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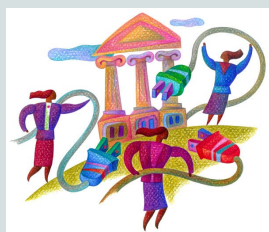
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PRE-HISTORIC GENEALOGY

What you won't find on the internet and where to look.

by Marge Samuelson

Everything is on the internet! How many times have we heard that?

As with our own website wajcgs.org (see *accompanying article on page 4*) you will find free indexes to documents on-line but you still have to contact the source with a request for more information. The great thing about sites like JCGS is you at least know they have the documents you are searching for – or do they? The vital records taken from the local newspaper can be copied, but you will not get the actual birth, death, marriage, or divorce record. For the actual documents, at least in Washington state you will have to write to the State Department of Vital Records for a copy of births and deaths. Jefferson County marriages are found at the courthouse, and divorces are in the Superior court or at the Washington State Archives, Northwest division in Bellingham, Washington.

One type of document you can get directly from the JCGS is the obituaries from the local newspaper. These as we all know are sometimes full of important information.

A trip to a local genealogical society will give you access to reference books, which give the addresses of each state and county genealogical and historical societies, state archives, and county courthouses. You could get them off the web but while at the library you can talk to volunteers who can lead you to other materials that might help in your research. The Fiske Library in Seattle is a good example. Their specialty is New England research and they offer a wide range of programs from Rhode Island research to using maps in your genealogical search. They also have information on other countries along with “how to” books.

The Heritage Quest library in Sumner is another library with a great collection of family and county histories. They also are one of the few libraries that sell books. The Seattle Library and Tacoma Library are also good sources for county and family histories.

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The one thing I feel is well worth the time and effort if you can do it, is going to the county you are researching and visiting the local historical and genealogical societies, the local funeral home and cemeteries. While in the county you will be able to see for yourself the area your people lived in. If this isn't possible, write to the local society or state archives and ask for a list of genealogical researchers they recommend. These are professionals, and though it may cost you a few hundred dollars, it's still cheaper than a trip to Maine!

For military records, **Fold3** has some of the records stored at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. but only a few have been scanned. You still have to make a direct request for the records.

Here is an example of direct contact with a person familiar with the area you are searching. It happened to me a few years ago. I was searching for a gravestone for my great-great grandmother in Minnesota. Researching at the JCGS Library I found in the address book the name and phone number of the sexton for the particular cemetery I was searching. I called him and he was very gracious and said he would call me back. In about fifteen minutes he called from the graveyard and said he was standing in front of her headstone. Not only that, he proceeded to tell me about her daughter with whom she had lived at the end of her life. The daughter was a good friend of the sexton's mother. Small world, and with the internet it is getting ever smaller. Reaching out, talking to knowledgeable people, finding a friendly voice on the phone like a helpful and interested archivist or genealogy volunteer is what makes our search for that elusive ancestor so interesting and fun.

SWEDISH RESEARCH

by Bev Brice

We have recently had a Resource Corner on Swedish Research thanks to Diane Young. We have the following resources in our Library to help you with your Swedish puzzles:

- **Your Swedish Roots:** a "how to proceed" book
- **Swedish Exodus:**
and
- **Cradled in Sweden:** understanding your ancestors
- **Swedish/English Dictionary:** an essential tool

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

By Paula McNees

A few weeks ago, I had the honor of attending my niece's wedding. She has chosen an exceptional man for her life's partner and, of course, the wedding day was a blessed and joyous occasion.

The groom's family came from Michigan, the bride's from Washington. The snowbirds came home for the wedding. The party that followed was great fun and I couldn't help but marvel at my niece's newly expanded extended family. It gave me pause to consider our place in each other's lives and, most importantly, my niece and nephew's new branch of the family tree.

I'm lucky, I guess, that the kids love and honor family the way they do. I have plenty of family history to share and I'm sure my niece's new surname (Psenski) will give her Aunt Paula an excuse to hang around the Research Center. Now...If I can just get organized!

