

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Occupational Events

by Eileen Johnston,
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"Life Events" usually brings to mind: marriages, births, christenings, first communions, anniversaries, deaths, funerals and so forth but what about occupational events? Webster's New World Dictionary, 2nd College Edition defines:

"event: 1. a happening or occurrence, esp. when important."

Compare this to:

"milestone: 2. a significant or important event in history, [as] in the career of a person, etc."

"Occupation: 2. That which chiefly engages ones time."

There are events associated with every kind of employment: achieving an education, completing an apprenticeship, starting a new job, getting a promotion, being laid off, being recognized as an expert in your field, starting your own business. Are these important milestones? Are these "life events"? You bet they are. And they were important in the lives of your ancestors. If you are not spending some time researching your ancestor's occupation, you could be missing the portion of their life in which they were "chiefly engaged". Now don't think I am being gender biased here, women were also "chiefly engaged" and had similar events related to those occupations. For instance, if your ancestor was a 19th century farmer's wife, chiefly engaged in running her home, she had many skills that had to be learned somewhere. In addition to the cooking, cleaning, sewing and rearing of children, she was likely responsible for teaching reading and writing, growing the kitchen garden, overseeing the production of eggs, butter and cheese, and the carding and spinning of wool all to be sold or traded for goods. And yes, many wives worked in the fields when extra hands were needed.

When researching, it can be helpful to make an occupational chart recording: dates of employment, job title, a brief job description, industry, employer, job location, commuting distance, educational requirements and of course, the sources for your information.

Where do you find all this? Like most things genealogical, start with what you already have. Review the Federal and State census records and look at the occupation columns.

If your subject was a farmer or owned a business, review any references made to line numbers on the special non-population agriculture, industry and manufacturing census forms that may tell you the amount and types of crops, products and people they employed. Many of these records for selected states from 1850-1880 are available on Ancestry.com.

As you review the occupational census information, ask yourself questions about how their job may have affected their life over time. Were they regularly employed or did they change types of employment with every record? Were they out of work for a significant number of weeks which may have required them to move seasonally? Would this job have required specialized education or training? How much? Where would they likely have obtained it? Were others in their family similarly employed? What about their neighbors? Did their job affect their health? For some of these answers you will need additional records. Examine marriage applications/registers, and birth records for occupation and employment information. Death registers/certificates will sometimes give occupations and names of employers along with cause of death which may be recognizable as related to their job, as in lung disease and miners. Draft registrations and some immigration, naturalization and passport applications also contain occupational information. Obituaries are often a treasure trove of these details.

If your ancestor had a less common job, have you looked it up in the occupational indexes or done a

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Happy New Year!

Remember...

The Research Center
reopens

Jan 4

Occupational Events

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Google search on it? Archaic job titles can be misleading and may have a completely different meaning than you think. I have come across: messman, kneebolter, braceman, commercial traveler, cattle dehorner, and many more. Using the census industry codes can help you better define the specific job duties performed.

City directories can be good resources, as they often listed individual's occupations and business owner information. Of course, newspapers are another source for ads offering job training, hiring and businesses advertisements for services or products. In an article regarding the preservation of unique architecture, I found the following note about the employer of a tailor I was researching. This information helped to shed light on why my subject had so many relatives in the tailoring profession which worked for the same business in different cities.

"The Kahn Tailoring Co. sign on the King Cole Building is now barely visible, but it once represented a thriving operation. Henry Kahn, the son of Alsatian Jewish immigrants, opened a small tailor shop in Indianapolis in 1886. By the 1910s he had an office in this building and retail production rooms scattered around downtown. Kahn was a large employer of Jewish immigrants, and he established a social welfare program that provided healthcare, night school, weekend activities and a lunchtime orchestra for his workers. By 1948, the business included an Indianapolis factory and 12 retail stores nationwide, including a Washington D.C. store that once outfitted first lady Bess Truman."

Business profiles can be found within city and county histories, in Who's Who and specific industry directories often found at local libraries and historical societies and many have been digitized. I have even seen these from European cities.

