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Last Issue of the Jefferson Co. Genealogical Society Newsletter

This will be the final issue of our regular trimester newsletter. In the future we will be communicating regularly with you, our members, by more frequent email notices of upcoming meetings, events, and other genealogical tidbits of interest.

See the President's Soapbox for details.

The Editor

REORGANIZATION OF THE JCGS LIBRARY COLLECTION

By Mary Stolaas

As many of you know, just before I retired from the Port Townsend School libraries, Eileen Martin twisted my arm to get me to commit to managing the library collection for JCGS. The library committee decided we wanted to find a better way to present our collection to our members. After looking at several library programs, we decided to go with **LibraryThing** for its affordability and online access. Although this is not a traditional library catalog program like the public library uses, it does provide us much better access than the current Koisk Library catalog file we have been using. It doesn't have a circulation component.



During the past year, I have spent most of my volunteer time cataloging our collection into **LibraryThing**. Sometimes this was easy as I could find an existing record for an item. Other times I had to create the record myself, a much more time consuming process. Nineteen hundred and thirty-six books later, I have everything but the family histories entered. I will enter them once we have relabeled and shifted the main books.

The Dewey Decimal System was used for our new organization, since most of us have some familiarity with public libraries. We did modify it some to keep marriages, deaths, probates, etc. in the county in which they occurred. Allen County Public Library (one of the largest genealogical library collections) was a great guide when I wasn't sure where to place a book.

Rather than have a year of confusion with books in two different systems of organization, the library committee decided I should enter all the books first then relabel and shift. We started the relabeling and shifting of books in March. The Reference section begins where it did before (on the center set of shelves), then the general collection moves in chronological order to the right and around the end of the shelf then back, finishing up on the back wall near Marsha's desk. The family genealogies will stay in their place by the map drawers. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter the process will be complete. The library will have three major divisions. **Reference** books will have an **R** on the top line of the spine label. **Family** genealogies will have an **F** on the top line. The general collection will begin with a **number**.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

By Bill Conklin

RootsTech 2015

Car enthusiasts attend automobile shows in Detroit, geeks attend technology events in Las Vegas, and genealogists attend RootsTech in Salt Lake City. RootsTech is the world's largest family history conference, and this February I was one of its 22,000 registrants. I never saw all 22,000 at one time, but the Salt Lake City Convention Center is enormous and can easily hide thousands among its lecture halls, exhibition hall, and main auditorium. This year RootsTech and FGS (Federation of Genealogical Societies) combined their annual conventions, which partially accounted for the increase in attendance from 13,000 in 2014 to 22,000 this year.

I spent one week in Salt Lake City. The first two days I worked in the Family History Library, which made me feel like a kid in a candy shop, with thousands of microfilm records to choose from. Day three I attended FGS lectures that focused on genealogical society issues, and the final three days I attended a mix of FGS and RootsTech lectures and events. RootsTech and FGS combined offered 274 class sessions and labs. There were 170 exhibitors, and using my very best self-control, I didn't buy anything during the first two hours the exhibitor hall was open, but over three days, I did some damage to my credit card.

The RootsTech theme for 2015 was "Celebrating Families Across Generations." My informal take on themes was: 1) "Social media for societies: It's not a bandwagon; it's a freight train," 2) "Genetic genealogy: The birth of the DNA revolution," and 3) Technology: websites, blogs, social media, surveys, email marketing, and equipment. I left RootsTech with my head spinning with ideas for JCGS and my own family research.

Next year's RootsTech will be February 3-6. I have no hesitation recommending this convention, and it could be just the excuse you need to fill out your Salt Lake City dance card. If you plan to attend, be sure to make your hotel reservation at least six months in advance. The rest is easy.

Final Newsletter

This is the last edition of our newsletter as we know it. Dave Sachi has done an excellent job as editor, but with the latest advances in communication technology, our newsletter has become less relevant. The newsletter is viewed on our website, but a lot of its information is already on the website, which is continuously updated unlike our every-four-month edition of the newsletter.

