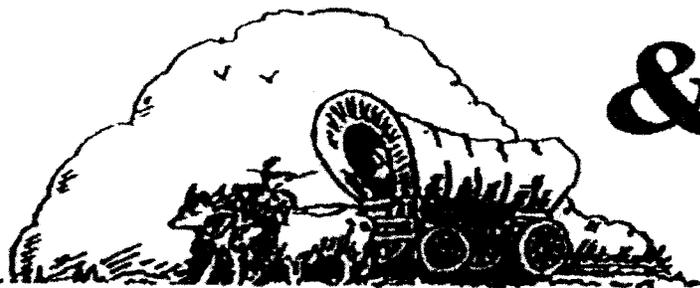


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History is the account of things said and done in the past. In this sense, each of us has a history - an account of where we come from and how we got to be who we are. Communities, likewise, each have a history. So, too, do nations, families, and human groups of every sort. ~ History serves us in many ways. It can inspire us with stories of exemplary lives or caution us with tales of human folly and wickedness. ~ History can inform and educate us by providing the context and perspective that allow us to make thoughtful decisions about the future. And history has the power to delight and enrich us, enlarging and intensifying the experience of being alive. ~ *American Association for State and Local History.*

Cemetery Restoration Bill

A bill has recently been sponsored in the Washington State Senate by Senator Mary Margaret Haugen (Camano Island) that would provide funds to the DAHP for a grant program for historic and abandoned cemeteries.

The bill requests a \$40,000 appropriation so DAHP could make small grants (~\$1500) to assist local governments and local groups to repair, restore, and rehabilitate abandoned and historic cemeteries in need.

The Bill number is SB 5178. To read the full text of the bill, see the following link:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5178#documents>

If you wish to express your opinion on this bill, you should contact your state legislators. If you aren't sure who your state representatives are, this website can help:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>



A Genealogist to the end.

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SOCIETY SURNAME LIST

The surname list is compiled by Surname, Date, Place of Birth and Death of ancestors done on a pedigree chart and turned into Rose Denslinger, 541-296-4140. If you need blank pedigree charts to fill out, contact Rose.



denslinger@gorge.net

When submitting your pedigree chart, there should be a year(s) and an area (county and state) associated with the surname. If these are unknown when you submit a pedigree chart, we count back 20 years from the birth of the first descendent. That date will be used with a question mark. The same area as the birth of the first child will be used for the area.

The compiled Surname Lists are on the shelves of the Genealogy cases in The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library. New charts will be filed in the Additions Section.

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Welcome New Members

Barbara Pashek, John Brookhouse,
Karla Phillips, and Lois and Russell Smith

**25,000 Historical Book Titles
Free Online**

The following was written by FamilySearch:

Salt Lake City, Utah—FamilySearch International reached a milestone today with the digitization of its 25,000th publication online. It began the initiative in 2007 and is ramping up to do even more—and faster. The effort targets published family, society, county, and town histories, as well as numerous other historical publications that are digitally preserved and made accessible for free online. The digital publications can be searched at www.FamilySearch.org (Go to FamilySearch.org, then click Search Records, then click Historical Books).

Photos & Stories Wanted

Do you have an old family photo and/or a story that you would like to share? We would love to see your photos and hear about your family history. Scan your photo and include a caption about the photo or write a short history about the photo subjects. Your photo / story can be about people, places, or objects, such as an old family keepsake. Send photos & stories to lrbriggs@gorge.net



If you want to find a needle in a haystack, you've got to be scientific about it. Otherwise, it's like trying to find a needle in a haystack.



RESOURCE CENTERS

The Dalles-Wasco County Library

c/o Lorna Elliott
722 Court Street
The Dalles, OR 97058
Phone: 541-296-2815

Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday & Monday: Closed



The Family History Centers

The Dalles FHC

1504 East 15th Street
The Dalles, OR 97058
West Entrance, basement
Phone: 541-298-5815 Director: Chris Knowland
Hours:
Tuesday, Wed., Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Goldendale FHC

North Columbus Avenue, & McKinley
c/o Ed Hoyle
P.O. Box 109
Goldendale, WA 98620
Phone: 509-773-3824
Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday Only: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hood River FHC

18th and May, Hood River, OR
c/o Noretta Hornbeck
Phone: 541-386-3539
Hours:
Tuesday, Wed., Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Stevenson FHC

Maple Way and Loop Rd., Stevenson, WA
c/o Emerline Andrews
Phone: 509-427-5927
Hours:
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