When you find an unusual job, let me know, I'm always interested in adding another oddity to my list.

Some useful web-sites:

Archaic Occupation Titles: <http://freepages.family.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~familiesacrosstime/occupations.htm>

1920 Census Occupation Codes: <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/volii/92occup.shtml>

Deciphering Occupation Codes Appended to the 1930 Census: <http://stevemorse.org/census/ocodes.htm>

Occupational Info Network: http://www.occupationalinfo.org/dot_search.html

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

By Jesse Stewart

Well, another year has come and gone – can you believe it?! 2010 was a good year for your Society – JCGS membership remains strong, our financial condition is good, and we added several important efforts during the year.

Your membership dues contributed significantly to our ability to offer interesting speakers at our monthly meetings, provide subscription websites, and pay our rent at the Research Center. We are grateful that you stuck with us in light of our minimal increase in dues, and hope that you take advantage of the benefits of your membership.

Al Standish, our Treasurer, reports the financial condition of JCGS is sound. As of this writing, our endowment at The Seattle Foundation has a balance of \$97,400.31; plus we received a \$3,436 distribution to assist with 2010 expenses. Our total cash on hand from checking, savings and CDs is \$26,274.81. In November, the Executive Committee completed the budget for 2011, and during December we will be creating a budget for furnishings for the Research Center once the new addition is built (that's part of the reason for us having so much "cash on hand"). As you may recall, when the Historical Society completes its new building, the archival materials and original photographs will be moved there, freeing up space in our current facility. That will provide more room for the public – space for books, meeting, and research. The Executive Committee is looking at making the Research Center an even nicer place for you to visit – more welcoming, more productive, and, maybe even more "comfy".

One of the new undertakings for JCGS during 2010 was the addition of a Technology Advisory Committee. As reported in the last newsletter, we had tremendous response from you to the survey regarding your current level of technological skill and the assistance JCGS can offer to help you continue to learn. Now that we've had a chance to evaluate the results, several plans have come into focus. Currently, we are in the process of updating our website – we've contracted with Nina Nobles Design of Port Townsend to provide an overall design and train us in how to maintain the website. We will be migrating from the Rootsweb platform to our own domain which will make it easier for us to manage. Hopefully, we'll be rolling out the new site early in 2011 with Diane Young as our in-house webmaster. The Committee also plans to offer "technology briefings" before each monthly meeting – we'll try to explain things such as how to use our listserv (e-mail mailing list), what's new at the website, using portable scanners, etc.. The Education Committee will be incorporating your suggestions as topics for meetings and Resource Corners in 2011. And, finally, we're offering members help with their specific computer questions through a mentoring program being coordinated by Pam Wilson. A thank you to all members of the committee, plus a special thank you to Landon Kimbrough for all the time and energy he put in to help us design and maintain our current website – Landon and Sherry, enjoy your travels!

The true strength of JCGS is, however, its volunteers. Those of you who put aside a day each week to "work" at the Research Center, those who "work" a couple times a month, you who participate on committees, and, finally, the Society's officers, are all critical to the functioning of JCGS. I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. My cold-addled brain makes me even foggier than usual, so I'm sure I'd leave someone out if I tried to name everyone!

But, a few special mentions need to be made. First, to two people who willingly took on extra challenges, even though already doing a lot for JCGS, Marge Samuelson and Dave Sachi. To Marge who accepted the mantle of Vice President and Dave who agreed to edit the newsletter – a big, big Thank You! Bev Brice deserves continued thanks from us all for being our Librarian – you wouldn't believe all the work she does to keep the Research Center functioning so we can enjoy it! Barb Way, as chair of our Education Committee, spearheaded great meetings during 2010 and is working hard on plans for 2011. Eileen Martin, Harlean Hamilton and Pam Wilson have worked tirelessly to add and update information on Jefferson County residents. And, finally to this year's Washington State Genealogical Society's award recipients, Eunice Franklin and Lesa Barnes, for support of JCGS and record preservation, respectively, another thanks.