I want to congratulate our Website Committee, Lesa Barnes and Pam Wilson for the stellar update of our website. They took our award winning web page (thank-you Diane Young), bumped it up a notch and have created something quite grand. Check it out and enjoy!

The website is expensive and in need of our financial support. Your contributions to the May 15th **Give-Big** campaign through the Seattle Foundation will help defer costs for the website and guarantee our databases are available for all family history buffs. See the Treasurer's report for more information and thank-you.

TREASURERS REPORT

By Barbara Peterson

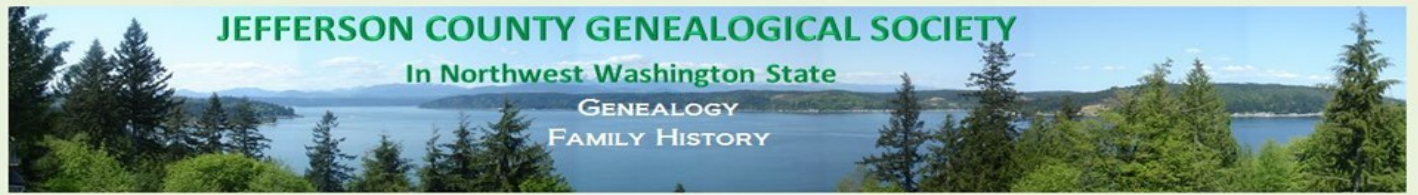
As of March 31 we had \$18,218 in cash and CDs and our endowment held by the Seattle Foundation was worth \$107,862. The Society's total assets, including furniture, equipment and books, stands at \$171,461. Our recent Annual Seminar yielded results very close to the budget figures.

GROW YOUR GIFT ON MAY 15, 2013

The Seattle Foundation's **GiveBIG** is a one-day, online charitable giving event to inspire people to give generously to nonprofit organizations that make our region a healthier and more vital place to live.

Jefferson County Genealogical Society is among those nonprofit organizations that will be able to benefit from this 24-hour event. Any monies donated to us during this event will come directly to us and will be used to upgrade and maintain our services to our members.

Each credit card donation* made to JCGS between midnight and midnight (Pacific Daylight Time) on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, will receive a prorated portion of the matching funds (or "stretch") pool. The amount of the "stretch" depends on the size of the stretch pool and how much is raised in total donations on GiveBIG day. So, if you are already thinking of making a contribution to JCGS, this would be a great time to do it and your dollars will be "stretched" with additional matching funds. For more information you can go to the Seattle Foundation website www.seattlefoundation.org.



OUR NEW, IMPROVED WEBSITE

By Lesa Barnes & Pam Wilson, Webmasters

As some (many?) of you have noticed the society's website has a brand new look. It is fresh and bright and has a clean, easy navigation. It isn't just the website's appearance and navigation that have changed – the entire platform that supports the website has been upgraded.

It's a Fact: 250,000 records are indexed on the JCGS website.

Understanding that users generally visit the website for one of three reasons – to find out what is happening, to access the newsletter, and to engage in research – the website navigation has been greatly simplified. There are tabs for "**Meetings & Events**" and "**Research**", and a simple link to the **Newsletters**; there is also a "**Contact JCGS**" tab.

Under "**Meetings & Events**" you will find the **JCGS Calendar**, information on the various Discussion Groups, and links to pages for the Annual Seminar and the Beginning Genealogy Class. (Yes, these two long-standing annual events now have their own dedicated pages.)

Under "**Research**" you will find links to Free Online Indexes to JCGS Databases, information on how to submit a Research Request, information on the Research Center, and a link to the catalog of the Book Collection, among several others. These links should prove useful to both Jefferson County researchers and those engaged in research outside of the county.

You will see JCGS's new "tag line": **Genealogy and Family History. Local. National. International.** Apparently, there are people who think that JCGS supports only local research. This tag line is a part of a concerted effort to inform the public that JCGS's resources reach well beyond the county's borders.

