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President's Report



Mentoring: assisting someone in grasping an idea or job. A Mentor....someone who knows something about a subject and aids another person studying that subject.

Everyone is a mentor in their own way. For any club, group, business, Genealogy society or similar to survive. Mentors need to be active. Having coffee with a group of friends can involve mentoring. Helping a child read, bake cookies or learn to ride a bike is mentoring. Speaking to the person beside you at a Genealogy Meeting could begin your adventure into mentoring.

There are tips to help you begin mentoring. You and the mentee need to determine what the subject matter will include i.e. find mentee's mothers family in Iowa. That gives purpose to your first meeting together. You and the mentee should then decide on when you want to meet...once a month, lunch, a walk or over the phone. Your mentee needs to feel that they can say what is on their mind. You are there to help them in their search for family information.

Our Society meetings are chock full of Mentors and a lot of Mentees. Let's begin.

I have almost beaten this subject to death on the computer, paper and in my head. I do believe it is important for the group.

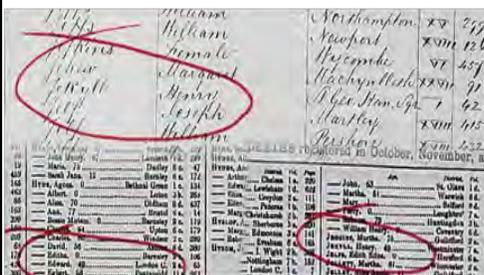
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A LANDMARK BREAKTHROUGH:

Death records for Dr. Jekyll AND Mr. Hyde discovered by findmypast

1 April, 2014

[Digested from findmypast.com article]



A horror mystery Breakthrough!

Findmypast is thrilled to announce an incredible breakthrough in one of the most famous popular mysteries of the last century.

Our stellar London team has recovered the death records of both Dr. Henry Jekyll, and his sometime associate, Mr. Edward Hyde.

This data, in concurrence with some recently-unearthed articles from our newspaper archives, marks the most significant breakthrough in this case since the Victorian era.

Was it Murder or Suicide? [Click here](#) to see all the details of this amazing bit of sleuthing.

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Emma Jean Smith, a true patriot!

By Georga Foster



The meeting room was full on March 14 to listen to Emma Jean Smith, Registrar of the

Celilo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution speaking on the organization and her involvement which spans many years as registrar, a job that is truly mind numbing.

The qualifications for membership are not as easy as it sounds; deep research and proofing is a must



to become a member of the organization. Emma works many, many hours a week helping families prove their patriotic ancestors fought or contributed to the cause of American independence from the British. The organizations motto is "God, Country and Home" and is open to any women 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. The organization will be celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.



At 90 years old, she was asked what will happen to the job when she is no longer able to be the registrar and she said it will be

taken over by another member.

Right now she is looking for a assistant to train in that capacity but no one has come forward to train for the job. The job requires advanced genealogy education in the form of classes and you must pass tests given by the organization to be a "registrar". It requires many hours of research and the knowledge of sources where information can be found. She writes, calls and has even traveled to track down that "clue" to prove an individual for membership eligibility. It is truly a career in itself. The organization is non-profit and is all done by volunteers.

A member of the audience asked Emma what she does to keep her memory, vitality and perseverance since she has the ability to remember the fourth cousin of a family that lived in 6 different places and is 3 times removed from a research many years ago, she just smiled and laughed.

On that, the audience laughed and commended her on her abilities to do such a job at her youthful age. Emma has a following too, several members of the local DAR were present to comment on her job and to cheer her on because they love to see her talking about her work and the organization. We were all in aaahhh at – and in awe of – her devotion, commitment and the depth entailed in the registrar's job.

Emma, you are truly a patriot!
[ED Note: you can contact Emma at 541-333-2285 or pepper-spal65@hotmail.com]

Getting Acquainted

Cathy Orfall



Hi there! I am Cathy Orfall, born and raised in Connecticut, went to Colby College in New Hampshire and had a career as a research chemist for several years in California. I then got my BFA in Interior Design and ran my own business for 12 years. My husband, Warren, was a CPA in CA and then bought a practice in Hood River in 1980. He passed away in 1999. We have two children. Kevin works for the government and lives in Alexandria, VA (and close to the National Archives!) and our daughter, Blair, who is a volunteer coordinator in Portland.

Growing up on the East Coast, I was surrounded by colonial history my whole life. I played on the ramparts of Fort Griswold of Benedict Arnold infamy and wandered thru old graveyards wondering of the many children and early deaths I saw there. Eventually, I started pondering my own family tree and joined Ancestry and "the leaves" got me! Like most, I wish I had started earlier when more of my relatives were alive so I could verify many of the stories I vaguely recalled and the conflicting information I was finding in my search. I have learned a great deal of history along the way and met some very interesting characters, including Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers, a Mayflower

descendant, a WW2 pilot and my husband's fascinating Norwegian clan.

The CGGS meetings have been very helpful to me by suggesting different pathways and online sites to explore and I look forward to the monthly meetings on various topics.



Barbara Sexton

Hi my name is Barbara (Hamm) Sexton I grew up in Lyle, left for about 30 years and came home in the late 80's to stay.