If you have time to spare, consider joining the ranks of JCGS volunteer – we have many committees or one-time projects to which you can contribute. We'll be sure to match you up with something that either uses your strengths or meets an area of interest. Don't be bashful – let us know if you want to write an article for the newsletter, send out an e-mail if you want to get a discussion group started, or champion an idea for something new at JCGS.

Here's looking to a great 2011!

Research Center Expansion Campaign

Thanks to all of you who have donated to the Historical Society's Research Center Expansion campaign. As we go to press, I don't know the end result of the campaign, but will keep you informed via the mailing list.

Bev Brice

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.

New Members

WELCOME!

Maggie Smith

Dora Whittaker

Cindy Thayer

Gloria Reed

Mariana VanBlair

Tom Beldin

Evelyn Gunther

Tim & Jo Quackenbush

Phyllis Scidmore

Louise Raymond

Helen Brink

Rene & Steve Marquis

Clark Ruggles

Jane Crow

Michael Shelton

Joan Best

Leslie Lewis

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

January 15 our first meeting of the new year will bring us Clair Smith president of Bainbridge Island Genealogy Society. Clair will be speaking on "Social Networking and Genealogy" Clair has solved some of her puzzles using Facebook and other social networking sites. This sound like a very interesting topic with a totally new way of researching, one to which I am looking forward.

February 19 will be our own Jesse Stewart speaking on "Land Records, where do we find them, what information will be contained, and how do we read them". This should be very informative, land records are one of the more underutilized resources and they just might hold the answer to one of your research dilemmas.

March 19 is our **seminar** with **Donna Potter Phillips** speaking on migration. See page 8 for details.

April 16. Have you ever wondered how to present your research to family members who, perhaps, are not into genealogy? Anna Du Pen will be speaking on "Genealogical Scrapbooking Paper and Digital". Whether you like to play with pictures, documents and other information, learn how to display them in a, hopefully, in an entertaining way.

DISCUSSION GROUPS: Anyone can suggest a Discussion Group to be held at the Research Center. Use the mailing list (wajcgs@rootsweb.com) to see if others are interested in your topic and then contact Bev (bb@olympus.net) to find a free time. You can meet each month or just once or twice, all things are possible!

We are taking a break from the Family Tree Maker group that began in the fall. It can start again if there is enough interest.

Roots Magic Support Group: For those who use this genealogy software program or are considering it. No question is too simple to ask.

Writers Group: How are you planning on sharing your family history? This group is a place to pick up ideas and learn new tricks. Open to anyone whether you have started writing or not. Now is the time to think about it.

New England Discussion Group: those with New England heritage are lucky to have a wealth of information available for research. This gives us a chance to share with others what we have found. Specific topics will be suggested before each month's meeting via the mailing list. Those working in New York are welcome to come as well since many families share a New York/New England background.

RESOURCE CORNER: Our answer to an "Intermediate Genealogy Class" with different topics presented each month.

January: Word for Genealogists #2: Diane Young will follow up on her successful presentation last year with another session on Microsoft Word Software. This time it will including basic skills: margins, default settings, saving, customize toolbar and more advanced techniques: tables, styles, section breaks, auto numbering

February: Organizing and Using Genealogy Computer Files: Bev Brice will share her adventures in moving from a traditional paper genealogist to maximizing use of the computer. Her presentation will lay the groundwork for sharing how you organize your files, and analyze your data. This will be a good opportunity to learn from each other as there is no right or wrong way to do it.

March: Word for Genealogists #3, Diane Young will cover basic skills: indenting, footnotes, copy/paste, widows and orphans and more advanced techniques; indexing, table contents, comments, bookmarks and cross referencing.