William G. Dick Library

The Discovery Center & Wasco County
Historical Museum

5000 Discovery Road
The Dalles, OR 97058

Phone: 541-296-8600, x. 219

Hours: M-W-F: 11 to 3, and by appointment

E-mail: library@gorgediscovery.org

Dufur Historical Society

P.O. Box 462
Dufur, OR 97021
DufurHist@ortelco.net

Maupin Library

P.O. Box 328
Maupin, OR 97037
541-395-2208
SWCLibrary@centurytel.net

Wamic Community Historical Society

P.O. Box 806
Wamic, OR 97063

Returned Check Policy

In the unfortunate event that a check that was written to the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society for any reason, is returned unpaid by a bank then the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will use all means necessary to collect payment of the check. A \$20.00 returned check fee will be charged for each item returned from a bank regardless of the reason it was returned. This fee will be charged each time that an item is returned.

Checks returned for non-sufficient funds or uncollected funds will be represented to the bank after we receive it. Checks returned because of stopped payment, account closed, or refer to maker can NOT be re-deposited. The amount of the check plus any applicable returned check fees will become immediately due and payable by the account holder.

Any returned check item that is not paid promptly will be referred to a collection agency for further action. Returned check items must be paid in cash or cashier's check. The Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will not accept a personal check to pay returned check items (this includes returned check fees).

Those who have any questions regarding returned checks or have had a check returned to the Society are encouraged to contact us as soon as possible. (Telephone: 509-767-2316)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Spring is just around the corner, the days are longer, and there is a lot going on. Lorna and I will have attended the DNA and Scandinavian Research workshop in Clark County. We have a regular meeting in April and the Cemetery clean up in May. We have a membership picnic on the drawing board for summer, as well as a scanning workshop. We need a couple of volunteers to set up a table at the Wasco County Pioneer Reunion on May 2nd. Renee Briggs and Mary Watts have volunteered to do the Wasco County Library showcase in the fall. We have a new membership chairman, but still need a publications chairman. Bluntly, we need more volunteers. We have a great organization, but as with any group staffed by volunteers, success is dependent on not only enthusiasm but energy levels. Please look around and see if there is something you can do to help us succeed. It is so nice when someone walks up and says, "What can I do to help" I was sitting in a meeting of another organization recently when the comment was made that the president's position was easy, that you just had to show up and run the meetings. That is simply not true. The reality is that when no one else is willing or able to do a job, a conscientious president picks up the slack (and sometimes takes the flack) for the good of the organization – only sometimes it turns out not to be good for the organization. The organization has to go on when individuals step down from elective or appointive positions. Someone else needs to know the job. What can you do to help? Think about it..

WORKSHOP

There are always so many things to share but the high point since the last newsletter is our recent workshop. We had a total of 32 participants, and from the feedback I have received, it was a great success. Connie Lenzen kept our attention the entire day with a variety of topics, which she wound together with the importance of accurate documentation and citing sources. I think we all left energized, and maybe a little overwhelmed by the reality that our research will mean little to those who follow us if we don't do it right. Nearly all of our participants were from Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society but Loisell Dahill, from Prineville joined us, as did new members Russ and Lois Smith from Hood River. Another new face was Tom Parkinson, Teddy's husband. He is a self described novice, but left with a book on Polish roots tucked under his arm. A special thank you to Renee Briggs, who chaired the event and to all of you who helped, both behind the scenes and at the workshop – particularly those of you who contributed such a wonderful array of gifts for the ticket auction. We will get a report on our financial success at the next board meeting.

HERITAGE QUEST BOOK SALE

Jim and Deborah Johnson from the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, Washington were participants in our workshop. They had literally

hundreds of titles available for sale. They explained to me that they do about a dozen workshops in the northwest each year as fundraisers for their non-profit genealogy library. As a thank you for allowing them to participate, a book was donated to The Dalles-Wasco County Library in our name. We chose *Ancestors of American Presidents*, (2009 edition) by Gary Boyd Roberts, which outlines the genealogical lineage of all of our presidents including our current president, Barack Obama. Many participants left with stacks of books in hand. The most popular book seemed to be *Google Your Family Tree* by Daniel M. Lynch, which sold out quickly. For information on this library and their book sales the website is <http://www.hqrl.com/>. They will be set up at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, in Portland, on April 18th. For more information on the Google book the website is

http://www.googleyourfamilytree.com/daniel_lynch.php

MEETING DATE CHANGES

Remember that, due to Easter and Mother's Day, we have moved our April and May meetings to the third Saturday. The April meeting will be at the usual time and place. In case there is any confusion, the Board meeting is at 10:30. In place of our regular May meeting, we will take part in the The Dalles Pioneer Cemetery Clean up. We will have more information about this at the April meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Teddy Parkinson has agreed to take on this task. She and Rose will work together in welcoming new members and getting information out to those who join our group. Thank you Teddy.

