's regiment and the battles in which he fought. From there I sent for his Civil War record and also learned about his 15 months as a POW at Camp Ford in Tyler, Texas.

DISBYT—<http://dis.se/register>; is a free Swedish site that contains information submitted by members; clearly, everything must be verified, but I have had great success on this site. I email the submitter to determine the accuracy of the information. Research on one of my 3rd great grandmothers had come to a halt until I found her name submitted on DISBYT. The person who had submitted her name helped me unravel my questions and furthered my research on that line two more generations. This site is in the Swedish language; depending on the country in which you are researching, you may find that country-specific sites are not available in English.

As you progress in your research, at some point you will need to focus on more specialized sites that come with a price tag.

Fee-based Specific Sites

Genline—genline.com is a fee-based Swedish website that contains scanned parish registers. SVAR—www.svar.ra.se is another fee-based site that contains Swedish parish registers. And Arkiv Digital—www.arkivdigital.se contains high-quality images of parish registers filmed using digital cameras.

Scotland's People—<http://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk/> is a government source that contains images of Scottish records available for a fee.

What is available on the Internet varies a great deal by country. For my Swedish roots and my husband's Scottish roots, I have been able to use the Internet extensively and successfully, although I check for documentation on sites where members submit information. For my Bohemian roots, however, the Internet has been of limited use.

Revisit some sites multiple times because certain sites make new information continuously available. Learn new search techniques like the ones presented in "Google Your Family Tree" by David Lynch. Verify all information. Some sites such as Scotland's People can be trusted because the information consists of government documents; on other sites, such as DISBYT, the information needs to be verified because it consists of submissions by other users.

It is a wonderful time to be starting or continuing your genealogy search because of all the sources available on the Internet. Just remember to be patient and diligent in verifying information.

Beginning Genealogy Class: An Introduction to Family History

An accurate family history requires more than going online. While many records are now available through the internet, more is needed than typing a name into "Google". Jefferson County Genealogical Society offers a 5 week Beginning Genealogy Class 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 October 18th through November 15th 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). The class is limited to 18 students. Registration will be accepted through October 13th.

To register complete the registration form below. It can also be found at our website: www.rootsweb.com/~wajcgs or at the Research Center. Mail it with your check to: JCGS, PO Box 627, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

For questions call Eileen 385-0673 or Bev 385-6599.

JCGS Beginning Class Registration Form
MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCT 13, 2010
Limit of 18 students

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

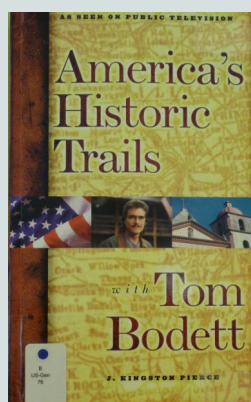
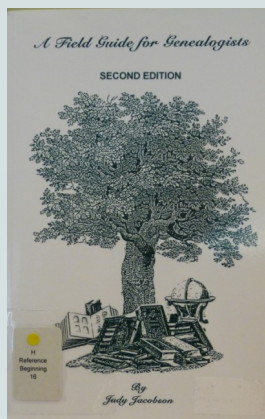
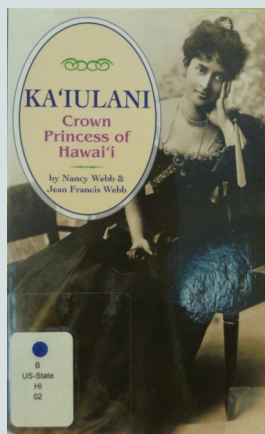
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Member, \$30 _____

Not a member \$50 for individual or \$45 each for families (includes one year's membership) _____

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

New Books



Title	Author	Comments
American's Historic Trails	J. Kingston Pierce	Book that complimented the PBS series
The Oxford History of the American People	Samuel Morison Eliot	An excellent historical overview
Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies In America 1607-1775	Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck	Naturalizations recorded in British records from her colonies
Katulani Crown Princess of Hawaii	Nancy Webb Jean Grances Webb	A glimpse into the history of Hawaii
History of Bannock County Idaho	Artgyr Sabders	A 1913 county history
Running Mad for Kentucky	Frontier Travel Accounts	1 st hand accounts of travel over the Wilderness Road and down the Ohio River prior to 1800
Early Kentucky Settlers , The records of Jefferson Co Kentucky	Filson Club	Court records
Death Notices from Jefferson Co KY	Alan D. Murray	Taken from newspapers in the 1800s
The Black Sea Germans in the Dakotas	George Rath	Informaiton on origins as well as settlements in North Dakota
Cockpit of the Revolution -The War for Independence in New Jersey	Leonard Lundin	A detailed review of events in 1776-1778 A must for those with New Jersey families
A Field Guide for Genealogist	Judy Jacobson	Hints from researchers
Census Substitutes & State Census Records Vol 1 and 2	William Dollarhide	Covers the US, invaluable list of sources
North American Railroads [maps] 1870-1916		Shows the various railway lines during this period
Revolutionary War Bounty and Grants awarded by State Governments	Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck	Alternative records for this time period
War of 1812 Genealogy	George Schweitzer	An excellent detailed listing of sources
Quaker Arrivals at Philadelphia 1682-1750	Albert Cook Myers	From English meeting records