April: Maps Online: Eileen Johnston will give tips on how to successfully find the map you want, read it on your computer, and capture an image for future use. Maps are such an important part of research, but particularly when you have families that have migrated from one location to the next. This session should complement the Migration topic of the March Seminar.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY - APRIL

DATE	ALL MEETINGS START AT 9:30 AM AND ARE HELD AT THE RESEARCH CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
Tuesday, Jan 4	Research Center Reopens
Saturday, Jan. 8	Writers Group
Saturday, Jan. 15	General Meeting: Social Networking & Genealogy – Tri-Area Community Ctr.
Thursday, Jan. 27	Volunteer Meeting
Friday, Jan. 28	New England Discussion Group
Saturday, Jan. 29	Resource Corner: Word for Genealogists #2 - Diane Young
Thursday, Feb. 3	Library Committee
Saturday, Feb. 5	Roots Magic Support Group
Saturday, Feb. 12	Writers Group
Saturday, Feb. 19	General Meeting: Land Records – Tri-Area Community Ctr.
Friday, Feb. 25	New England Discussion Group
Saturday, Feb. 26	Resource Corner: Organizing and Using Genealogy Computer Files – Bev Brice
Saturday, Mar. 5	Roots Magic Support Group
Saturday, Mar. 12	Writers Group
Saturday, Mar. 19	Seminar: Migration - Donna Potter Philips – Tri-Area Community Ctr.
Thursday, Mar. 24	Volunteer Meeting
Friday, Mar. 25	New England Discussion Group
Saturday, Mar. 26	Resource Corner: Word for Genealogists #3 - Diane Young
Saturday, Apr. 2	Roots Magic Support Group
Saturday, Apr. 9	Writers Group
Saturday, Apr. 16	General Meeting: Genealogical Scrapbooking – Tri-Area Community Ctr.
Friday, Apr. 29	New England Discussion Group
Saturday, Apr. 30	Resource Corner: Maps Online - Eileen Johnston
1st Friday each Month	Executive Committee Meeting - Everyone Welcome
2nd Friday each Month	Education Committee Meeting - Everyone Welcome

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

By Bev Brice

Life Events: Migration

Sometimes they just keep moving. At least that seems to be the history of my family. For that reason I have been interested in understanding why they moved, how they traveled, what caused them to go where they did.

We have many references in our Library that will help you to answer these questions. I have included a small sampling here.

If you know the ethnic background of your family, it will help to read about those groups to answer the why and how and what questions. This is particularly applicable to those who immigrated to America, no matter when they came. The concept of the FAN Club (Friends, Associates and Neighbors) was a particularly strong influence in these situations.

Early migration (1620-1635) from England to New England: *The Great Migration* series will tell you the location of origin, if known, as well as details about their life in New England. *Albion's Seed* gives background on the various areas of England.

You can learn a lot about German migration in *The German Element in Virginia*, *The Pennsylvania-German in Maryland*, *The Maryland Germans*, and *The Palatine Families, More Palatine Families*, and *Even More Palatine Families* for those who came to New York in 1709-1710.

The Scots Irish moved from Scotland to Northern Ireland and then on to America. Records are often difficult to find for their arrival, but the following give good background on their experiences: *Scotch Irish Migration to South Carolina*, *The Scots Irish of Colonial Pennsylvania*, *Colonial Scotch Irish of Carolina Piedmont*, *The Scotch Irish: A Social History*.

And for those from the Northern regions of Europe: *Norwegians in Wisconsin*, *New Land New Lives*, *Scandinavian Immigrants to the Pacific Northwest*.

The Westward Movement started before the Oregon Trail with families going to Upstate New York, Kentucky, Ohio and the rest of the Midwest, and across the South. It continued on the various trails that led across the country. You might find the following of interest: *The Wilderness Road*, *Running Mad for Kentucky* (includes diaries of travel down the Ohio River and the Wilderness Road) *Covered Wagon Women 1840-1849*, *Cherokee Trail Diaries*.

And finally, how can you even begin to think about migration without access to maps? We have a variety of atlases from various time periods, but we also have these gems: *Map Guide to the American Migration Routes 1735-1815*, *Historic American Roads: from Frontier Trails to Superhighways* (beautifully illustrated) and *An atlas of Appalachian Trails to the Ohio River*, *An Atlas of Settlement between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi-Missouri Valleys 1760-1880*, *An Atlas of Trails West of the Mississippi River*.