WEBSITE

A thank you to Cynthia Henschell who has given our website a new look. In addition, you will soon be able to read back issues of *Tales and Trails* on the website. Let us know what you think.

HISTORIC THE DALLES DAYS

I have been asked what the plan is for 2009. Last year we worked with Paulette Brook of the local school district to put on a cemetery walk. Those who participated will remember that we had a lot of volunteers and few participants. In September the cemetery is very dry and dusty, the student participants have only been in class for a couple of weeks, and the totality of participation community wide was small. The HTDD committee discussed this in the spring and decided that it was better to have fewer venues (or destination points) with the focus on the grounds at Fort Dalles. We have an opportunity to have a booth on the museum grounds, like we did two years ago. The Board will discuss this at the April meeting. After the dust settles on **Oregon 150** I would like to discuss having a Cemetery Walk in the spring of the year with student participants. At that time the weather is mild, the flowers are blooming, and as a stand alone event it could be a better draw.

ON THE WEB

The Difference between the World Wide Web and the Internet -- www.dummies.com

People now talk about the *Web* more than they talk about the *Internet*. The World Wide Web and the Internet are not the same thing — the World Wide Web (which we call the Web because we're lazy typists) lives "on top of" the Internet. The Internet's network is at the core of the Web, and the Web is like an attractive parasite that requires the Net for survival.

The Web is a bunch of "pages" of information connected to each other around the globe. Each page can be a combination of text, pictures, audio clips, video clips, animations, and other stuff. (People add new types of other stuff every day.) What makes Web pages interesting is that they contain *hyperlinks*, usually called just *links* because the Net already has plenty of hype. Each link points to another Web page, and, when you click a link, your browser fetches the page the link connects to. (Your *browser* is the program that shows you the Web.)

The other important characteristic of the Web is that you can search it — all ten billion or so pages. For example, in about ten seconds, you can get a list of Web pages that contain the phrase *domestic poultry* or your own name or the name of a book you want to find out about. You can follow links to see each page on the list to find the information you want.

Each page your browser gets for you can have more links that take you to other places. Pages can be linked to other pages anywhere in the world so that when you're on the Web, you can end up looking at pages from Singapore to Calgary, or from Sydney to Buenos Aires, all faster than you can say "Bob's your uncle," usually. Most of the time, you're only seconds away from any site, anywhere in the world. This system of interlinked documents is known as *hypertext*.

Links can create connections that let you go directly to related information. These invisible connections between pages are like the threads of a spider web — as you click from Web page to Web page, you can envision the Web created by the links. What's so remarkable about the Web is that it connects pieces of information from all around the *planet*, on different computers and in different databases (a feat you would be hard pressed to match with a card catalog in a brick-and-mortar library).

Every Web page has a name attached to it so that browsers, and you, can find it. The name of this naming convention: *URL*, or *Uniform Resource Locator*. Every Web page has a URL, a series of characters that begins with <http://>. (Pronounce each letter, "U-R-L" — no one says "earl.")

The USGenWeb Project!

Here is a website that has been around for years. If you haven't visited it recently, you should check it out again, as it is continuously being updated. By clicking on a state you want to research, you will be directed to many other links providing history and genealogy.

All of the information is provided by volunteers working together to provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States. This Project is non-commercial and fully committed to free genealogy access for everyone.

<http://www.usgenweb.org/>

USCIS Establishes Genealogy Program

Customers can now turn to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for help in researching their family's immigration history through the agency's new Genealogy Program.

USCIS maintains historical records documenting the arrival and naturalization of millions of immigrants who arrived in the United States since the late 1800s or and naturalized between 1906 and 1956. Until today, the process to request these records was handled through a Freedom of Information Act / Privacy Act (FOIA) request.

"In many cases USCIS is the only government agency that has certain historical records that provide the missing link which genealogists or family historians need," said Jonathan "Jock" Scharfen, USCIS' Acting Director.