My love for genealogy started when my aunt gave me an envelope that my Great Grandmother had made notes on about her trip across the country with a covered wagon train. She also passed along some early research that a distant relative had done long ago.

While my children were young (in the 60's) one of my favorite past times was interviewing living relatives, identifying picture and belonging to the Seattle Genealogy Society. One of my best Christmas gifts during those years was a typewriter to type my records on. I have continued my research, picture identifying etc. hit and miss all these years. Last year my Christmas Gift to my siblings was note book following our paternal grandfather's line from 1770 to present day.

I have been fortunate to visit the old family church in North Carolina where many generations of my family are buried, also to visit the church in Norway where my mother's parents were both baptized and the home they lived

in when they were first married.

I'm hoping to continue this journey for many years and some day getting it all organized .



Lynn Winters

I was born in Vancouver, WA and have lived several places in the State of Washington: Washougal, Lewis Peak, Dixie, Palouse, Longview. We moved out of state just before my senior year so I did not graduate from a Washington high school but from Carson City, NV. I moved to San Francisco, California after graduation, then the north Bay Area of California followed by northern California.

After twenty years in California I ended up back in Carson City, NV. for the next twenty-two and half years where I retired in 2006. We headed home – to Washington. I am a member of the Washington State Daughters of the Pioneers, Vancouver Chapter. I have never been able to attend a meeting. They are held in Battle-ground, WA.

My mother, Ida Altringer, gave me the history bug. She spent a lot of time researching the family history when it was not as easy as going on the computer. She wrote many letters to family and folks she thought might be related. We visited lots of museums while I was growing up. After my folks retired they spent time following the family trail, visiting cemeteries, churches, looking at records, reading old papers and getting copies. My mother was born and raised in Skamania, WA.

Information about my maternal grandmother was easier to re-

search since many of the family still lived in the area. Mom was also able to trace her father's family. I knew very little about him or his family prior to Mom's research. He died the year I was born. One of Father's cousins took on the task of tracing the Altringer's. A book, 400 pages thick, was printed on the Altringer's from the beginning of the Altringer's in the United States with all their decedents until the time the book was printed. That left my paternal grandmothers side to be researched. Mom had started but passed away before she could finish. I don't think any of the History really gets finished and I carry on.

I am a widow and have three grown sons who live in California. Two step children – California and southern Nevada. Lots of grands and great grands.

I am looking forward to learning more through the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society.

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**Barbara Kiser**



I was born in The Dalles in 1945 and lived in one of the 3 government homes located at the Five Mile Locks along the Celilo Canal. I

attended 1st & 2nd grade at Petersburg School; yes, the original one room country school house. The family moved to Mill City, OR in 1953 and I graduated from Santiam High School in 1963. I then graduated from OSU in 1967. I taught school 1 year in Canutillo, Texas and at

Salem, OR for several years. In 1976 I moved to Madras, OR and worked at the Culver School District for 2-1/2 years. In 1979 I was employed by the Jefferson Co County Clerk's Office. The State of Oregon took over the operation of the judicial system in 1981 and I was appointed supervisor for the Jefferson Co Circuit & District Courts. I transferred to Wasco Co Circuit Court in 2000 and retired 4 years ago.

I have always loved "history". I am an avid reader of books with a special interest in historical novels and biographies. I am intrigued as to what my ancestor's lives must have been like. Both sides of the family had so many children that I find it hard to imagine how the parents could support & manage such a huge household (food, clothing, school, discipline, etc.) without any modern conveniences. Most of my family history and culture were integrated into the "Americanized" way of life way before I was born. As it often happens, you don't seek information about your genealogy until all the elders are deceased and photos, information and records are scattered among the relatives whom you cannot find.

The internet and CGGA meetings have been an excellent resource and guide for me. I have some roadblocks to resolve but the biggest chore ahead is putting it all together. I have no clue on how to proceed on that onerous task. My goal was to have everything completed by December 2014. Well, that didn't happen, did it? I only thought I'd be able

to go back to my great-grandparents and did not imagine I could trace the family back to the 1600's in Norway and Bavaria.

I am looking forward to meeting those in the club who can share their expertise. I now have to "finish what I started"! Dangerous thoughts, huh? I also thought the CGGS needed another "Barbara" in their membership!

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The E. Bunny Family Tree is Discovered!

By Janis Littlefield
(From Tri-Cities GS *Bulletin*, Mar. 2015)
[ED NOTE: Some of the web address are no longer active but those underlined are.]

I was getting caught up on my work with the exchange publications that are delivered to TCGSPeriodical@gmail.com when I saw an April 20th newsletter by Conejo Valley Genealogical Society [conejo means rabbit in Spanish]. The newsletter stated that I should read about the Easter Bunny's family tree. I thought you should read it, too, so here is how to find it:

<http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2009/04/easter-bunnys-family-tree-found.html>

Lorine McGinnis Schulze of Olive Tree Genealogy posted the letter. It seems that a yellowed letter was found in a rabbit hole. The letter was to Easter and signed by Uncle Wiggily. The letter contained details about Easter's ancestors and contained many rabbit names familiar to us all such as Energizer, Bugs, and Brer. Mention is even made about those coming to America and being res-

cued by the *SS Lollipop*. At Ellis Island, some of their last names were changed and that began three family branches. There was even a family scandal involving Cadbury Bunny.