Other changes include:

- There is now a beautiful new header highlighting Hood Canal and Jefferson County.
- The new website recognizes when it is being viewed on a smart phone or a tablet and the display will be adjusted accordingly.
- Members can now easily keep up with JCGS happenings. Each month's activities will be listed in the right sidebar of the home page, so with just one click onto the website you can quickly review upcoming meetings.
- The upgrade includes many hocus-pocus-bells-and-whistles that make it more fun for us to be your webmasters.

Take a look. Let us know what you think. As always, we welcome comments, suggestions, corrections and kudos: wajcgs@olympus.net. Type "website" in the subject line.

Thousands of Records Added to Website

The **Newspaper Index** has been added to the site. With nearly **22,000 records**, this index of articles from locally published papers from 1860 to 2012 include **Birth Announcements, Announcements of Engagements, Marriages & Anniversaries, Notices of Divorces & Summons, and Public Notices regarding Estates and Probates** (with some guardianships and adoptions). Immeasurable thanks to Harlean Hamilton, Eileen Martin and Marge Samuelson for the thousands of hours they have spent on producing this index.

DON'T MISS IT!

JCGS has a full schedule of events for the coming trimester. You can refer to the "Calendar of Events" in this issue for dates and times or review the events calendar at www.wajcgs.org/calendar/. Here are the details of our upcoming monthly meetings, discussion groups and resource corners:

Monthly Meetings

May 18: Migrations of our Ancestors. Lethene Parks, Library Director for the Clark County Genealogical Society and chair of the Collections Committee for the national Oregon-California Trails Association will present a program on migration patterns in the United States. Beginning in colonial times, Lethene will take us on a journey, maybe similar to that of our ancestors, moving west across the continent. She will also discuss north/south migrations and take us through a mapping exercise.

June 15: Genealogy and Medicine. Drs. Reilly Kidd and Jeff Otjen will visit to discuss the intersection between medicine and genealogy. Among the topics will be diseases and causes of death in the past, archaic disease names (and what we call them today), epidemics, and mental illness (a taboo subject in genealogy no more?). Over the years members have asked for information on diseases and epidemics, so we hope to see many of you there!

July 20: Church Records: A Mixed Bag. Church records can be critical to finding our families when other vital records are not available. After all, baptism generally happens very near to the birth date; death and burial are generally close in days as well. However, church records deserve the title of "most difficult records to locate". Bev Brice will guide us through what can be learned from church records and the crooked path of finding those records. This is one of those times when you have to do your homework!

Aug: No meeting this month so everyone can enjoy the hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer!

Resource Corners

May 25: Poorhouses, Insane Asylums and Other Institutions. Sometimes when people "disappear", they are just hidden away. Pam Stinson and Diane Young will help us explore the institutions that our ancestors may have lived in and how to access records.

June 22: Using the Family History Library. Over the years many of us have ordered microfilms from the FHL, or visited Salt Lake City to take advantage of the extensive collection of records. Both of those options still exist for researchers, and Jesse Stewart will give us some clues on how to find the records we need. In addition, FHL is in the process of digitizing its microfilms

New Members

WELCOME!

Catrina Goff
Dennis Moran
Rose Moran
Susie Pool Moses
Betsy Howell
Barbara Sjoholm
Barbara Stone
Gina Belvill
Ken Porter
Linda Little
Sue C. Priddy
Nancy Boulay
Sharon Garrels
Caroline McNulty
Jodi DelGrosso
Megan Cate
Dorraine J. Rice
Reneé Mizar
Kathy Bare
Karen Polinsky

DON'T MISS IT! - CONT.

and books to make them accessible to the public for free. Already, they've put a lot on line – are you taking advantage of it? If not, Jesse will also be guiding us through finding gems right from our homes.

July 27: Fraternal Organizations. Many of our newly arrived ancestors were involved in associations developed to assist newcomers to acclimate to their community and the larger country. These organizations can tell us a lot about our ancestors and how they became Americans. Diane Young will discuss some of these organizations and what you may be able to discover about your ancestor by his participation in them.

Aug: No meeting this month so everyone can enjoy the last days of summer!

Discussion Groups:

We will take a break for some of the Discussion Groups during the summer.