I hope you can find the time to stop by the Research Center and take advantage of these great references. Remember you can check them out for 2 weeks.

Jefferson County Research

Life Events: Owning a dog

Wouldn't you love to know what kind of dog your family owned? Besides being fun information, it provides very important data for your research. The registration required information on the area in which you resided. This puts your family in a location at a particular time, just what you need to know to pursue other records. Since we have indexed fewer records for the early 1920s than the earlier time periods, this is a particularly rich resource. It is also important as people from the West end of the county came all the way to Port Townsend to register their dogs, and we don't know as much about them.

The Jefferson County Historical Society collection includes a ledger book recording dog licenses paid by city and county residents 1920-1922. Lesa Barnes has taken the time to index the records so they can be added to the KIOSK.

Remember, the KIOSK is the master index for Jefferson County records which is searchable by surname. This database adds 1183 records to our total.

Information includes:

Name, residence, breed of dog, size and color and gender, fee paid and the date. 7 is the largest number of dogs registered in this three year period. Airedales were by the most popular breed.

Writing about Life Events

by Eileen Johnston,
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John Doe was born....how many times have we read a genealogy starting with those words? So and so begat so and so who begat so and so. Sometimes we get stuck in a writing rut which can turn into a deep canyon. In order to lift your ancestors lives out of that developing gully, you might want to think about recording life events in a different way. Rarely when we meet someone do we start with a long list of "I was born...then I went to school...then we moved...then I got married...then I had children...then I got a new job...then my parents died...then we moved...then my spouse died." While all of these things happened in a natural chronological order, we never speak this way to others. Following are two writing examples, which do you find more interesting?

Chronological writing

Nathan Potter, was born 29 October 1795 in Baltimore Maryland. Son of William Potter and Rachel Horner, he married Elspy Gilmore in 1833 in Licking Ohio and then moved to Jackson County, Iowa where he farmed 120 acres. They raised ten children and Nathan lived to be 86 years old. He was buried, in August of 1879, alongside his wife Elspy who had preceded him in death in 1865, and Nathan was remembered as "a man of sterling integrity and genuine worth." (1)

Events as subject writing

As a farmer all his life, Nathan Potter grew corn, wheat, oats, and potatoes. He also raised hogs, sheep and cattle to keep the family fed and send all ten of his children to school. Nathan purchased 80 acres in 1848 and an additional 40 acres in 1850 from the U.S. General Land Office in Jackson County, Iowa, for \$1.25 an acre. By 1856, Nathan, with the help of his two older sons and his tireless wife Elspy Gilmore, had at least 56 acres under tillage and several more acres in pasturage for his livestock. As the mother of ten children, Elspy no doubt had her hands full in caring for the daily needs of her family, yet, it is likely she grew a kitchen garden and assisted her husband in the making of butter and the carding of wool which was sold to bring in additional income. By 1860, Nathan's worth in land and personal possessions was near \$4,800.00 not a bad ten year return on his original \$150.00 investment. Also finding time for civic affairs, upon his death in 1879, at the age of 86, Nathan was remembered in the community "as a man of sterling integrity and genuine worth." (2)

While it takes effort, friendships are usually based on a series of conversations and shared activities. In order to become friends with your ancestors, you want your readers to learn about them in a way that flows conversationally and gives a sense of the lives they led. You don't need to tell your reader every fact about your ancestor in one conversation. Save some for another chapter on a different topic. Or, just leave some information listed on the Family Group Sheet or referred to in footnotes or listed at the end of your history. You might want to write a chapter based on specific events over the generations, like the weddings of the women in your family, or the kind of clothing they wore or the hardships they faced as pioneer wives or the challenges of continually moving further west while raising young children. The passing down of family traditions and religious beliefs take on new meaning when you see them continued from one generation to the next. Were there any single parents? Write about the struggles they must have faced. The occupations shared by generations of the men in your family may be a subject of interest to help your reader establish a sense of commonality. When your ancestor had an unusual occupation, look up what it means and write about what the job was like. Maybe a chapter on the unusual professions in your family is in order. Any trapeze artists? Colorful characters spice up the family history and give us someone to identify with who had human flaws just like we do. Putting this extra effort into writing about life events as specific subjects, rather than in chronological order may determine if your family consider their ancestors friends or merely acquaintances.

