

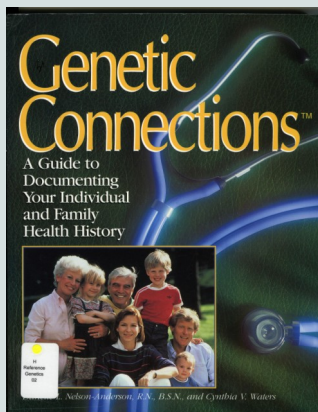
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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The Nuts and Bolts of Genealogy



100 WAYS

By Paul Hanway

There may be 100 ways in which information about an individual or family line can be recorded for posterity. I've tried possibly 50 of those techniques, formats, histories, biographies or autobiographies. The subject(s) can be brought to life, or at least implanted in memory through the use of a wide variety of devices or approaches.

Family lines can be described in a whole gamut of formats and degrees of detail. From the Biblical "begats" format to whole books on a limited number or branch of those "begats" can be recorded or compiled. Conversely, as much or as little as the documenter chooses, can be made of a specific segment of a person's experience, career or some phase of their personal life.

Except for those individuals who avoid introspection for any one of a number of reasons, an autobiography is the simplest form. Who do you know more about than yourself? However, the structure, format and extent of the autobiography provide multifaceted possibilities. Copies of such things as newspaper articles or notices, birth or marriage announcements; wills and deeds can aid in the process one chooses. Artifacts including photographs, (not just of people), can be used in describing an individual's life. Memorabilia such as letters, school report cards, tax returns, dance cards, post-cards, obituaries and many other evidences of an individual's life and death can be used.

On the other hand, a family line can be delineated purely through the use of legal records, such as births, marriages, and deaths, perhaps all recorded in the form of a Family Group Sheet showing several generations.

Several considerations come into play when choosing a format. How much does the writer know of the individual? How much does he or she wish to include in the chosen format? How much does the author wish to describe the interrelationship of a subject with others, and with whom? Just immediate family? Several generations? Specific friends or acquaintances? What

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

By Jesse Stewart

Summer was short this year, at least weather-wise. But I hope you all had an opportunity to visit exotic places, spend time with family, and/or just get outside. I also hope you didn't shelve your genealogy research – but if you did, this fall will be a perfect time to get back to it!

As usual, our Education Committee, ably headed by Barb Way has prepared a great schedule of monthly meetings and resource corners for this fall – please be sure to attend as many as you can. Speaking of Barb Way, a great big THANK YOU, for all your hard work as chair of the Education Committee. Although Barb has stepped down as chair, she has left the Committee with a great framework for developing future programs. We'd really like to have some "new blood" on the Education Committee which is charged with planning our meetings. Contact Marge Samuelson, our interim chair, for more information (THANK YOU Marge for stepping up!).

Paula McNees, JCGS Treasurer, reports that as of July 31st, we had \$19,011 in cash and CDs, and our endowment held by The Seattle Foundation was worth \$103,714. We are on target with our budget for 2011, although we now anticipate lower than expected income due to postponing the Beginning Genealogy Class from this fall to early next year as a result of the construction.

JCGS is *your* organization, so we want to hear from you with your suggestions and comments. Feel free to e-mail any of the officers or just grab us when you see us. And, we continue to encourage you to start discussion groups or get people together to go on a research trip to Seattle. At our July meeting the ListServe was the topic for "Tech Talk" – all you have to do is set up a contact in your e-mail program with the e-mail address of wajcgs@rootsweb.com. When you have something you want to share with other researchers or want to get people together, send an e-mail to this address and almost all members of JCGS will receive it. It's a great way to keep in touch!

Construction Closure:

The new building will be completed early in October. We will have to close the Research Center for about a week to move the Historical Society Archives into the new building, paint, shampoo the carpet, and put in new lights. When the dates are known they will be posted on the mailing list and our website, so please check to be sure we are open in early October.

Holiday Closure:

The Research Center will be closed the weeks of Dec 19th and 26th, reopening on January 3, 2012.

