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Tales and Trails

Leadership Dilemma Resolved

By Jim Bull

It took three months, some spirited dialog at the January meeting, and an unwelcome health issue with one of our dedicated members, but once again we have a full slate of officers to chart our society's path over the coming year.

In January we learned that Darrell Hill would no longer be able to continue as membership chairman. Our VP and technical guru Mark Adams agreed to cover the membership duties until someone could be found to replace Darrell in that job.

A lively discussion at the January meeting brought out several suggestions and a follow up board discussion focused in on revising the approach to leadership transition to provide a Mentoring opportunity for members to "get a feel for the team effort that is required to lead our society".

At the March meeting the board recommended that a Vice-President be appointed for a one year period with the expectation that they would move up to President for the following two years.

President Fred indicated he was willing to continue through the end of 2014. Mark Adams agreed to take on full responsi-

bility for keeping the membership rolls up to date and sending reminders our for dues.

At that point Barbara Pashek stepped up to the plate and said "Okay, I guess I'd better put my actions where my mouth was in January." (or words to that effect) and said she would take on the Vice President role.

And back in January, Juanita Neitling indicated she was willing to do the job of treasurer and was unanimously elected to that post.

So once again we have a full board of directors. Program chair Sandy has already lined up several interesting programs and the board continues to discuss potential opportunities to engage a new generation in the fun and learning that can be had in the pursuit of genealogy and family history writing.



With the hectic holidays, no December or February meeting, nasty weather and all the routine things you do every day it is not surprising that many of you have been distracted and failed to pay your membership dues for 2014.



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President's Report

Hey! It's Spring! The dark days of winter are over. And yes, there were some dark days for the Columbia Gorge Genealogy Society. But we made it through a trying time. Special thanks goes to Barbara Pashek and Juanita Neitling for agreeing to fill positions needed to keep us going. In the coming months there will be opportunities for everyone to help with projects and programs. So please consider contributing your ideas and effort to help us continue as a viable organization. And have a Happy Easter.

Fred

[And THANK YOU Fred for extending your tour of duty another year. JB]

Google Alerts - a Great Tool for Genealogists

Digested from *EOGN* by [Dick Eastman](#) on January 13, 2014

How would you like to have a "servant" that monitors the web for you, 24 hours a day, looking for any new mentions of things that interest you? In fact, you already have that available today. Best of all is the price: FREE of charge.

Google Alerts is a service that sends an email to you to inform you of the latest relevant Google results (web, news, etc.) based on your queries. Once configured, you don't have to do anything for the new information to reach you, other than check your

email in-box from time to time.

Disclaimer: This works unless there are hundreds of such references. In that case, Google Alerts will only show the first few dozen links. As with any web search, it will not find mentions of your search term that are inside a database, such as FamilySearch or Ancestry.

Google Alerts will continue to monitor the web for the information you supplied. Google Alerts also sends you notice only one time. If a particular reference on a web page was already sent to you earlier, you will not receive a new notice about the same web page again at a later date. Each email message you receive contains only newly-found entries.

Keep in mind that Google searches for whatever you specify. If you look for "John Smith," you may be overwhelmed with results. You need to think of appropriate words to narrow down the search.

Using Google Alerts is easy. Go to <http://www.google.com/alerts> and enter a search query you wish to monitor. Then sit back and let Google work for you.

Your first attempt at searching probably will not be perfect. Your search might be too narrow, or it might be too broad. You can modify your by clicking on the link at the bottom of any email message you receive for that search term. With a bit of practice, you can probably specify exactly what you seek.

April Program

GUARDING CAMP, FINDING HOME Civil War Letters: Faith, Family, Freedom . . . and Blackberry Jam

By Sandy Bisset

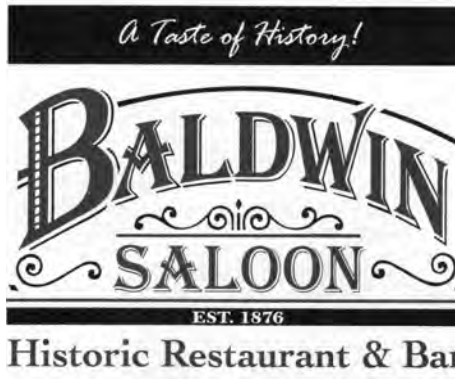
Local author Katherine Arbon shares the adventures of her great, great grandfather, First Lieutenant Charles Watson in a children's book entitled GUARDING CAMP, FINDING HOME.



She will share excerpts from the 60 letters Watson wrote to his wife as well as her journey in creating a book for children based on two of the letters. Blackberry jam plays an important part in this narrative which combines the past and present in a unique and heart-warming manner.