The Writers' Group will continue to meet the 2nd Saturdays at 9:30 at the Research Center. This is an ever-changing group of members who are thinking about, or have started to write their family stories. All approaches have been tried and it helps a lot to get together and share ideas. This group welcomes newcomers any time.

The Wild West Discussion Group will continue meeting May through July the 1st Saturday of the month at 9:30 at the Research Center. Anyone who has families who moved West will enjoy this meeting of the minds. We share issues like migration experiences, and transportation questions. How DID they get there? What are the historical factors that influenced their experiences?

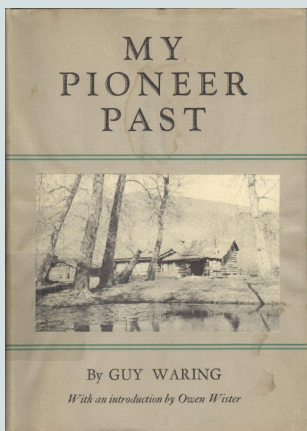
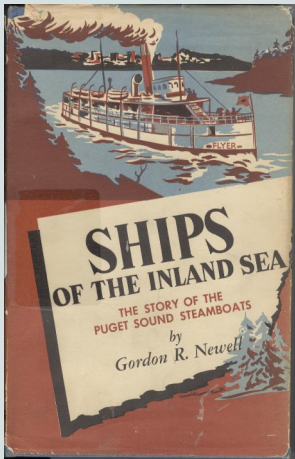
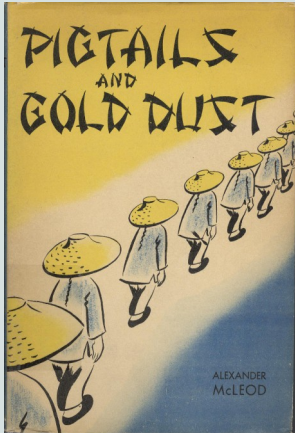
The New Netherland Group will meet the 3rd Friday in May and then take the summer off.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY - AUGUST 2013

DATE	ALL MEETINGS START AT 9:30 AM AND ARE HELD AT THE RESEARCH CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
Sat. May 4	Wild West Discussion Group
Sat. May 11	Writers' Discussion Group
Fri. May 17	New Netherland Discussion Group
Sat. May 18	Monthly Mtg. - <i>Migration of Our Ancestors</i> - Tri Area Community Center.
Mon. May 20	Library Volunteer Training Mtg.
Sat. May 25	Resource Corner: <i>Poorhouses, Insane Asylums, & Other Institutions</i>
Sat. June 1	Wild West Discussion Group
Sat. June 8	Writers' Discussion Group
Sat. June 15	Monthly Mtg. - <i>Genealogy and Medicine</i> - Tri Area Community Center.
Sat. June 22	Resource Corner: <i>Using the Family History Library</i>
Sat. July 6	Wild West Discussion Group
Sat. July 13	Writers' Discussion Group
Sat. July 20	Monthly Mtg. - <i>Church Records</i> - Tri Area Community Center.
Sat. July 27	Resource Corner: <i>Fraternal Organizations</i>
Sat. August 10	Writers' Discussion Group

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

New Books



Title	Author	Comments
The Canadian Pacific	Gibbon, John Murray	History of route across Canada
The Gold Rushes	Morrell, W P	History of several gold rushes are included.
The State of Alaska	Gruening, Ernest	History
The Kilgore Journal	Muench, Joyce Rockwood	Overland trail 1850
Pigtails and Gold Dust	McLeod, Alexandra	The Chinese in the 1850s
Spanish Alta California	Denis, Alberta Johnston	History
The 49ers	Wells, Evelyn and Peterson, Harry C	Feeling for the times
Gold Rush	Read, Georgia Willis & Gaines, Ruth	Journals, drawings, original papers
This is Our Valley	Carlson, Vada	Santa Maria, Calif.
Tom's Town	Reddig, William M	Kansas City, Missouri
Pioneer Days	Hyde, Charles L	From Illinois to South Dakota
The Rio Grande Vol 2 Mexico and United States	Horgan, Paul	History of river
The James River	Niles, Blair	History of river
Seventy Years of Progress in Washington	Meeker, Ezra	From a pioneer's perspective
The Last Wilderness	Morgan, Murray	Historic sketches Olympic Peninsula
Ships of the Inland Sea Puget Sound Steamboats	Newell, Gordon R	Boats and way of life
When Seattle Was A Village	Bass, Sophie Frye	Early history
My Pioneer Past	Waring, Guy	Okanagan County 1885
From Copenhagen to Okanagan	Fries, U E	Immigrants' perspective
Wyoming Cattle Trails	Rollinson, John X	Before statehood