Volunteer Meetings will be scheduled as we see what is needed around the move to the new building.

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are the interests of the probable audience? The writer/compiler may choose either to include or exclude personal interrelationship with the subject(s) based on his or her knowledge of an individual, in terms of the Genesis and the Exodus of the subject.

The view of the writing may be as through the eyes of a disinterested third party, or be liberally strewn with personal vignettes. Focus may be on family or on career; on personality, habitats; travels or travails; hobbies, religion or politics; just to single out a few of the possibilities.

Formats can run the gamut from summary, to outline, to summary with endnotes expanding actions or events or explanations. Reminiscences, photographic histories, chronology, individual or family descriptions to biographical stories or one of several genealogical formats to cover several generations, or several families of the same generation, or a whole family lineage can be used.

Coverage of lineages can run from the earliest known ancestor, wherever, to an American progenitor; from the preparer down to youngest descendants; or back to earliest known ancestors, either limited to those known personally or all of whom research and family lore contributed.

One can write a sentence, a paragraph, a chapter or a whole book about a person, a specific family, a generation, the direct family line, the family within a specific location, a total family lineage, or any segment or level in between and/or otherwise within the desire and the imagination of the writer.

The potentials are literally endless. The choices limited only by the combinations and permutations of all of the possible formats, and personal preferences based upon what result is intended to be conveyed, and for what audience.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

A very warm welcome to our two new volunteers, Paula McNees and Cathy Beatty-O'Shea.

They join the gang of 19 who work to keep the Research Center open Tuesday through Saturday 11am-4pm. It is a huge job that JCGS has taken on and with the reliable commitment of this group it happens without a hitch.

Thanks to each and every one of you. From my point of view it is a privilege to work with you!!!

Bev

DON'T MISS IT!

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

Discussion Groups:

Writers Group:

Everyone is welcome to join the Writer's Group. We want to provide ideas, support and critique, if requested, to those who are writing something about their family history, no matter what form it takes. Even if you are only thinking about doing it, come for inspiration.

New Netherland Discussion Group:

This group is a chance for researchers with families who lived under the Dutch in early New York to get together. We have already found several of us are cousins. Many of these families moved to New Jersey or up the Hudson River. We will be talking about the resources available for these areas, following the families into the early 1700s. **Please note we are not meeting in September.**

Resource Corners

These sessions are an ongoing class in research techniques. Thanks to all the members who help make it happen. This trimester we have the following presentations:

September:

Jesse Stewart will give hints on using newspapers in your research. She will share some unexpected success stories.

October:

No one has found more living cousins than Al Standish, and they have been a major boon to his research success. He will share with us some of the tricks he has used to find these folks.

November:

There is more to learn from Social Security records than the familiar death index. Lesa Barnes has been exploring the possibilities.

New Members

WELCOME!

Carrai Walsh

*Raymond G. and
Gretchen A. Thompson*

Rebecca Pratt

*Mary L. Wood—
Penhallegon*

David and Leone Smith

Bill Conklin

Marianne Raines

Everett and Sharon Ross

CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER 2011

DATE	ALL MEETINGS START AT 9:30 AM AND ARE HELD AT THE RESEARCH CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
September 10, Saturday	Writers' Group
September 17, Saturday	General Meeting: "Organizing Your Family History to Stay Sane" - Mary Kathryn Kozy— Tri Area Community Center
September 24, Saturday	Resource Corner: Read All About It—Using Newspapers in Your Research
October 8, Saturday	Writers' Discussion Group
October 15, Saturday	General Meeting: Online Searching—Eileen Johnston—Tri Area Community Ctr.
October 21, Friday	New Netherlands Discussion Group
October 29, Saturday	Resource Corner: Finding Living Cousins
November 3, Thursday	Library Committee
November 12, Saturday	Writers' Discussion Group
November 18, Friday	New Netherlands Discussion Group
November 19, Saturday	General Meeting: Brick Walls—Education Committee—TriArea Community Ctr.
November 26, Saturday	Resource Corner: Sleuthing Social Security Records
December 10, Saturday	Writers' Discussion Group
December 16, Friday	New Netherlands Discussion Group
December 17, Saturday	Annual Christmas Get together: Christmas Memories—TriArea Community Ctr.
December 19—January 3	Research Center Holiday Closure

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY

By Marge Samuelson

Looking at sources for information on Jefferson County WA involves many facilities, nearby and in other counties.