In retrospect, some humans may wish that one of our ancestors would have left them with a narrative letter like Uncle Wig-gily left Easter, or even a tape or video. With the current technology of smartphones and apps, the preserving of memories may be easier.

I was hooked this Bunny tree tale (no pun intended) and Easter Bunny's relationship to the Energizer Bunny, so I decided to see if I could learn more. I found that Easter found a family descendant chart in 2010 that began with Cadbury Bunny and Flopsy. The message was posted on Olive Tree Genealogy Blog at <http://olivetreenealogy.blogspot.com/2010/04/easter-bunnys-family-tree.html>.

Later, Cousin Willy gave a treasured family Bible to Easter because Willy had decided to downsize his warren [a series of underground tunnels occupied by rabbits] and get rid of some items. It even had a picture of Fufu on the cover. See: <http://olivetreenealogy.blogspot.ca/2011/04/easter-bunny-hopped-by-to-share-some.html>.

In 2014, Easter opened a Twitter account with handle @IamEasterBunny. See <http://olivetreenealogy.blogspot.ca/>

search/label/Easter Bunny. Or if you have a Twitter account, use <https://twitter.com/IamEasterBunny> and find the exciting news that Easter is chosen as celeb bunny on "Hop to Find Out Who You Are."

All of these findings are posted by the Olive Tree Genealogy Lady, Lorine McGinnis Schulze. By her admission, Lorine is an incurable collector of antiques, an avid genealogist, and a messy but creative cook. She blogs, writes history and genealogy books. Her main genealogy website is Olive Tree at <http://olivetreenealogy.com>. The site contains many historical facts, free genealogy tutorials, book reviews, and more.

[From Olive Tree Genealogy, online < <http://www.olivetreenealogy.com/index.shtml/> >, Lorine McGinnis Schulze, webmaster <olivetreenealogy@gmail.com>, viewed on 05/01/2015.]

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**MATRIMONIAL TANGLE**

This Uncle Becomes Stepfather to His Brother's Children  
 Oregon City, Oregon, 26 Oct 1909 (Special)

In the office of County Clerk Greenman, this afternoon, a marriage license was issued to Mabel Whitney Wright and E.A. Wright, both of this county. Mrs. Wright was formerly the wife of Robert Wright, a brother of E.A. Wright. Robert Wright accompanied his brother to the courthouse and made the necessary affidavit before the license could be secured. Mrs. Wright was divorced from Robert Wright six months ago. E.A. Wright, who today married

his brother's former wife, is also divorced, his first wife having been Olive Whitney, a sister to the wife he married today.

Mrs. Robert Wright has two children, and the courthouse officials are wondering what relation these children are to their new father, besides his being an uncle and a stepfather to them. Such a matrimonial tangle was never before exhibited in the Clackamas County courthouse.

[From *Morning Oregonian* Vol. XLIX, No. 15,262, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, 27 October 1909, page 1, column 2. Available online at [Historic Oregon Newspapers, oregon-news.uoregon.edu](http://HistoricOregonNewspapers.oregon-news.uoregon.edu).]

[From *Tri-Cities GS Bulletin* for Mar. 2015 Vol. 55, Number 1, Online No. 14]

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The Limitations of Familial DNA Searching

From Dick Eastman's *EOGN* March 10, 2015

The New Orleans Advocate has published an interesting article about the advantages and the limitations of familial DNA searching. I admit I was not familiar with that phrase until I read the article by Jim Mustian. He writes, "Familial searching differs from traditional DNA testing, a mainstream tool used to identify criminals. In familial searching, the number of partial matches — in which genetic profiles share several common "alleles," or variant forms of genes — can be overwhelming."

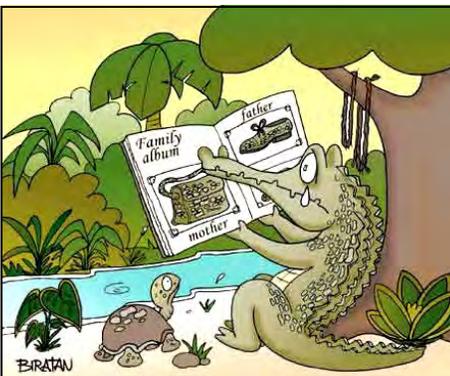
The process is controversial and does not provide positive identification of the individual in question. However, it apparently can identify close family members.

Proponents argue familial searching is a harmless way for police to crack otherwise unsolvable cases. The closest partial matches can steer investigators toward a criminal's family members, whose DNA profiles closely resemble those of a convicted or incarcerated relative.

Skeptics warn that the technique drastically expands DNA testing beyond the function envisioned by states that compel criminal defendants to submit DNA samples upon arrest. Many states lack formal legal rules governing the use of familial searching by law enforcement, while Maryland has explicitly outlawed the practice.