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY

By Marge Samuelson

It all started with 5 x 7 index cards and one file cabinet.

The Jefferson County Genealogical Society and the Jefferson County Historical Society have been in partnership for more than 20 years. One of our founding members, Illma Mund was one of the first to volunteer in the McCurdy Research library helping people doing Jefferson County Research using the bound copies of the Port Townsend Leader and other JCHS documents. Soon a four drawer vertical file was created to file away information on local people, houses and events of Jefferson County. When I started working at the JCHS Museum in 1991, my greatest joy was the two days a week I was given to work "upstairs." Betty Pfouts was the librarian for JCHS and the genealogy society volunteers included Eileen Martin, Harlean Hamilton, Tom Berg and of course Illma. What a bee hive of activity that group was, taking on projects such as photocopying city documents, before they made their way to the Archives in Bellingham, and indexing the obituaries from the leader. An early project was to create an index of the Manuscript boxes in the JCHS collection. The first computer was a Mac with a very small screen, the only computer in the library. Typewriters and 5 x 7 index cards were used to record the indexes for the Port Townsend Leader. Eventually a second vertical file was donated and we divided the files into "People" and "Subject" files. An index was created on the computer and original documents were removed from the files and put into the Manuscript boxes. In the mid 1990s then director Niki Clark convinced us to all convert to PCs which made sense because that's what most of us used at home. Remember those big "Floppies?" How slow everything was? But they sure beat a typewriter. Most of those cards have been done away with by both the genealogy and historical society. The information now is added to what we call the "Kiosk" a wonderful search engine created by JCGS member Phil Kohl. Bev Brice and Pam Wilson spend many hours keeping this engine running and the next step is to have the indexes available on line, the obituaries are already on our site at www.rootsweb.com/~wajcgs. The Historical Society has a website jcgsmuseum.org where you can search their database for photographs and documents. When I started in the library there were about 70 manuscript boxes, last week I created number 200, a fast growing collection.

Technology has come a long ways since those first floppies, but the Genealogy Society Volunteers have embraced it and continue to progress, so researches have an amazing resource, and no one misses those index cards!

JOURNEY STORIES

Write your Family's Journey Story and share it with others:

The Jefferson County Historical Society is sponsoring a traveling Smithsonian Exhibit titled "Journey Stories" from Sept. 4 to Oct. 17 at the Museum. The exhibit features travel experiences during four centuries of American history. A visit to the exhibit may trigger thoughts about your own family experiences.

The Jefferson County Genealogical Society invites you to share a journey story from your family. This may involve your journey to Jefferson County or a story from your family's past. Each participant will receive a certificate. Entries will be reviewed by the JCGS Writer's Group, and some will be published on the society website. The collection of journey stories will become a permanent part of the JCGS collection of research materials housed at the Historical Research Center. Approval for this use of these stories is implicit in submission.

All JCGS/JCHS members as well as all Jefferson County Residents are urged to write a story that describes your family's journey to find a new home. This may involve coming to North America or movement within North America. The length of the story is limited to a maximum of 1,500 words or three pages, but it can be shorter. This may include illustrations in the text. The story may be documented with footnotes or endnotes which will not be counted in the length limit. However, documentation of sources is not required.