Jefferson County was created by House Bill No. 20 in 1852. Before that the area was part of the Oregon Territory. It was named in honor of our third president, Thomas Jefferson. It is important to know this date. If your ancestor came out west before 1852 and later moved to Jefferson County you may have to use information from the Oregon Public Records Database.

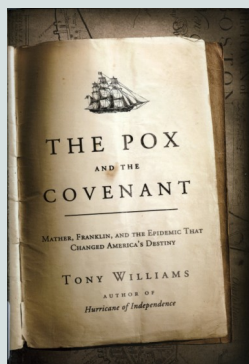
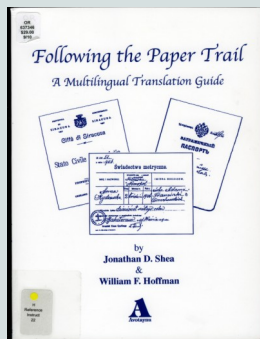
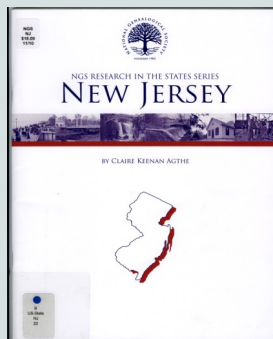
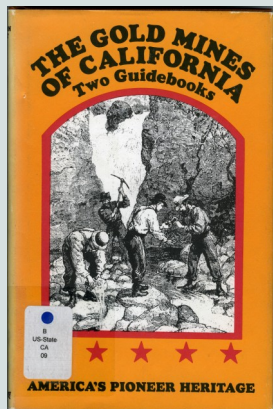
I did a search on Francis W. Pettygrove, one of the first settlers here, and found his full name, Francis William Pettygrove, that he was born 12 Oct 1812 in Calais ME, died 5 Oct 1887 in Port Townsend WA; buried at Laurel Grove Cemetery; Mother Mary McCurdy, father, Thomas Pettygrove; date of arrival in Oregon 1843; married Sophia Roland 21 Feb 1842 in New York City NY. and that he is listed in the 1850 census at Clackamas OR age 26. There was also information on his children, Alfred Benson Pettygrove, born in the Sandwich Islands 1 Jan 1843; Amelia Ann born 1845, Oregon Territory and son Benjamin Stark born 30 Sept 1845 in Oregon Territory, and daughter Sophie born November 1848 in Oregon Territory.

At the Washington State Archives, NW Region in Bellingham WA you can do an online search which lets you view a listing of the Northwest Region Collections. You cannot search by surname but it will list all the records available from Jefferson County Government agencies and you can then make an email request for information on a particular person. Years ago I visited the Archives and did a search through early court records. Pettygrove was mentioned quite a lot, they were all pretty litigious then. Other records are sheriffs records, county court, births, marriages, divorces.

Something I always do is check with the Jefferson County Courthouse to see where the records are. They have marriage records in the Auditor's office along with land records. Early court records are usually at the WA State Archives, you can email them to make sure they are available before you make a trip, or if you know what you want they will copy the records for a fee.

Local sources include the Jefferson County Historical Society Research Center which has an online database, wajchs.org, that you can search by name or subject. They house early records from abstracts, family histories, photographs, and much more. They also house one of the most important archives, the Port Townsend Leader from 1889 to present day, on microfilm, also early copies of miscellaneous newspapers that are encapsulated. The Jefferson County Genealogical Society also has early records they have indexed and you can search on line at wajcgs.org. Knowing what you are looking for and where the records are is one of the most important tools you can use.