The agency anticipates interest in genealogy to continue to grow. In the past four years alone, USCIS received more than 40,000 FOIA requests for historical records. The new genealogy program will create a dedicated queue for genealogists, historians and others seeking genealogical and historical records and reference services that generally require no FOIA expertise. As a result, USCIS will provide more timely responses to requests for records of deceased individuals.

Individuals may submit genealogy records requests by using the new forms, G-1041 -*Genealogy Index Search Request*, and G-1041A - *Genealogy Records Request*. Both forms are available on the new USCIS Genealogy Program page at:

<http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>.

The fees include:

- Genealogy Index Search - \$20
- Copy of a File on Microfilm - \$20
- Copy of a Textual File Copy - \$35.



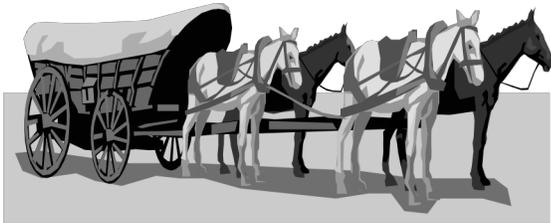
Historic The Dalles Days

Local area historic groups and schools will participate during Historic The Dalles Days in September. The Oregon Territorial Express stagecoach run will be following parts of the historic Dalles Military Road.

Historic The Dalles Days will be sponsoring a live wagon train the along the historic Military Road between Huntington and The Dalles. The wagon train will carry passengers on a route that will pass through the breathtaking scenery of the John Day Fossil Beds and the Painted Hills, arriving in the spectacular Columbia River Gorge and The Dalles on Sept. 19, 2009.

These events will be a fund-raising opportunity for participating schools and non-profits, and to teach an appreciation of our natural, cultural, and social history.

Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of tasks. For information, call Susan Buce at 541-296-3202 or email buce@charter.net or visit www.historicthedallesdays.org or www.Oregon150.org [Historic Dalles Military Road](http://www.historicthedallesdays.org).



Wagon Tales

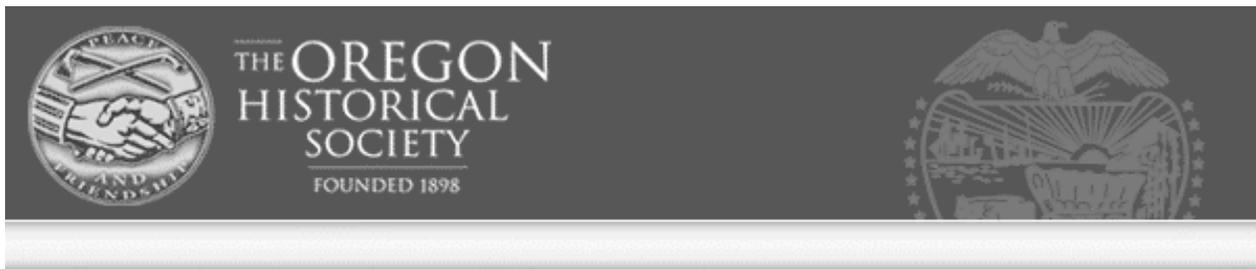
An Oregon-bound airline, in 1849? Don't laugh--it almost happened. Rufus Porter, founder of Scientific American, planned to fly pioneers to Oregon on propeller-driven balloons powered by steam engines. He advertised the endeavor, and 200 brave souls signed up for the trip. But the "airline" never got off the ground.

Then there was the wind wagon, a cross between a sailboat and a wagon. Because it can be very windy in the West, it seemed like a good idea on paper. A prototype was built, and for a brief moment it barreled across the plains at the advertised 15 miles per hour. Then it went out of control and crashed. The inventor, "Wind-Wagon Thomas," kept trying for years, but never succeeded.

Others took a more low-tech approach, making the trip with only a simple wheelbarrow. It's hard to imagine pushing a fully loaded wheelbarrow for 2,000 miles, but several dozen people tried. For a time, they could outpace everything on the Trail, but human endurance has its limits. It is uncertain whether any of them made it all the way.

Mormon handcarts were somewhat more sophisticated. Like wheelbarrows, they were human-powered, but handcarts were pulled, not pushed. Thousands of handcarts made it to Salt Lake City, Utah, but there is no record of anyone taking a handcart further west.

Stop by the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles. There you can see a reproduction handcart on display in the lower level lobby.



Dear Members and Friends of the Oregon Historical Society,

Beginning Thursday, April 2, 2009 the new hours for the OHS Research Library will be:
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We are glad to be able to establish these new hours and appreciate the patience of our members and the public while board and staff planned operations under our new economic realities. Veteran OHS library staff and volunteers will be ready to serve the public.