We will replace the newsletter with a monthly email to our members reminding them of upcoming JCGS classes and meetings, website discoveries, genealogy webinars, research tips, and more. To do this, we will use the email software MailChimp. This will give our emails a more professional, visually attractive look, like our website. This new design will be developed over the next couple of months. In the meantime, you will be kept abreast of our current activities with periodic email reminders from our committee heads.

Members will have the opportunity to receive "membership renewal notices only" thereby "opting out" of the monthly messages. This could be used not only to simply opt-out, but also to reduce email during an extended vacation. Opting-in and opting-out will be a member's prerogative and responsibility.

Articles that are currently published in the newsletter will be published in another format that hasn't been determined. As long as members continue to write articles, we will see that they are distributed.

The board and I thank Dave Sachi for his volunteer time as editor of the newsletter, and his weekly shifts at the Research Center. He plans to continue volunteering with JCGS and help in determining the format and distribution of our new form of communication with our membership.

REORGANIZING THE LIBRARY (CONT.)

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For your convenience, here are the Dewey Decimal Classifications

000s-	Generalities
100-199	Philosophy
200-299	Religion
300-399	Social Sciences
400-499	Languages
500-599	Sciences
600- 699	Medicine & technology
700-799	Art and leisure
800-899	Literature
900-999	History (most of our books fit here)
910s	Geography (maps and atlas)
920s	Biographies and genealogies
930s	Ancient History
940s	Europe
950s	Asia
960s	Africa
970s	North America
971	Canada
972	Mexico
973	United States
973.3	American Revolution
973.7	Civil War
974	Northeastern States
975	Southeastern States
976	South central States
977	North central States
978	Western States
979	Great Basin & Pacific Slope States
980	South America

You will now be able to search our catalog from anywhere you have internet access. You can access our catalog at www.librarything.com/catalog/JeffCoWAGenealogy. Lesa Barnes has put a link on the society webpage (**JCGS Library Book Collection**.) Also there is an icon for the **JCGS Library Catalog** on each of the genealogy computers at the center. Once into the program, you do NOT need to sign in to use the catalog. There are two search boxes on the right hand side of the page. The top box searches all of LibraryThing (which isn't too helpful); the bottom smaller box is the one that searches our collection. You can search by title, author, subject, key word or call number, etc. I tried to enter as much detail as possible for each item to provide more access points. Once you find a book in which you are interested, note the call number, that tells you where to locate the item on the shelves.

Happy searching!

DON'T MISS IT!

New Members

WELCOME!

Laurie Mattson
JoAnne Heron
Robert "Bob" Logue
Marie Dressler
Robert Ryan
Elsa Golts
Rachel Canavor
Allison Arthur
Marj Iuro
Tom Ovens
Paula Martin
Mary Baker Maly
Carla Abrams
Julie Gertler
Murphy Philipson
Terry & Paulette Lyle
Cindi Fuda
Lynette Fisk
Tony Brenna
Elena Rodriguez-
Brenna

Monthly Meetings: Held on the third Saturday of each month at the Tri-Area Community Center at 9:30am. There is a social and coffee half hour before the program begins at 10am and is concluded at 11:30am. These meetings and programs are open to members and nonmembers alike and feature a speaker on a variety of topics related to genealogy and social history.

May: **Finding and Using Historical Newspapers**, Claudia Breland. Discover more about your ancestors than just the obituaries! Professional Genealogist Claudia Breland will demonstrate the many types of articles that can be found, how to use online newspaper databases (free and subscription), and how to find newspapers that aren't online. Claudia is the author of two books on genealogical research and frequently gives lectures as well as doing research for her clients.

June: **Can You Help Me Find My Cousins? Using Autosomal DNA**, Mary Kozy. DNA, combined with paper records, can answer your hard research questions. Autosomal DNA can identify unknown cousins who hopefully have done research new to you. This type of DNA testing is useful for both men and women. Mary Kozy began her family research at age 13 and in addition to frequently giving lectures has volunteered with US Genweb, Washington State Genealogical Society, and Washington State Digital Archives.