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SPRING SEMINAR

March 19th 2011

Donna Potter Phillips will present a seminar on:

American Immigration: From Where, When, Why and How?

1. American Immigration: From Where? When? Why? How?..... Our ancestors came to America from all over the world, during a long period of time, for a myriad of different reasons and by many differing travel methods. This session will suggest some answers for your research.
2. Squeezing Migration Clues From the Sources There are hundreds of different sources that will yield clues about the emigration-immigration and migration of your ancestors. This session will explore a goodly number of these sources.
3. Emigration-Immigration-Migration Resources Online..... Today it's a given that the Internet holds many (not all!) research answers for us in our pursuit of family history. This session will highlight some of the many online resources and databases for this aspect of research.

Our admission is \$25.00. The doors will open at 9:00am with coffee and fellowship, Heritage Quest will be here selling many of their books, come early to browse and see what new items they have brought. Donna will start her talk at 10:00am with a 45 minute lunch break and a 15 minute afternoon break. JCGS will provide coffee but participants should bring their own lunch. Our seminar should end about 3:30pm.

Seating is limited so register early! We have included a registration form in this newsletter .

For those of you who do not know of Donna here is a brief bio.

Born in the Year of the Black Penny, Donna feels she was always interested in family history and after taking her first beginning genealogy class in 1974 her interest exploded and became her passion in life. In the last almost 40 years, Donna has been continually active in the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society (currently president for the second time), has taken research trips and led groups to Salt Lake to research in the Family History Library for 25 years, has taught classes and given presentations all over the Pacific Northwest, wrote a weekly genealogy column in her local newspaper from 1986 to 2000, and continues to write articles for *Family Chronicle* and *Internet Genealogy* magazines. One of Donna's favorite mottoes is that she never met a genealogist that she didn't like! (She and hubby John have been married for nearly 50 years, have 3 grown children and 8 grandchildren. Son Benjamin and family live in Port Angeles. Her *uber* passion is traveling, learning new genealogy-related technology, gardening and reading. And her little mini dachshund, Tika, has her very own blog: tikasthoughtsandteachings.blogspot.com--- no "www").

Registration Form JCGS Seminar, 19 March 2011

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City: _____

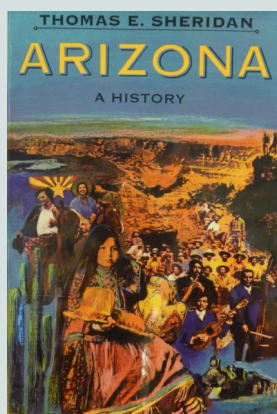
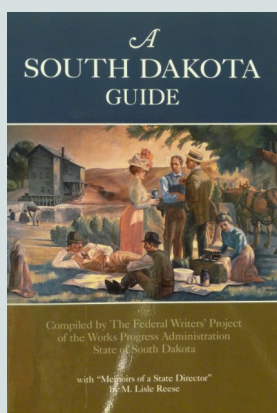
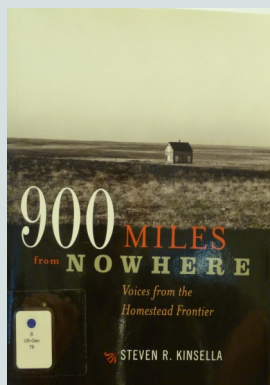
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Enclose \$25.00 per seminar registrant, check made payable to JCGS. Send to