New Books



NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Title	Author	Comments
Where to Look for Hard to Find German Speaking Ancestors in Eastern Europe	Bruce & Edward Brandt	List of surnames and locations
The Cultural Life of the American Colonies	Louis B. Wright	1607-1763 development of literature, religion, education, social thought
The Gold Mines of California	America's Pioneer Heritage	History
N G S Research in States Series New Jersey	Claire Kenan Agthe	A thorough listing of records and where to find them
Following the Paper Trail- Multilingual Translation Guide	Jonathan D. Shea , William F. Hoffman	Common forms and phrases in 13 European languages. Very helpful reference
Genealogical & local History Books in Print Alabama- New York, North Carolina -Wyoming, and General and World Resources	Marian Hoffman	A chance to see what is in print in the area you are researching
The Pox and the Covenant	Tony Williams	Describes the introduction of the small pox vaccine to Boston in 1731. Excellent social history

JEFFERSON COUNTY RESEARCH

By Bev Brice

In the early 1900s states began requiring that death records be registered at the state level. This was generally the start of the "death certificate". The date varies from state to state, but in Washington it was July 1, 1907. So was anything recorded before this date? Yes, throughout the United States including Jefferson County, there were records kept at the county level.

In Jefferson County a ledger was kept at the courthouse from 1891-1907. Recorded in chronological order by year the following information may be found:

name, date of death, age last birthday, sex, race, marital status, place of death, disease or cause of death, birthplace, residence, occupation, name and birthplace of father and mother.

JCGS has indexed these records and they are available on our website www.wajcgs.org. If you find your ancestor listed there, we can send you the information from the record.

Beginning Genealogy Class

Due to the uncertainty of the construction schedule this fall, we decided to postpone the Beginning Genealogy Class until January.

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 (or on the last page of this newsletter) 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.

50/50 Book Purchase Program

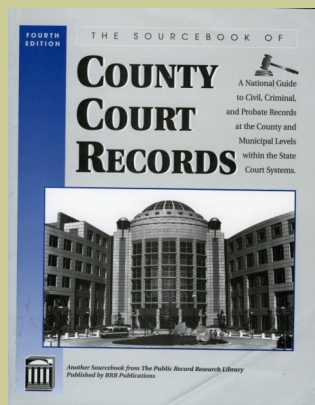
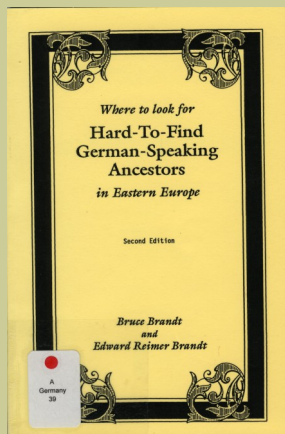
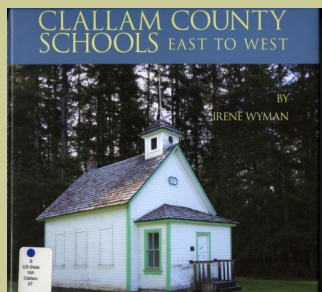
The Library Committee has been busy compiling a list of books for purchase. We found some that we thought would be good additions to our holdings if they were purchased on the 50/50 plan. We split the cost of the book and shipping with a member who then gets to use the book for 6 weeks before it goes on the shelf. Of course, you can always check it out for 2 weeks. Here's the list of suggestions.