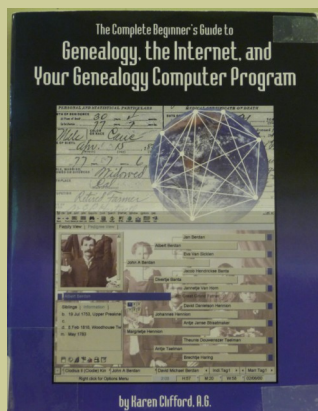
Journey stories must be submitted by October 17, 2010 by email to wajcgs@olympus.net or snail mail to JCGS PO Box 627, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

Be sure and visit the Open House on October 2nd 11:00-4:00 to see how the participants in the Writer's Group have answered this challenge. The Research Center houses many references to help you with background information about your family's journeys.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

New Books

Using the internet



Take a look at what's new on the subscription websites available to you at the Research Center:

NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Vital Records of Dover, New Hampshire 1686-1850

Dover, New Hampshire (Strafford County) was first settled in 1623 and is considered the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and the seventh oldest in the United States. The original township of Dover included the present towns of Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Somersworth, Rollinsford, and parts of Newmarket, Newington, and Greenland. This database consists of the records of 801 church admissions, 679 Baptisms, 2,409 births, 3,425 marriages, and 716 deaths. Images of the original book pages are accessible from the search results.

Vital Records of Hallowell, ME to 1892

The town of Hallowell, Maine (Kennebec County) was named for Benjamin Hallowell, a Boston merchant and a proprietor in the Kennebec Patent. Portions of the original town were incorporated as Augusta (in 1797) and Chelsea (in 1850). The town itself was incorporated April 26, 1771 and became a city in 1852. This six volume set of vital records was published by the Maine Historical Society in 1924. The database contains 11,019 births, 10,512 marriages, and 5,717 deaths. Images of the original book pages are accessible from the search results.

Weekly NEHGS Newsletter

The NEHGS e-newsletter is sent once a week and has interesting articles from NEHGS staff, meanings of names, and articles from other newsletters and magazines. One of the features I enjoy is questions asked by members of NEHGS. This was a question asked in July 7, 2010.

Question:

While transcribing gravestones recently I noted two abbreviations I have never seen before. Can you tell me what K.F.M. and I.B.B.H. stand for?

Answer:

K.F.M. or K of FM stands for the Knights of Father Matthew. This nineteenth-century organization was organized in Ireland to promote abstinence from alcoholic beverages. Ladies who belonged to this organization were the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Father Mathew (L.A.K.F.M.).

I.B.B.H. is an abbreviation for International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers. The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths was organized in 1889, and helpers were added in 1901. This organization merged with the Brotherhood of Drop Forgers in 1919. In 1954 the group merged with the Brotherhood of Boilermakers. You can find out more about the current organization at www.boilermakers.org.

BOOK REVIEW BY BARB LARSEN

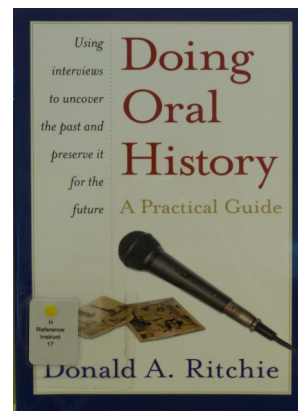
DOING ORAL HISTORY — A PRACTICAL GUIDE

By Donald A. Ritchie

This is a very informative guide for interviewing. The American Archivist states, "This book does more than merely describe the process—it conveys Ritchie's enthusiasm for oral history, placing it in a social and professional context that should inspire novices and veterans alike". Each chapter is set up with a set of questions and answers to guide the reader through the process. It gives advice on setting up an oral history project, conducting the interview, and using the oral history in research and writing.

Most interesting to me was the chapter on video taping an oral history, as I had video taped many hours of my father while he was telling the stories of his youth.

This book was published in 2003 by Oxford University Press. It is number 17 filed under H-Reference- Instruct, in our library.



A REMINDER

The **50/50Book Purchase** Program is a good bargain. You pick the book and if we agree it should be in the library, you pay half and the society pays half. You get the book for 6 weeks when it arrives. Contact Lorrell with your ideas: llouchard@hotmail.com.

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WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB (cont.)

ANCESTRY:

some of the newer postings:

- Nova Scotia, Canada: Births, Deaths, Marriages 1763-1957
- Saone-et Loire, France: Births Christenings, Deaths, Burials, Marriages—1575-1915
- Alpes-Maritimes: Births, Deaths, Marriages—1540-1905
- Numerous German Records: most in German
- US: Marriages and Births in Newspapers
- US Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918 UPDATED

FOOTNOTE

- Continues to add Civil War records with emphasis on Union soldiers
- Naturalizations: PA Middle District 1906-1930, Western District 1820-1930, Northern District of Ohio 1907-1946, Eastern District NY 1865-1937
- Passport Applications 1795-1905
- City Directories from various locations are being added