July: **Mapping An Ancestor: Janet Camarata**. Maps are an untapped resource that provides visual clues to identify lost place names, solve family mysteries, identify jurisdictions and locate family owned property. The program will include different types of maps, their value and on-line collections to search. Janet Camarata is a veteran family historian of 30 years and is an experienced instructor having taught for many years in the workplace and at the University of Phoenix.

Resource Corners: On the fourth Saturday of the month, 9:30am, these smaller groups meet in the main room at the Research Center and hear a program, or participate in a discussion of more specialized topics.

May: **Dianne Duncan** will describe the advantages of using Probate Records. She has accessed these on Family Search and will describe how to use the "browse" feature for these important records. Once you understand how to use "browse" other records that have not been indexed will also be available for your research.

June: **Jesse Stewart** will talk about what you need to do to make a research trip productive. Besides the fun of being where your ancestor lived, you can take advantage of information only available on site. To avoid showing up when the library is closed, learn what to look for and how to find the information you need.

July: **Bill Conklin** has been studying the 1620-1640 period of Great Migration from Old England into New England. If your families came during these years, you will gain insight into why they left England and why they stayed in New England. Besides putting your family into a social context of the time, this understanding can lead you to sources of information about your ancestors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY—AUGUST 2015

DATE	ALL MEETINGS START AT 9:30 AM AND ARE HELD AT THE RESEARCH CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
Saturday, May 2	Jewish Research Discussion Group
Saturday, May 9	Writers Discussion Group
Saturday, May 16	Monthly Mtg.- <i>"Finding and Using Historical Newspapers"</i> - Claudia Breland - Tri Area Community Center.
Saturday, May 23	Resource Corner: <i>Probate Records on Family Search</i> —Diane Duncan
Saturday, June 6	Jewish Research Discussion Group
Saturday, June 13	Writers Discussion Group
Saturday, June 21	Monthly Mtg.: <i>"Can You Help Me Find my Cousins?—Using Autosomal DNA"</i> - Mary Kozy—Tri Area Community Center.
Saturday, June 27	Resource Corner: <i>Planning Your Research Trip</i>
Saturday, July 4	Research Center Closed
Saturday, July 11	Writers Discussion Group
Saturday, July 18	Monthly Mtg.: <i>"Mapping an Ancestor"</i> - Janet Camarata—Tri-Area Community Center.
Saturday, July 25	Resource Corner: <i>The Great Migration 1620 - 1640</i> —Bill Conklin
August	No Scheduled Meetings

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORY

By Marge Samuelson

Mothers Day

Lessons learned from our mothers.

The early settlers to Jefferson County included women, even though history books often fail to mention them other than by their married name.

Native American women are even harder to find: settlers gave them names like Indian Kate or Indian Mary, even women who were married to white men.

Whether they were Indian, White, Black, Asian or another race they shared two things, they were women and they worked very hard to provide a home and care for their families.

Most early families lived in a house made of logs, the kitchen was usually a lean-to in the rear. It was a large room and doubled as a laundry room, dining and sitting room. The kitchen included a small, low wood burning cook stove, a "safe" for storing perishables and a table for preparing meals. Water was either brought from an outside well or nearby river or creek.

On laundry day, buckets of water were heated on the stove, clothes put into a tub and boiling water poured over them. Homemade soap was used to scrub and clean them and the water rung out by hand. Perhaps "Blue Monday" came from the bluing water used to whiten the clothes. Clothes to be stiffened were dipped in liquid starch. Ironing was done using "sad irons" heated on the wood stove. The kitchen would be especially uncomfortable in the summer time, in the winter the clothes were hung indoors to dry, with water dripping everywhere.

Today with our computerized washers & dryers, laundry day is whenever we want to do it. One thing that has carried over from pioneer days is the habit of sorting clothes by color.