In this case, the police used a genealogy DNA database originally created by the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, a nonprofit whose forensic assets have since been acquired by Ancestry.com. You can read the full article at <http://goo.gl/Vtde3J>.

DUES ARE PAST DUE
At the time this was written, four family and ten single members that paid last year have not sent in their 2015 dues



Pictured left to right: Charlie, Mabel, Salina, and Francis Marion Wyatt

[ED Note: The following article first appeared in the Jan/Feb 2015 issue of The Discovery Center Newsletter and is presented with their permission.]

“Dear Wife”

Civil War Letters from Frank Wyatt to his wife Selina in Dresden, Muskingum County, Ohio

By Sandy Bisset

Settling a new land is unique in that the settlers grew up and had history in other locations. This came to mind a while back when the library was contacted by Idaho resident, Mel Wyatt, asking if we would like digital copies of his grandfather's Civil War letters to his wife. In soliciting information from Mr. Wyatt as to the relevance of his grandfather's ties to the local area, the background of yet another local family came to light.

In 1886 Francis Marion (Frank) Wyatt pulled up stakes in Nebraska, where he had settled after the war, and brought his wife, Salina (Cassingham) Wyatt and children to The Dalles by way of California. The family settled at what the family recalls as Matney, but is often referred to lo-

cally as the Upper Mill Creek Community. Salina Wyatt died there in 1902, is buried in the Matney Cemetery. The accompanying photograph is from the Wyatt collection, and shows their log home on their property on the upper end of “Suicide Grade.” Interestingly, the land claim was filed in the name of their son, Charles, who is mentioned in Barbara Bailey's book, **Upper Mill Creek Community : An Illustrated History**, which is available in the William Dick Library.

Wyatt's son Bert later lived in The Dalles and is remembered as a downtown “mailman” from 1910 until the start of World War I, at which time he enlisted in the military, then returned to retire from the Postal Department in 1937. Our informant, who is Bert Wyatt's son, also grew up in The Dalles.

The letters, 168 in number, date from 16 November 1861 to 22 October 1864, from the time Frank and his brothers joined the Ohio Volunteer Infantry [Company F, 62nd Ohio Regiment], marched then “rode the cars” from Zanesville, Ohio to its final destination

on the eastern seaboard, and when he was mustered out in November 1865. He served up and down the coast from Hilton Head, South Carolina and was involved in other battles and skirmishes in between. Wyatt was a bit of an artist as evidenced by his sketches on the envelopes he sent home. The topics covered in the letters give the reader an insight into the predictable emotions of loneliness, excitement, anger, fear, boredom, and frustration; however, this series of letters also brings to light the concerns of a man who constantly worries about his family back home, the running of the farm and the continued issues of sufficient food and money to sustain his family. We get a peek into what this man notices about his surroundings – sending home descriptions and sometimes samples of the flora and fauna that are new to him.

Another unexpected insight for this writer was the fact that when a group of men from the same place enlist and serve together, there are few secrets, either at home or on the front. The reader gets a small insight into the tensions this sometimes caused. Also interesting are the workings of the postal system during war-time – and a new appreciation for the concept of “postage due.”

These letters are available for viewing at the William Dick Library. Mr. Wyatt has written an informative introduction, scanned the original documents and envelopes, as well as transcribing the contents. In all it is a very well presented package including reference to other

available resources for the Ohio 62nd Regiment.

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**April 25 is a Popular  
 Date for Spring Seminars**

By Jim Bull

If you are considering treating yourself to participating in a spring seminar this year, this month offers a smorgasbord of choices. The problem is they are all on the same weekend.

The **Genealogical Forum of Oregon** will have Laura G. Prescott presenting five topics under the umbrella of “Finding Your Family Beyond Vital Records.”

The session is from 9AM to 4PM at the Milwaukie Elks Lodge, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, OR. Go to [GFO.org](http://GFO.org) for more info.

The **Bend Genealogical Society** will have Thomas MacEntee presenting:

- 7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists
- You Use WHAT for Genealogy? Wonderful uses for unusual tools.
- After You’re Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research
- Managing the Genealogy Data Monster.

[Click here](#) for registration information.

The **Tacoma-Pierce Co. Genealogical Society** has Connie Lenzen presenting:

- Proving a Maternal Line When Grandma Didn’t Tell Us Her Parents’ Names
- Probate Research: Follow the Money
- Break Down Brick Walls with Evidence Analysis
- Lost Parents: Adoption Research.

[Click here](#) for more info. ~~~~~

## Upcoming Events

**April 11, 2015**

**1:00 PM, The Discovery Center  
 CGGS Monthly Meeting**

Linda Colton will lead a round-table discussion on member raised questions or obstacles.

**May 9, 2015**

**TBA**

**CGGS Spring Field Trip**

A couple of ideas are being considered.

**May 9**

**Seattle, WA**

**Seattle GS Spring Seminar**

**C. Lynn Andersen, AG(ICAPGen) will present “Who’s Your Daddy? Researching Your Family History in the Mid-South States”.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

**June 13, 2015**

**1:00 PM The Discovery Center  
 Share Your Timeline**

Members share the timelines they prepared in response to Linda Colton’s presentation in January.