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY

A Big Rock and some Interesting Legends

By Marge Samuelson

Chimacum is a small rural community located 10 miles south of Port Townsend. Named for the Chimu-kuhm ("A brave Tribe of Indians") Tribe whose home it was, it is now mostly farm land. Looking down on the area is a large rock several hundred feet high known as Tomanawos (ritual) Rock. An unconfirmed story was that early on it was used as a lookout point, to warn of approaching warring tribes.

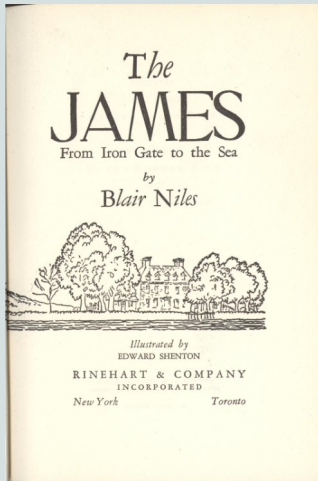
There are many legends about this particular rock, including one related by local author James G. McCurdy in his book *By Juan de Fuca's Strait*. His story is about a strange creature similar to a dragon, covered in golden scales with its eyes emitting a strange unearthly light. The fearful Indians called it No-qu-kios, or devil. Quarlo a young brave decided to fight the dragon, but was unable to pierce its armored body, the creature hissed and stuck out its long red tongue, throwing a spell over the young brave. The creature began licking Quarlo's face with his warm and soft tongue. He followed the young brave to his home on Scow Bay and remained with him for 200 years, giving him untold riches of pearls, seals, otters and fish. When Quarlo died the inconsolable dragon plunged into the sea and disappeared into the sunset. This tale was reportedly told to Mr. McCurdy by the Prince of Wales (Lah-kah-nim) son of the Clallam Chief Chetzemoka.

According to an authority on tribal history, Mary Ann Vincent, who is a descendent of an Indian princess, the rock was sort of an Indian Mount Ararat. Similar to the story of Noah in the Book of Genesis, Mrs. Vincent's story goes, a flood came upon the land, rain fell, and there were high tides. The Indians became concerned, and returning to Port Discovery got into their various canoes, which rose with the tide. The village, trees and everything else were completely submerged. The rain fell for many more days and then stopped. The chief warned all the canoes to stay together. A dense fog set in and they were eventually separated. Some canoes went to the west coast, others to Lummi Island and Canada and some as far away as Puyallup. Only one of the canoes remained nearby. In it was a man his wife and son and daughter-in-law. The tide began to recede and they soon found themselves on Tomanawos Rock. This family was the beginning of the Clallam Tribe. Mrs. Vincent remembered climbing the rock as a child and seeing the petrified canoe.

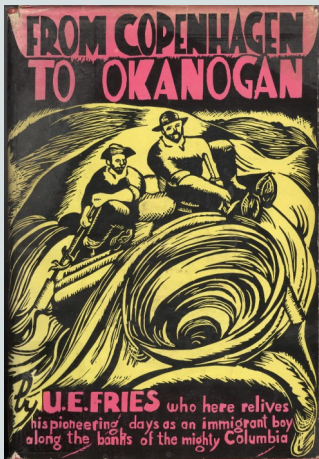
Another story was that told by a Mrs. Theriault, whose mother was part Clallam. Her mother told her a story about a young brave's test of manhood. Yet another story says the rock was a fertility symbol to the Indians. This story was not verified by anyone.