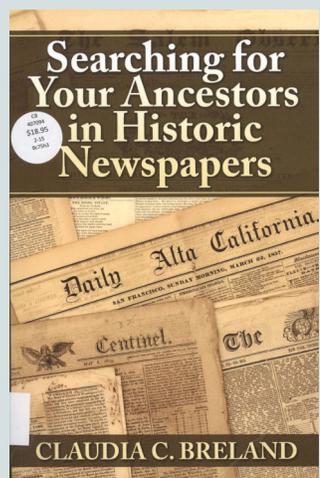
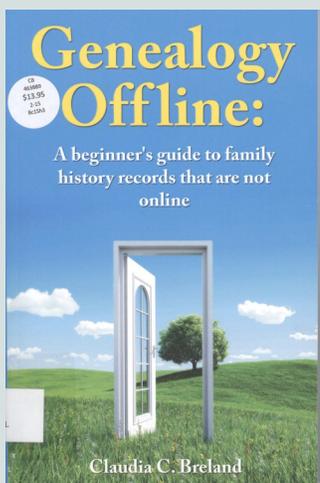
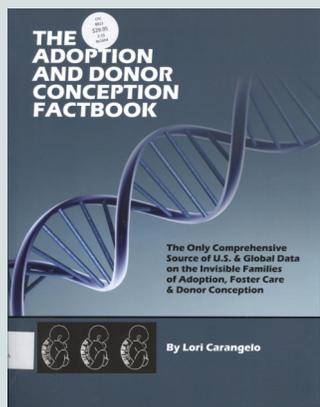
Cooking on a cook stove was a real art. Imagine making bread, pies, meat dishes where there was no knobs to adjust, just the amount of wood to use and where to place the food on the stove. There was no grocery store to visit every day, food was grown on the property and it was usually the mother who tended it, as father was busy with the farm chores.

Clothing was hand sewn for many years, at least until the sewing machine was invented in the mid 1850s but most families could not afford the cost. Knitting and sewing were evening jobs. Imagine having ten children to sew for!

My Great Grandmother worked hard keeping her family clothed and fed, each generation mother's work gets a little easier, but it's still a hard job.

So Happy Mother's Day to all you mothers and when May 10th comes around remember all your female ancestors and pause a minute to think of what their lives were like.

New Books



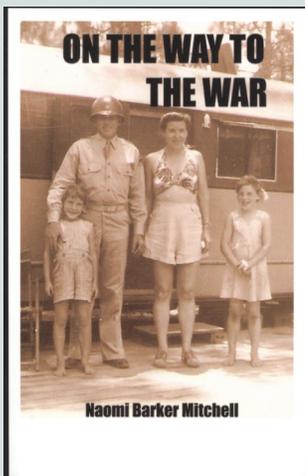
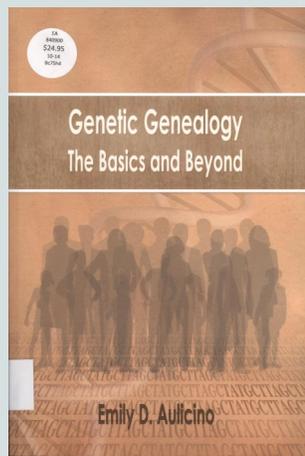
NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Catalog No.	Title	Author
R 929 CARA	<i>The Adoption and Donor Conception Handbook</i>	Lori Carangelo
R 929 BREL	<i>Genealogy Offline: A Beginner's Guide to Family History Records that are not Online</i>	Claudia C. Breland
R 929 BREL	<i>Searching for your Ancestors in Historic Newspapers</i>	Claudia C. Breland
R 929.1 AULI	<i>Genetic Genealogy: The Basics and Beyond</i>	Emily D. Aulicino
R 929.1 DNA	<i>Getting Started: Genetics for Genealogists</i>	Genealogy Gems Publications
R 929.1 DNA	<i>Y Chromosome DNA for the Genealogist</i>	Genealogy Gems Publications
R 929.1 DNA	<i>Mitochondrial DNA for the Genealogist</i>	Genealogy Gems Publications
R 929.1 DNA	<i>Autosomal DNA for the Genealogist</i>	Genealogy Gems Publications
808 JEFF	<i>Jefferson Co. Genealogical Society 30th Anniversary: Short Stories by Society Members</i>	Various JCGS Members
921 MITC	<i>On the Way to the War</i>	Naomi Barker Mitchell
974.8 BARN	<i>Guide to Research in York and Adams Counties Pennsylvania</i>	Robert Barnes
929.14 KONR	<i>French and French-Canadian Family Research</i>	J. Konrad
F929.2 MARO	<i>My Family History</i>	James A. Maroldo
R 929.1 DOAN	<i>Searching for your Ancestors</i>	Doane, Gilbert
R 929.1 HELM	<i>Tracing Your Ancestry</i>	Helmbold, F. Wilbur
R 929.1 HORO	<i>Dozens of Cousins</i>	Horowitz, Lois
R 929.1 PHIL	<i>Heritage Hunting</i>	Phillips, Donna Potter
R 929.1 SMIT	<i>Genealogy is More than Charts</i>	Smith, Lorna Duane