**Aug. 8, 2015**

**10:00 to 3:00 The Discovery Center  
 Tech Event**

Mark Adams and others assist with technology questions/challenges.

**June 27, 2015**

**Ellensburg, WA**

**Washington State Annual Conf.**

David Rencher will be the main speaker. [Click here](#) for more information.

**I sent that 'Ancestry' site  
 some information on my  
 Family Tree.**

**They sent me back a pack  
 of Seeds,  
 and suggested that I  
 just start Over.**

# Other Early WA State Historic Roads

By Jim Bull

In addition to the Mullan Road [see January *Tales & Trails*] there were three earlier roads that were important in the exploration and settling of Washington state. You will see why Lt. Mullan was able to make such rapid progress during his first year of construction as all three already existed.

The portion of the **York Factory Express** between Fort Vancouver and Fort Colville was initially established by the Northwest



Map of the route of the York Factory Express, 1820s to 1840s. Modern political boundaries are shown.

Company in an effort to compete with Jacob Astor's American Fur Company. The eastern terminus of Montreal shifted to York Factory when the Northwest Company was merged with Hudson's Bay Company in 1821.

The primary use of the road varied by season, the spring seeing supplies moved from Ft. Vancouver north and east and the reverse flow of furs in the autumn for shipping to the orient. It was also the main link for any communications between the field stations and headquarters.

The **Okanagon Trail** also had its roots in Hudson's Bay Company activities. Their Brigade

Trail served the northern areas of Alberta, British Columbia and the



Route of the Okanagon Trail. Dotted lines are alternate routes to the lower Fraser Canyon.

Fraser River watershed. The southern part of the trail, between Forts Vancouver and Kamloops, was known as the Okanagon Trail and by the early 1850's use by Hudson's Bay Company had declined.

The discovery of gold fields in the Frazer River during 1858-1859 brought renewed interest in this inland route.

It left the York Factory Express route where the Okanagon River met the Columbia River. It then worked its way northward on several tributaries and lakes and then utilizing a pass via Monte Creek to Fort Kamloops.

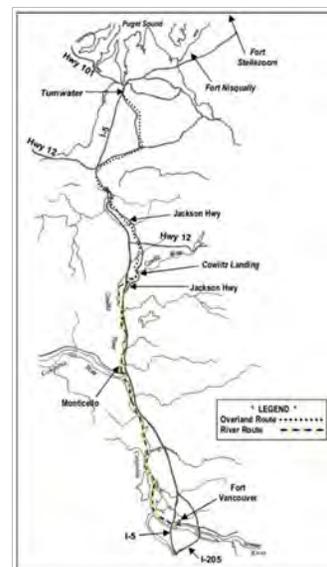
The trail also provided the route for Ben Snipes to drive cattle in 1859 to the hungry gold miners where they paid as much as a hundred times the herd's original price.

The Naches Pass Trail has a long history of human use. It was originally a travel route for Native Americans. The Hudson Bay employees were using this cross-

Cascade route by the mid 1830's. In 1841 a famous United States exploring expedition under Charles Wilkes visited Puget Sound and sent an exploring party over Naches Pass. This group left some of the first written descriptions of this old travel route.

Traces of many of these old routes remain, either as present-day highways, as recreation trails, or as shapes on the landscape. Many of those trails are known to local communities, but few of the old corridors stand out as playing a significant part in state history. One notable exception is the Naches Pass trail, also known as the "Walla Walla to Steilacoom Citizens Trail" and the "Cascade Emigrant Road." Located a few miles north of Chinook Pass, this trail has hosted most kinds of uses, with the exception of a modern highway.

The trails described above served native populations and early day explorers'/immigrants' needs in the eastern two thirds of Washington. The major route serving populations on the west



side of the Cascades was what would become the Fort Steilacoom - Fort Vancouver Military Road.

Early on, major segments of this route were via the Columbia and Cowlitz rivers. It doesn't take any imagination to look at the map and envision current day I-5.

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**5 Things Every Genealogist Should Do in 2015**

From Michael J. Leclerc's Genealogy News Jan. 8, 2015

A new year has arrived. Time to set some goals for the year. Here are five things that every genealogist should do this year. And the best part is that they are all easily accomplished.

**1. Take a Class**

One thing that is certain about genealogy: as you progress with your research you will eventually arrive in a new location. This will require you to learn new resources and research techniques. There are many avenues open to you for learning now. One of the best places to learn are genealogical societies. Your local society can help with genealogy methodology. And societies that specialize in particular groups, or repre-

sent locations your ancestors lived in, can assist you with more specific learning.

**2. Review Past Research**

From time to time it is important to go back and review research you have already done. New records are becoming available with increasing frequency. Are there newly-available materials that support your research findings? Or, are there resources that now contradict your conclusions? Or, perhaps, you can add to the story you already have. Sometimes you can see things you missed before, especially with work you haven't looked at in awhile. So pick up some of your old lines and review them.

**3. Attack a Challenging Problem**

Sometimes as we research we stumble across challenges. Perhaps it is a brick wall line, or one with conflicting answers. Sometimes the problem is that there may be sensitive information involved, an intricate conversation that we are not prepared to have. Make 2015 the year you decide to tackle one of these problems and bring it to a resolution.