Are any of the stories true? Maybe. Today after many years Tomanawos rock is owned by the Jamestown S'Klallam (Clallam, Klallam) tribe and is considered a Native American Sacred site.

Reviewed Book



More New Books



BOOK REVIEW

By Sue Snyder

The James, from the series "Rivers of America"

Blair Niles

The author, who grew up on a plantation on the James, lived there probably from turn of the century. The series was collected under the leadership of Carl Carmer and other well known artists and writers. Our library contains other "River" books...and they have become collector items. These books were intended to be a literary and not a historical series, the authors being novelists and poets. It is timelessly written and useful as a reference for the family history writer. There is a lengthy bibliography at the end of the book, which I found to be enormously helpful to those who want to know more about this area.

Mrs. Niles begins with the actual finding of the James River and Jamestown and the aspirations of its early settlers, especially John Smith. It introduces the wily and powerful Indian chief Powhatan and his favorite daughter Pocahontas. This is an accurate history written in a narrative form and I personally feel that it is remarkable. It clearly presents a picture of life in the settlement of Jamestown and other communities along the river. There are vital descriptions of the area, along with accounts of the starvation, diseases and deaths of the first colonists. It discusses the bondage, both white and black, that was found necessary to raise tobacco, the Indian friendship reversing into terrorism, the attempts to please and trade with the natives and eventually the fight for food. It is fast moving and entirely readable, and a good way to understand early Virginia history. The author continues with such things as Looney's Ferry, which carried 17th century pioneers across the western end of the James, stories about Bacon's Rebellion and the selfish Governor Berkeley. We read about 18th Century tobacco growers, giving details of that important crop from its planting through its labor intensive growth. There are details of the Civil War. Reconstruction and a most interesting story of Robert E. Lee and his return from the Civil War to the presidency of Washington College and his dedication to Virginia and the James.

The James river watershed is tidal and extends from the East Coast of Virginia, Chesapeake Bay to the Alleghenies near Lynchburg, Virginia. It was hoped that this river would be a route to the Pacific. The later colonists hoped for gold and sent back yellow sand to England in the holds of their ships. But the real gold was tobacco!

JEFFERSON COUNTY RESEARCH

by Bev Brice

School Records

In the early 1900s ledger books were kept to register children for school. These records include the name and age of the child as well as the name of the parents. Sometimes the person registering them had a different last name which may be a clue to family puzzles. In Jefferson County they also list the post office address of the family. There are so many benefits to the records. Not only can you connect a child with a parent and know the age of the child, you have a census of where they lived. These dates help to fill in between the federal census years, allowing you to know when they arrived or left a community. In Jefferson County they exist throughout the county including areas along Hood Canal, Discovery Bay and the West End; areas where we have few records. These records are in the Jefferson County Historical Society collection.

JCGS volunteer Mary Stolaas has taken on the task of indexing these records. Thanks to her persistence over 5 years, we have added an index to the 1901-1910 school records to the Kiosk. She is busy at work on the next batch. When using these records, you will want to look at the original as the address of the parents is not in the index.

Not researching in Jefferson County? Be sure to look for school records in your area of research. A good place to ask about their existence is the local Genealogical or Historical Society. If they do not know the answer, they can probably point you in the right direction. My experience suggests that they are not usually found at the school district office. They probably don't have room for the old records. Sometimes, unfortunately, they have disappeared.

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**Visitors
Welcome**

FROM THE EDITOR

By Dave Sachi

Do you have a story to tell about your personal family history quest? Maybe you've found a great new resource in the Society's library that helped you get on the other side of that "brick wall". Or perhaps you've had some success fleshing out a personal family "character" and you'd be willing to share your methods and results with your fellow members.

If any of these situations apply to you or you would just like to share some of your personal genealogical experiences, please consider contributing an article to an upcoming newsletter.

We're always looking for articles on any aspect of genealogy that would be of interest to our members, especially those from our own group. If you have an idea for an article or even something you've already written and would like to share please contact me by email or phone (contact info on page 11) so we can discuss.

Remember this is your newsletter and your input is our most valuable resource.