50/50	<i>Journeys to the Land of Gold: Emigrant Diaries from the Bozeman Trail, 1863-1866</i>	Susan Badger Doyle	\$95.00	a 2 volume compendium, 24 diaries and 9 reminiscences. 858 pages. Amazon
50/50	<i>Sierra Crossing: The First Roads to California</i>	Thomas Frederick Howard	\$21.95	Doctoral dissertation Amazon
50/50	<i>900 Miles on the Butterfield Trail</i>	A.C. Green	\$27.95	A couple explores the Texas portion of the Butterfield Trail. 304 pages Amazon
50/50	<i>Emigrant Trails of Southern Idaho</i>	Daniel Hutchison	\$34.00.	Amazon
50/50	<i>Emigrants from France (Haut-Rhin Departement) to America</i>	Clifford Neal Smith	\$22.50	Upper Alsacian region of France 2,000 records from the registers for persons whose destination was the U.S
50/50	<i>Emigrants from Ireland to America, 1735-1743 : a transcription of the report of the Irish House of Commons into enforced emigration to America</i>	Francis McDonnell	\$17.41	Amazon
50/50	<i>Great and Noble scheme : the tragic story of the expulsion of the French Acadians from their American Homeland</i>	John Mack Faragher	\$19.95	Amazon

Education Committee—Monthly Programs

By Marge Samuelson—Chair

New Books



The Education Committee is happy to add some new volunteers to our group: Diane Duncan, Barb Petersen, Linda Atkins, Lorrell Louchard, and Diane Young. It will be great to have some new voices to add to the long time volunteers, Eileen Martin, Harlean Hamilton, Bev Brice, Jesse Stewart, Barb Way and Eunice Franklin.

If you would like to join us, we meet the second Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Research Center. Even if you can't attend meetings we would still like your input.

Upcoming programs:

All programs are on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:30 at the Tri-Area Community Center—Chimacum

September 17, 2011

Mary Kathryn Kozy "Organizing Your Family History to Stay Sane." One of the hardest things to do is keep your files organized. Join us and learn Mary Kathryn Kozy's secrets.

October 15, 2011

Eileen Johnston will be showing us the most productive way to do "Online Searching" Eileen is an outstanding speaker with a depth of knowledge on many subjects.

November 19, 2011

The annual "Brick Walls" program. Members of the JCGS Education Committee will be discussing problems members are experiencing in their research. If you haven't sent in your "Brick Wall" there is still time.

December 17, 2011

Annual Christmas get together— "Christmas Memories". Everyone bring a memory of a Christmas past and a snack to share with each other.

BOOK REVIEW

by Barb Larsen

IOWA THE MIDDLE LAND

By

Dorothy Schwieder

Iowa celebrated 150 years of statehood in 1996. How can this be? I remember celebrating the 100th year of statehood. The book is divided into three sections; Early Years, Middle Years and Recent Years.

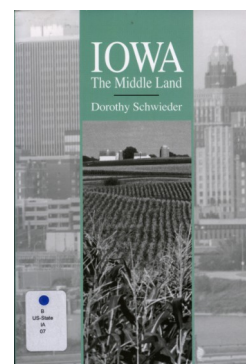
The Early Years cover Native Americans, early settlement, economic development, Civil War era, and cultural diversity. The Middle Years explore religious and educational foundation, home, business and agriculture life along with town and urban living. The Recent Years chapters discuss the 1930s to 1990s.

This is a difficult report for me to write knowing the controversy this author created in my family. Her interviews of cultural diversity do not jibe with the stories my aunts wrote of growing up in the coal mining area of southern Iowa in the 1920s and 1930s.

This is a new book in our library. It is filed under "B US-State IA 07".

It has 380 pages with end notes, index, sources and a few illustrations.

Published 1996 by the University of Iowa Press.



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Research Center Location & Hours

13692 Airport Cutoff Road
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Tuesday—Saturday
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non-members
\$2.00 children

We're on the Web!

<http://www.rootsweb.com/>

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Meetings:

**3rd Saturday
9:30 AM**

**Tri-Area
Community
Center**

**Chimacum,
Washington**

**Visitors
Welcome**

Genealogy Class Registration Form

Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Beginning Genealogy Class Registration
MUST BE RECEIVED BY Jan 20, 2012

Limit of 18 students

Class will be held each Monday Jan 30th to Feb 27th, 2012, 1:00pm to 3:30 pm at the Jefferson County Historical Society Research Center, 13692 Airport Cutoff Road.

Please Complete the form below and mail with your check: to JCGS PO Box 627, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Member, \$30 _____

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