**4. Share Your Research**

Whether you've been researching for years, or just a few months, you have probably gathered a bit of information. All too often, we sit on this information, waiting until we are "finished researching" before we share the stories with our family members. Unfortunately, there is no way to know when you will be "finished." And frequently, we are finished before our research is. Don't let your findings get lost. Take the time to share what

you find with your family. And don't just do it once. Come up with several times this year you will share your findings and put it in your schedule to get it done.

**5. Find a Genealogy Partner**

One of the best parts about doing genealogical research is all the wonderful people you meet along the way. And in this case, I'm talking about the living ones, not the dead ones. I am fortunate to have many friends and colleagues to bounce ideas off of, commiserate with, and most importantly, hold my feet to the fire about things. Find yourself a partner (or two or three and make it a group effort). Your jobs will be to check in with each other frequently, talk to each other about your research and goals for the year, and make sure you get some things done. You will be surprised how much this little effort can help.

**20 Do's and Don'ts of DNA**

From Dick Eastman's *EOGN* Jan. 11, 2015

Melvin J. Collier has published an article in his Roots Revealed genealogy blog that I would suggest should be required reading for all genealogists interested in DNA. For instance, Rule #1 says, "Please do not take any DNA test without first trying to put together your family tree. DNA test-takers need to have started working on their family tree or pedigree chart before jumping to DNA. DNA alone will not magically generate your family tree for you."

You can read that and 19 more rules at <http://rootsrevealed.blogspot.com/2015/01/20-dos-and-donts-of-dna.html>.

## Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

### Family History Centers

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| <p><b>The Dalles FHC</b><br/>1504 East 15<sup>th</sup> St<br/>West Entrance, basement<br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>Phone: 541-298- 5815<br/>Director: Sandy Schertenleib<br/>Open: Tue 10am-9pm<br/>Wed 10am-5:30pm<br/>Thur 10am-1:30pm</p> | <p><b>Goldendale FHC</b><br/>N. Columbus Ave. &amp; McKinley<br/>P.O. Box 109<br/>Goldendale, WA 98620<br/>Phone: 509-773-3824<br/>Director Don Morgan<br/>Open: Tue &amp; Thur 10am to 2pm<br/>Wed 1-4pm &amp; 6:30-8:30pm</p> | <p><b>Mid-Columbia FHC</b><br/>18<sup>th</sup> &amp; May St.<br/>Hood River, OR 97031<br/>Phone: 541-386-3539<br/>Director: Linda Colton<br/>Open: Tue., Thur. 10am-5pm<br/>Wed. 10am-8pm<br/>Sat. 3pm-6pm</p> | <p><b>Stevenson FHC</b><br/>650 NW Gropper Rd.<br/>Stevenson, WA 98648<br/>Phone 509-427-5927<br/>Director: Fae Sweitzer<br/>Open: Wed 6pm-8:30 pm<br/>Thur 10am-3pm</p> |
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### Libraries

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| <p><b>The Dalles – Wasco County</b><br/>722 Court Street<br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>Phone: 541-296-2815<br/>Hours: Mon.,Tue.,Wed.,Thur. 10 – 8:30 p.m.<br/>Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.<br/>Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>William G. Dick</b><br/>The Discovery Ctr. &amp; Wasco Co. Museum<br/>5000 Discovery Road<br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>Phone: 541-296-8600 ext. 219<br/>Hours: M-W-F 11-3 or by appointment<br/>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:library@gorgediscovery.org">library@gorgediscovery.org</a></p> | <p><b>Maupin</b><br/>P.O. Box 462<br/>Maupin, OR 97037<br/>Phone: 541-395-2208<br/>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:SWCLbrary@centurytel.net">SWCLbrary@centurytel.net</a></p> |
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Hood River County Library District  
502 State Street  
Hood River, OR 97031  
Phone: 541-386-2535  
<http://www.hoodriverlibrary.org/services/genealogy.html>  
**New Hours:**  
Tues., Wed., Thur.: 10:00 – 7:00  
Fri. & Sat.: 10:00 – 6:00

### Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries

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| <p><b>Goldendale</b><br/>131 W. Burgen St.<br/>Goldendale, WA 98620<br/>Phone: 509-773-4487<br/>Hours: Tue.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>White Salmon Valley</b><br/>5 Town &amp; Country Square<br/>White Salmon, WA 98672<br/>Phone: 509-493-1132<br/>Hours: Tue. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. – Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Stevenson</b><br/>120 NW Vancouver Ave.<br/>Stevenson, WA 98648<br/>Phone: 509-427-5471<br/>Hours: Tue.-Wed. 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.<br/>Thur.-Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> |
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### Other