Sincerely,
George Vogt
Executive Director

1200 SW Park Avenue Portland Oregon 97205
Communications@ohs.org | (503) 222-1741 | www.ohs.org

BUSY SCENES ON MT. HOOD ROAD - 1908

Dee becoming Business Center

New Hotel Completed and Lumber and Fruit Industries Booming There - Many Apple Houses Being Built

With developments that are taking place at and near the new lumber town of Dee it will soon be the busiest and most important town in Hood River county outside of Hood River. With the recent boom in the lumber business the big mill was started up with a large force of men last Thursday and the scene presented there is a lively one.

Two hundred men were put to work in the mill and logging camps near Dee last week and Wm. H. Eccles, president of the company, states that it will be kept running to its full capacity just as long as weather conditions permit. As soon as enough men and teams can be secured both sides of the mill will be put in operation and 300,000 feet of lumber turned out daily. Improvements in the working plant of the mill, include new planer with twice the capacity of any of the other machines in operation, and the lumber is being loaded direct from them into the car.

Another improvement put into use and which is an invention of Mr. Eccles is an electric loading derrick that performs wonders in the way of loading heavy timbers. With its aid a car of 12x12 timbers can be loaded in 20 to 30 minutes and big timbers picked up from the loading platform in any direction. The fine electric plant with which the plant is run and the town supplied with light and water has been found to be adaptable to placing machinery wherever it can be used to the best advantage. The company expects to ship out 4,000,000 feet of lumber during the coming months.

A fine improvement at Dee and one which is particularly appreciated by the traveling public, is a new hotel which has just been completed and opened to the public this week. The hotel contains 25 rooms and is

equipped with all the improvements of a modern hostelry. A ten foot porch encircles the structure, affording ample room for entertainment of many guests out of doors during the warm weather. On the first floor is situated the office, dining room, parlor, a private dining room and a spacious kitchen with large pantries, and rooms build off the porch for the help required to run the hotel. The main dining room will seat 80 guests and a large range with all modern appliances, including hot water, insures convenience in preparing meals. Spring water for drinking purposes is provided. On the second floor are the bedrooms, well lighted and ventilated and electric lighted. Bathrooms and stationery washstands have also been put in and doors lead from the upper floor to the broad porch roof. The interior is finished in weathered oak and with its furnishings the new hotel will be one of the best appointed in the county. Later the grounds around it will be improved with lawns and several other buildings will be built to provide storage rooms. The cuisine of the hotel is under the management of Mr. and Mrs. N.H. Nelson, who have had wide experience in this line and the meals are excellent.

In addition to the development that is taking place in the little lumber town many acres of fruit land are being cleared and set to trees on the bench of land just above it. Mr. Eccles has twenty acres cleared here with five set to trees and Chas. T. Early, superintendent of the Mt. Hood railroad, has ten acres in fruit. It another tract of ten acres belonging to Ezra Monson is also set to fruit. Other tracts are being cleared up and a new county road through this section is being projected.

Traffic on the railroad from the surrounding country is fast increasing and the arrival and departure of the train at Dee presents a scene of business and hustle. Goods, farming implements, supplies and fruit trees are being hauled into the surrounding country and strangers can be seen there daily looking over the country with the intention of investing. Along the line of road many improvements in ranches can be seen and at several points considerable building is being done. At Van Horn the Apple Growers Union has the foundation and floor laid for its big apple receiving warehouse. The structure is 40x200 and will permit the shipping of many thousands of boxes of apples without the inconvenience of hauling them to town. Wilson Fike is also building an apple house near the railroad track on his place. A.I. Mason's new apple house is completed and Aug. Paasch is getting the finishing touches to an apple house that is on a switch of the railroad which is 50x120 feet. Others are also building more storage capacity to take care of their apple crop.

Improvements have been made this summer in the road bed of the railroad and its convenience for both passengers and freight is fast increasing the traffic. With the timber, fruit and other freight shipments and the contemplating extension of the road into the upper valley the new railroad will soon become one of the most important factors in the development of the industries of the county.

*Reprinted from The Hood River
Glacier, Hood River, OR.
September 10, 1908, page 1*

Upcoming Seminars

Clark County Genealogical Society

The annual Clark County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar will be held Saturday, **April 4, 2009** in the CCGS Library Annex - 715 Grand Blvd - Vancouver, WA

Speaker: Emily D. Aulicino.