New Books

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY (CONT.)

Catalog No.	Title	Author
921 CORE	Sticks, Stones & Songs: the Corey Story	Corey, Eleanor
974.8 WRIG	18th Century Records of the Germantown Reformed Church of Pennsylvania	Wright, F Edward
974.816 TULP	Tulpehocken Evangelical Lutheran Church register 1733-1747	-
974.841 BREW	Land Records of York County, Pennsylvania 1771-1775	Brewer, Mary Marshall
977.168 RUFF	Zion Lutheran Church Germano- German Township Harrison County (Ohio) Parish Records 1805-1945	Ruff, Paul Miller
979.737 ROBE	Spokane County Cemetery Guide	Roberts, Ann
979.774 MCDO	Making History: The People Who Shaped the San Juan Islands	McDonald, Lucille
979.777 POPP	There is Only One Enumclaw	Poppleton, Louise Ross
979.778 TACO	Tacoma: the City of Destiny 1884-1984	--
R 808.06 TORN	Writing Memoir : an Eight-session Guide	Tornow, Joan
R 920.02 GREE	To our Children's Children	Greene, Bob



THE MAMA DOLL

By Pam Stinson

Most genealogists and historians consider carefully what to do with the heirlooms, the “stuff” of family history accumulated over our lifetimes. Finding a good home for things makes the parting easier.

The granddaughters of Alta May (Evans) Stinson well remember the three-foot mannequin that Gram had rescued from somewhere, left perhaps in one of Grandpa Harold Stinson’s apartment house attics, seen perhaps in a storefront window in Lockport, New York. Gram was the mother of four boys. When the next generation sprouted, she delighted in her ten grandchildren. With five granddaughters, at last came the chance to pass on her many talents and passions: sewing, restoring furniture, baking, canning, love of words, and genealogy.



Mama Doll brought many hours of activity to us as young ones. We dressed and undressed her patiently and included her in our play stories about schoolrooms, family life, grocery shopping. Whether we girls noticed the bandages around Mama Doll’s legs or arms, is unremembered. We probably learned the workings of buttons and bows in part on the Mama Doll. She watched over us as we played, a serene face not unlike that of our own Gram. Our imaginations blossomed.

Our Mama Doll’s popularity peaked at the 100th Anniversary of Lockport, New York (1965) when Gram designed and sewed her pioneer dress and bonnet for the occasion. Interesting to note that Lockport is celebrating its 150th this year!

On several occasions, Mama Doll’s fragile head was injured. She was lovingly packed away and moved from house to house waiting for the next generation. Finally the time came to make a decision about her next, last adventure. Fix her? Scrap her? A cousin’s sharp eye caught the name Futuro at the base of Mama Doll’s stand, and the search ensued. Futuro still makes elastic braces for knees, ankles, wrists. It is now owned by 3M Company. After making a connection with the marketing director, the company paid for the Mama Doll’s return, since it has such historical value. They did not have any other record of such advertising. So the Mama Doll returned to the now parent company 3M, where after restoration, she will be displayed at corporate headquarters. Yes, visitation rights are part of the deal.

I can hear Alta Stinson’s voice if she were to hear how this story ends: “Remarkable.”