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| <p><b>Dufur Historical Society</b><br/>P.O. Box 462<br/>Dufur, OR 97021<br/><a href="mailto:dufurhist@ortelco.net">dufurhist@ortelco.net</a></p> | <p><b>Wamic Hist. Society</b><br/>P.O. Box 806<br/>Wamic, OR 9706</p>                                   | <p><b>Wasco Co. Hist. Society</b><br/>300 W. 13<sup>th</sup><br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>541-296-1867</p> | <p><b>Klickitat Co. Hist. Society</b><br/>127 W. Broadway<br/>Goldendale, WA 98620<br/>509-773-4303</p>     |
| <p><b>Sherman Co. Hist. Museum</b><br/>200 Dewey St.<br/>Moro, OR 97039<br/>541-565-3232</p>                                                     | <p><b>Hood River Co. Mus.</b><br/>300 E. Port Marina. Dr.<br/>Hood River. OR 97031<br/>541-386-6722</p> | <p><b>Gorge Heritage Mus.</b><br/>202 E. Humboldt<br/>Bingen, WA 98605<br/>509-493-3228</p>                | <p><b>Col. Gorge Interpretive Mus.</b><br/>990 SW Rock Cr. Dr.<br/>Stevenson, WA 98648<br/>509-427-8211</p> |
| <p><b>Fort Dalles Museum</b><br/>W 15<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; Garrison<br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>541-296-4547</p>                              | <p><b>Hutson Museum</b><br/>4967 Baseline Dr.<br/>Parkdale, OR 97041<br/>541-352-6808</p>               | <p><b>Cascade Locks Hist. Mus.</b><br/>1 NW Portage Rd<br/>Cascade Locks, OR 97014<br/>541-374-8535</p>    | <p><b>Presby Museum</b><br/>127 West Broadway<br/>Goldendale, WA 98620<br/>509-773-4303</p>                 |

## Using Google BEFORE Using Family Search & Ancestry

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### 1. Bookmark and always start at the website [www.google.com/advanced\\_search](http://www.google.com/advanced_search).

**2. If simply using [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), use a “who-when-where” approach in your search.** When starting your search, enter a who, when and where right from the start. If you don't get the results you're looking for, gradually eliminate words.

#### EXAMPLES:

Charles Fraser Berry 1863..1913 Detroit Michigan (we'll talk about those dots between the dates further down)

Charles Berry 1913 Detroit

Berry 1913 Detroit

**3. Word order is important.** Google's search results are ranked in the order in which you entered the words. The first word will be given the highest priority, then the second, then the third, etc. When typing in search terms, put the most important word first. (*note: ALL words count, so leave out unnecessary ones!*)

#### EXAMPLES:

To use Google's own example, if you enter WHO, the first results will be about the World Health Organization.

If you enter A WHO, the first results will be about the book, Horton Hears a Who.

If you enter THE WHO, the first results will be about the band.

**4. Use quotation marks (“ ”) around a single word/set of words to get that exact result.** Putting quotation marks around a word/set of words (without any spaces) tells Google you only want results exactly as you've typed. Without the use of quotation marks, Google will give you websites that may have one but not the other word.

#### EXAMPLES:

“Charles Fraser Berry” “Detroit Wayne County Michigan” (*will not get results for Charles F Berry*)

“Charles F Berry” “Detroit Wayne Michigan” (*will not get results for Charles Berry*)

“Charles Berry” “Detroit Michigan” (*will not get results for Berry Charles, as obituaries are set up*)

“Berry Charles” “Detroit MI” (*will not get results for Charles Berry*)

“Chas Berry” “Detroit” (*will not get results for Charles Berry*)

**5. Use the minus sign ( - ) in front of a word or set of words that you do not want in your results.** Putting the minus sign directly before a word (no space between the minus and word) or a set of words (using quotation marks) tells Google to eliminate results containing that word. You can use many, many minuses in a single search field.

#### EXAMPLES:

“Gerald Gardener” -garden -soil -“master gardener”

“Jonathon Cook” -chef -cooking -“head cook”

**6. Use the asterisk ( \* ) as a wildcard to replace one or more words (not letters) in a phrase.**

#### EXAMPLES:

“Charles \* Berry” “August \* 1863” (*results include websites listing Charles' birthday as August 14 1863*)

NOTE: Google previously allowed an asterisk ( \* ) to replace multiple unknown letters or numbers in a word or phrase, and a question mark ( ? ) to replace a single unknown letter or number in a word or phrase. This feature is no longer supported.

See <http://tinyurl.com/4OB37N> for more details on using wildcards on Google.com

See <http://tinyurl.com/P4OLFKF> for more details on using wildcards on FamilySearch.org.

See <http://tinyurl.com/QE6L9GW> for more details on using wildcards on Ancestry.com.

**7. Use the uppercase word OR to reduce the number of searches you do.** Google is not case-sensitive except with the word OR. Adding the word OR between your words or sets of words reduces the number of searches you'll need to perform.

EXAMPLES:

"Charles Fraser Berry" OR "Charles F Berry" OR "Berry Charles" or "C.F. Berry" (*note that, regardless of the periods after the initials, Google will return results including "CF Berry" and "C F Berry"*)

"Charles Berry" Detroit OR Michigan

**8. Use the tilde symbol ( ~ ) when you would like Google to give you relevant synonyms.** Putting the tilde symbol (~) directly in front of a word or set of words (no space between the tilde and the word, and no quotation marks needed for sets of words) allows Google to give you relevant synonyms in your results.