Her presentation topics will include:

Introduction to Genetic Genealogy: DNA Your Paper Trail and Locating People to Test.

The Scandinavian Genealogical Society of Portland will be presenting the afternoon program.

The speakers & specialties will be:

Gwen Newberg - Norwegian

Fred Hasle - Danish

Carol Steele - Finnish

Some of the topics will be Looking for Ancestors in Records - Census & Parish and Ship Passenger Lists.

Go to <http://www.ccg-wa.org/p5542.htm> for more information.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon

April 18, 2009 Milwaukie Elks Lodge

13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie, Ore

Speaker: Larry Jensen Author of "A Genealogical Handbook of German Research"

Topics:

1. Determining Places of Origin of Immigrant Ancestors
2. Use of Maps and Atlases in German Research
3. Understanding German Jurisdictions
4. Sources in Resolving German Research Problems

See flyer at:

<http://www.gfo.org/seminar/FlyerSpr09ZG.pdf>

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Ghost Hunting on the Internet

with Donna Potter Phillips

- Ghosts: Questions...Internet Stuff You Need to Know
- Ghosts: Learning...Internet Know-hows and How-tos
- Ghosts: Applying...Internet Case Study (with on-site problem)
- Ghosts: Discovering...Internet Pearls I've Discovered

DATE: **April 18, 2009**

PLACE: Mt Olive Lutheran Church 7809 Tieton Dr, Yakima Registration 8:30am Program 9:00 am-4:00 followed by a no host dinner - place to be announced later. Cost: Preregistration \$20 (includes lunch) At the Door \$25 (includes lunch) <http://yvgs.net/yvgs/>

Olympia Genealogical Society

2009 SPRING SEMINAR

Saturday, April 25th. -- From 8:30 am to 4 pm

Thurston County Courthouse, Building 2, Room 129

Speaker: Henry Z "Hank" Jones, Jr

Topics:

*When The Sources Are Wrong!"

*Tracing the Origins Of Early 18th Century Palatine & Other Emigrants

*Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact From fiction In Genealogical Research

*Genealogy in the New Millennium: Where We've Been & Where We're Going

Program Flyer:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/2009seminarposter.pdf>

Seattle Genealogical Society

"Bring Your Genealogy to Life"

Seattle Genealogical Society will host the entertaining John Philip Colletta, Ph.D at the spring seminar, **Saturday, May 16**, from 9am – 4pm at the Sand Point Education Center (6208 60th Ave. N.E., Seattle). Dr. Colletta is a national lecturer on genealogy from Washington, DC. The full day seminar topics are: Breaking through brick walls; Lesser used federal records (homestead files, passport applications, civil war income tax, appointments of postmasters, to name a few); How to assemble a reliable family history; and How to write a readable family history. This promises to be an entertaining and informative day for beginning and experienced family researchers.

Learn more about this Spring Seminar at

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/

or call (206) 522-8658

"Rendezvous 2009!"

A Northwest History and Heritage Extravaganza, including the 2009 Oregon Heritage Conference, the Pacific Northwest History Conference and the annual meetings of the Northwest Archivists and the Northwest Oral History Association, will take place **April 15-18** in Portland. This will take place at the Holiday Inn at the Portland Airport.

Conference information will be updated periodically at

<http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/OHC/Conference.shtml>

GENEALOGICAL CODICIL

Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years. During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. [If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to" and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known]

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

What it took to get an 8th grade education in 1895...

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895?

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina , Kansas , USA . It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina , and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina , KS - 1895

Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of 'lie,' 'play,' and 'run.'
5. Define case; illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time, 1 hour 15 minutes)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. Deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. Wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs. For tare?
4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. Coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft.. Long at \$20 per metre?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt

U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.

7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton , Bell , Lincoln , Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

Orthography (Time, one hour)

[Do we even know what this is??]

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.' (HUH?)
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis-mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane , vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas ?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia , Odessa , Denver , Manitoba , Hecla , Yukon , St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.



the exam took **FIVE HOURS** to complete.

Gives the saying 'he only had an 8th grade education' a whole new meaning, doesn't it?! Also shows you how poor our education system

has become and...maybe we need to simplify things a bit!? We've gotten lost along the way!

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Upcoming Programs

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May 16, 2009 - The Dalles Pioneer Cemetery Clean up. Those who are not able to do physical work are asked to help man an information booth at the cemetery entrance.

June 13, 2009 - To be announced later.