Dedications:

Alta Evans Stinson (1887 - 1985) b. Columbus Grove, Ohio. All of Alta’s ancestors immigrated from Wales in the 1830’s.

Nancy Evans Stinson Davis (1947 - 2005)

Dorothy Joyce Stinson Boyles (1949 - 1984)

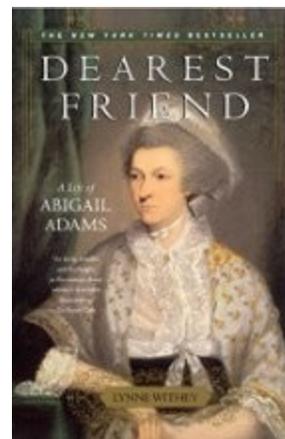
BOOK REVIEW

By Sue Snyder

“Dearest Friend”, by Lynne Withey

The title of this book is Abigail and John Adams’ term for each other in a marriage that was a long lasting love affair, despite John’s frequent absences as a powerful American patriot. I would say that Abigail was the most influential woman in revolutionary America. The author was lucky in obtaining her letters, which revealed her brilliance and her love for John Adams.

She was many-sided; wholly concerned with women’s rights, yet the life and the work of the woman in the home was extremely important to her. She, in many ways, was by John’s side in framing the laws of the new country, and she always urged her husband to “Remember the Ladies”.



Abigail and John married for love, in contrast to Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, whose marriage worked, in spite of their feelings. Abigail opposed slavery, yet she grew up in a wealthy, book loving family who owned two slaves. Abigail’s love of books made her realize how important education was for girls. She was almost totally self-educated, strong in her feelings and sometimes a contrary child and young woman, yet she was very pretty and very charming.

In her day sons went to Harvard and the girls learned household tasks. Mothers quite often taught their little girls to read and write.

She kept the family together during John’s long absences. She was a faithful, constant patriotic wife for the sometimes cranky, but brilliant John Adams.

John Adams was not as popular as Abigail wished, and it hurt her. She felt he was unappreciated. In her middle years she turned into an uncompromising reactionary, but mellowed as she grew older. Abigail made sure that the two Revolutionary geniuses, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, made friends again after a longtime bitter quarrel. They both died on the same day, July 4th, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Abigail and John’s complete devotion to each other is amazing, especially in that the longer they were together the more in love they became. In the end they became almost one soul in two bodies. She died before him in October, 1815.

Abigail Adams is one of my major heroines along with Eleanor Roosevelt. I wish that she and Franklin had the wonderful love affair of the Adams. This book is a great read, especially if you have read the biography of John Adams.

COMING THIS FALL

Save the Dates

Monthly Meeting: September 19th

"*Crossing the Pond*" will be the theme of the monthly meeting in September. Gary Zimmerman will lecture in the morning on what research you have to do on this side of the Atlantic before you Cross Over.

Those who wish can bring their lunch and stay for discussion groups in the afternoon, focused on research in various European Countries.

Brick Walls will fall in November

The monthly meeting will be our annual **Brick Wall** session, reviewing research problems submitted by our members. To benefit from the wisdom of other JCGS members on your research problem, please submit a written summary of your research question and the information you have reviewed.

The form to be completed is available at the Research Center and on the website. We need lead time to do some digging so please put your information together as soon as possible and bring it to the Research Center or mail to JCGS, PO Box 627, Port Townsend, WA 98368; attn Bev Brice.

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Discussion Groups

Discussion Groups are more informal gatherings of members who share a common research topic. They are an opportunity to learn of research strategies and references you haven't tried.

These meetings take place at the Research Center at 9:30 am and are generally held in the kitchen so you can bring coffee or tea with you.

The Writers Discussion Group invites those who are interested in telling their family stories. We share ideas and support ongoing efforts. This is not a critique group, but you are welcome to read something if you wish.

The Jewish Research Discussion Group will continue to explore the difficult task of finding Jewish Ancestors.

Are you interested in meeting up with others that share a specific research interest? Let Ann know at anncandi@cablespeed.com and arrangements can be made for your topic of interest.