EXAMPLES:

"Charles Berry" ~vital records (*note that quotation marks were not needed around the phrase vital records, yet results still include "birth records" and "death records"*)

Michigan ~land records (*results include "registry of deeds" and "property records"*)

**9. Use two periods ( .. ) to narrow down a range of dates.** To search a range of years, type the earliest year, then two periods, then the latest year (do not put any spaces between the years and the two periods).

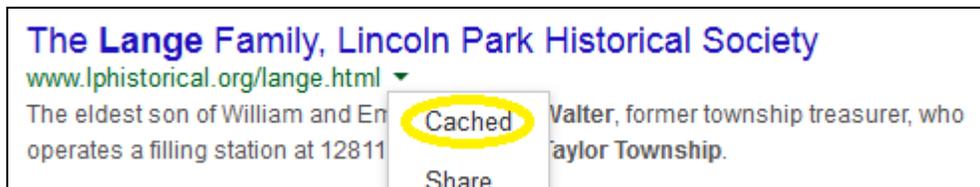
*NOTE: The ellipsis ( ... ) had been used previously, but is now replaced by two periods.*

EXAMPLES:

"Charles Fraser Berry" 1860..1920

"Berry Charles" obituary 1915..1925

**10. Review Google's Cached pages.** Sometimes pages are updated or deleted, but Google captures images of these pages prior to the change, giving you the opportunity to see the original one. In your Google search results, click on the downward-facing arrow at the end of a given link - a drop-down menu appears, and you can click on the word "Cached" to be taken to Google's image of that page prior to the change.



**11. Review Google's alternate spelling suggestion that appears before the results.** According to Google, their "spell checker automatically defaults to the most common spelling of a given word." whether or not it's spelled correctly. After typing words into Google's search field, Google sometimes has a sentence between the search field and results, saying, "Did you mean...?" and offering an alternate spelling. This can be helpful for locating records in which our ancestors' surnames were often misspelled.

EXAMPLES:

A search for "David Wermeister" prompts Google to ask if I meant "David Werkmeister"

Intentionally misspell the word Genealogy as Geneology to find results that were uploaded by someone who may not know the correct spelling.

**12. Use the Google from the country you're researching.** If researching an ancestor from the UK, use www.google.co.uk. Germany is www.google.de, France is www.google.fr, Poland is www.google.pl and Italy is www.google.it. To find the Google site for any country, type the name of the country followed by the word Google in Google's search field.

If you find a foreign language website listing your ancestors' names or information, type the website address into the box at www.translate.google.com to have the page translated.

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[ED NOTE: Print pages 11 and 12 back to back and keep handy when researching.]



Kiss me —
I'm pretty
sure I'm
Irish

The perfect time to begin

By Jean Powers in *Vita Brevis* Mar., 18, 2015

After eleven years on the staff at NEHGS, I finally had to face the fact that I had never investigated my own family history. Colleagues had urged me to undertake my own genealogy, and I always said I would, absolutely . . . some day in the future. And so it went, year after year — my ancestry was always something I'd trace later, when I had more time, when things calmed down a little at work and at home, when I could really dedicate myself to it. As any of us who've made that "when things calm down" promise to ourselves know, things never calm down.

Finally it was a series of questions from my six-year-old daughter that made me take action. At dinner last month, she began asking about our family. "Where were your parents from? What about their parents?" I answered as best I could, distracted by my two-year-old, who likes to surprise us with flying food when we least expect it. "My parents were both from Massachusetts. My father's parents are also from Massachusetts, and my mother's parents are from Prince Edward Island." "But what about *their* parents? Where are they from? Are we Irish? *What am I?*" I noticed her voice rising and saw she was genuinely upset not to know the answers. And suddenly I remembered that feeling, when I was her age, of yearning to be part of something bigger than myself, of anchoring myself in a network of ancestors, of ethnic tradition and identity.

To a little kid, knowing family history makes the incomprehensible weight and complexity of the past seem manageable—this is *my* family, which stretches back through time, and I'm part of a long line of people *like me*. And looking at her sweet, eager face I realized I wanted that too — I yearned for that connection with my ancestors, all the people who struggled and rejoiced and married and died to create me and my beloved little ones. So I promised my daughter then and there that I'd find out about our family, and I'd tell her all about it. And that's how, at a publications team meeting, I found myself volunteering to write a series of blog posts on getting started in genealogy. Now I absolutely have to follow through, no excuses this time. Luckily, I'm surrounded by experts, so I knew just where to go to get help.

So stay tuned — next week I'll discuss what it was like to get started with a shameful lack of names, dates, and facts. (Spoiler: It was surprisingly easy.) [Click on [Vita Brevis](#) to subscribe.] ~~~~~

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*No book is entirely perfect
For errors will creep in:
Sometimes wrong information is sent
By someone's nearest kin.*

*So if you're dead before you're born,
Or married when you're three,
Or I've omitted anyone
Who sent themselves to me.*

*And even printers make mistakes
For which they fear their hair:
Sometimes two people disagree
On who or what or where.*

*Or your last name is not your own,
Your picture not too good,
I ask you please forgive me -
I did the best I could!*

*It might have been the person
Who wrote the history,
It might have been the typist:
Or blame the author, me.*

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