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New Books



NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Title	Author	Comments
A Genealogical Atlas Of England and Wales	David Gardner, Dereck Harland, Frank Smith	God Historical reference as dated 100 years ago
Devil's Gate Brigham Young & the Great Mormon Handtruck Tragedy	David Roberts	Your family or not, an interesting read
900 Miles From Nowhere	Steven Kinsella	Frontier Life in the Midwest
Ten Hill Farms	C. S. Manegold	Discussion of slavery in early New England
Cavaliers of the Dakota Frontier	Wayne Fanebust	Good description of the frontier experience
Strangers and Pilgrims Travelers and Sojourners. Leiden & The Foundations of Plymouth Plantation	Jeremy Bangs	In depth look at the time in Holland. Adds understanding of the Separatists
A South Dakota Guide	Works Progress Administration of South Dakota	Life and Landscape of the 1930s in this state
Guide to Religious Organization and Special Collection- Rutgers University	Donald Arleigh Sinclair	Listing of the manuscript holdings at Rutgers University
Arizona: A History	Thomas E. Sheridan	Good background
Colony of Connecticut Minutes of the Court of Assistants 1669-1711	New England Historical and Genealogical Society	Basic Connecticut reference
Historic Florida Book Collection CD	Historical Archives	38 Books Relating to 18th and 19th Load the browser from the CD to view
In Mountain Shadows: A History of Idaho	Carlos A. Schwantes	A history with pictures
Family Maps of Bossier Parish Louisiana	Gregory Boyd, J. D.	Maps of original land patents
Yolobusha Bound Mississippi in 1850	Chris Morgan	Extensive genealogies of early settlers. Many families went through here
Montana: A History of Two Centuries	Michael P. Malone Richard Roeder	Excellent overview
Ham, Eggs, and Corn Cake	Ron Naugle	1857 diary of travel from New York to Nebraska
History of Nebraska	James C. Olson & Ronald C. Naugle	Covers period to the 1880s
Monmouth Co Articles in Gen Magazine of NJ 1925-2004	Judith Green Watson	An Index

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY (CONT.)

Title	Author	Comments
Somerset Historical Society Quarterly Volume 3 and 7	A Van Doren Honeyman	Completes collection of all but Volume 6
Subject / Author Index to Somerset Co. Historical Quarterly 01-8	Donald Arleigh Sinclair	So you won't miss your families
Somerset Co Articles in Gen magazine of NJ 1925-2006	Judith Green Watson	A handy index for this County
Early Land owners of Pennsylvania Atlas of Dauphin County	Ancestry Tracts	Maps of patented land, includes CD to view maps
Colfax 100 Plus	Edith Erickson	Whitman Co, WA history based on Pritchard family
Cassell's Compact French Dictionary	J.H. Douglas	Very helpful
Loyalists in American Revolution CD	Family Archives	Several Books: Cannot be read on Windows 7. Need viewer of FTM software, older versions
Military Desertions During the American Revolution 1775-1783 Vol 1 and 2	Joseph Lee Boyle	From newspapers 1775-1783 Maine to North Carolina

JOURNEY STORIES

Thanks to the following who have shared their family's Journey Stories. Stop by the Research Center to read the stories.

- Shirley Beebe
- Joyce Blankenship
- Bob Bowman
- Betty Burdyslaw
- Tom Camfield
- Leah Hammer
- Paul and Jackie Hanway
- Eileen Johnston
- Charlie Petersen
- Sally Robbins
- Diane Young

BOOK REVIEW

Submitted by Barbara Larsen

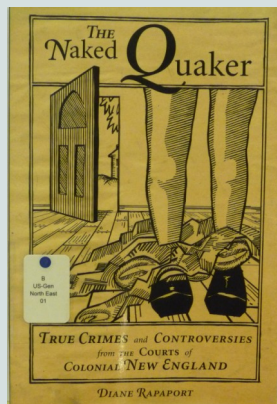
THE NAKED QUAKER: TRUE CRIMES AND CONTROVERSIES FROM THE COURTS OF COLONIAL NEW ENGLAND - By Diane Rapaport

The title of this book is close to the full book report. It is a fun book to read. Wow, what a great way to learn history. Diane Rapaport and others have searched the court records from the 1600s.

A quote from Melinde Sanborn, "Rapaport puts an entertainingly human face on an incomprehensible world where swearing could land you in jail and illicit sex could get you enslaved." Rapaport also writes about conflicts with parents and youth, slaves and servants, frontier justice and neighbor versus neighbor.

There are 9 pages of end notes, a large bibliography and index if you want to further your knowledge.

The book was published in 2007 and is listed as B US-Gen North East 01 in our library.



JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY

By Marge Samuelson

"By medicine life may be prolonged; but death will seize the doctor too." – Shakespeare

The early doctors of Jefferson County were the witnesses to many important events in family life; birth, sickness, epidemics & death. The earliest settlers to our county however had to fare as well as they could when these events occurred, occasionally a doctor, traveling around the area would visit but not on a regular schedule.

These early doctors were called "canoe doctors" because they traveled between settlements by canoe.

People counted on certain individuals in the community to dress a wound or set a broken bone, women took charge when a birth was imminent, help with the sick, and had a shelf of "grandma's remedies" at hand for simple treatments.

Water was the cause of many of the epidemics that hit the area. Drawn from contaminated wells typhoid fever and diphtheria were a danger especially to the young.

When sailors brought small-pox to the community, the victims were sent to the "pest-house," a dreary one-room shanty removed from the towns.

One of the earliest victims of these epidemics was Laura Anna Plummer who died of scarlet fever in 1855 when she was just a year old.

The first doctors worked under primitive conditions, with little equipment available to help them in their work. They also served in emergencies as the local dentist extracting teeth, some even filing cavities. If no doctor was available and the tooth was excruciatingly painful the victim would visit the local blacksmith who would remove the tooth with a pair of pincers!

Because roads were few, it was difficult to serve the outlying farms and settlements. The only methods of transportation were the horse or canoe. Dr. Seavey was called to treat a patient in Quilcene, led on horseback with a local resident, S.H. Cottle as his guide it took thirteen hours to reach their destination. Operations were often performed in the homes of the patients, lighting was poor, and antiseptics and sterilization had not yet come into general use, with the likely hood of blood poisoning setting in.

In 1855 the first resident physician came to Port Townsend, Dr. Samuel McCurdy an Irishman who trained at Trinity College in Dublin. He also established the first Marine Hospital here. In 1858 he sold his hospital to Dr. P.M. O'Brien.

Another pioneer doctor was George V. Calhoun from New Brunswick, graduating from the University of Glasgow, Scotland. After serving at the hospital in Port Angeles Dr. Calhoun bought the Marine Hospital from Dr. O'Brien.

Life was a precarious thing at best and these early doctors tried hard to help their patients during their births, sicknesses and deaths.

Sources: By Juan de Fuca Strait, With Pride in Heritage, history of Jefferson County

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What's New on the Web

By Bev Brice

The New England Historic Genealogical Society website is one of the subscription websites that we have at the library. They have done a complete makeover of their site and it is worth taking a look. The search feature is much more direct than in the past. Fewer clicks between you and the results. There are more options for the search, including soundex, so it is easier to direct your search to the right location.

The specialty of this site is still New England research. There are many, many databases available. In all cases you are taken to an image from the record. It may be an index to probate and not the probate records, but you are not dependent upon a second layer of transcription which can compound errors.

No more trips to Seattle to consult the vital records series for instance. It includes some issues of The American Genealogist, a journal with thoughtful research about New England families, as well as all of the Society's Register which can now be search for surname or subject.

Besides these references, they have been posting many New York resources. The early editions of The New Netherland Connections are invaluable for those of us who have Dutch New York connections. We have the later issues in our library so you have access to the complete set of these newsletters.

For several years they posted a new database a week to the site but stopped the past year as their transition was made to the new site. They promise to begin again, so stay tuned.