Katherine will begin with a power point presentation and then discuss how the story came about and how you can use a similar concept to share your unique family anecdotes. She will gladly answer questions and will have books to sell. Further information is available at:

http://www.thedalleschronicle.com/news/2013/jul/24/personal-story-civil-war/



By Jim Bull

After 36 years in the Gorge and almost 20 years being involved in the arts since retirement, you would think I'd have visited the amazing art gallery that the Baldwin Saloon contains. But I hadn't.

Polly and I decided to stop and have lunch while we were in The Dalles a couple months ago. Although she said that she had been there before I was sure it hadn't been with me and since I was driving that's where we went.

As we walked in the door I was, as their brochure says, awed by what I saw hanging on the original brick walls of the 1876 building. Originally built by James and John Baldwin, the saloon was handy for the many men who worked on the nearby railroad and river. But you can read more about the history in the brochure if you visit.

The artwork is the collection of the current owner of the Baldwin Saloon whose name I failed to obtain. (Some reporter I make.)

Per the brochure, the most popular paintings are landscapes done in oil by Joseph J. Englehart who was born in Chicago but did most of his work in the states bordering the Pacific Ocean. His works include Mt. Shasta, Yosem-

ite Valley, Lake Tahoe, Mt. Adams, Mt. Hood, Crater Lake, and Snoqualmie Falls.

"He exhibited in the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905 and in New York in 1909 where one of his landscapes won a bronze prize."

Near the back bar is a portrait of

Carrie Reichwein by Wilbur Hayes done in 1899. Carrie lived in Portland and often visited her sister in The Dalles where she posed for Hayes.



If you haven't visited the Baldwin Saloon, or have friends visiting, treat yourself to a visit for an experience that mixes history, art and good homemade food.

Windows XP Support Ends April 8: What Are Your Options?

From Dick Eastman's EOGN March 19, 2014

On April 8, Microsoft will cease all support to consumers who are



still running Windows XP. On the same day, the company will also end

support for Office 2003. This is despite that fact that millions of

PC owners are still running Windows XP.

I always felt that Windows XP was the most useful version that Microsoft ever produced. Windows Vista, Windows 7, and especially Windows 8 always felt like "downgrades" to me.

If you are one of the many XP or Office 2003 users, you can be assured that your computer will NOT stop running on April 8. However, you do need to know the risks involved when running obsolete software. You also need consider your options and decide if you want to stay with what you have or if you need to upgrade to



a later version of Windows or to Macintosh or Chromebook or Linux or perhaps to a tablet computer.

Brian Burgess has written an article that I suggest every Windows XP user should read: *Windows XP support ends April 8: What are your options?* It is published in the GizMag web site at <http://www.gizmag.com/windows-xp-support-end-options/31218>.

If you are a casual PC user and your computing mainly consists of surfing the Web, social media, email, music, YouTube, casual games, and some light word processing, you might want to know that a Chromebook can do all of that. You will need an internet connection and a Google account to access services like Google Drive, Gmail, Google Docs, Google Music, and others. Chromebook laptops typically cost \$200 to \$300 or so. I own a

Chromebook and can tell you it is a great, and inexpensive, computer for the casual user. Brian Burgess briefly describes Chromebooks in his article.

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**Who was the first President of the United States?**

[From an e-mail I received March 2, 2014 JB]

I don't ever remember having this covered in school at any level – thought it worth sending on. It is interesting and worth the 5 minutes it takes to read....

I'm sure that George Washington was your first guess. After all, who else comes to mind?

But think back to your history books - The United States Declared its independence in 1776, yet George Washington did not take Office until April 30, 1789.

So who was running the country during these initial years of our young country? It was the first eight U. S. Presidents. In fact, the first President of the United States was one John Hanson. I can hear you now - **John who?** Yes, John Hanson, was the first President of the United States.



The new country was actually formed on March 1, 1781 with the adoption of The Articles of Confederation. This document was actually proposed on June 11, 1776, but not agreed upon by Congress until November 15, 1777. Maryland refused to sign this document until Virginia and New York ceded their western lands. (Maryland was afraid that these states would gain too much power in the new government from such large amounts of land).

Once the signing took place in 1781, a President was needed to run the country. John Hanson was chosen unanimously by Congress (which included George Washington). In fact, all the other potential candidates refused to run against John, as he was a major player in the revolution and an extremely influential member of Congress.

As the first President, Hanson had quite the shoes to fill. No one had ever been President and the role was poorly defined. His actions in office would set precedent for all future Presidents. He took office just as the Revolutionary War ended. Almost immediately, the troops demanded to be paid.

As would be expected after any long war, there were no funds to meet the salaries. As a result, the soldiers threatened to overthrow the new government and put Washington on the throne as a monarch.

All the members of Congress ran for their lives, leaving Hanson as the only guy left running the government. He somehow managed to calm the troops down and hold the country together. If he had failed, the government would

have fallen almost immediately and everyone would have been bowing to King Washington.

Hanson, as President, ordered all foreign troops off American soil, as well as the removal of all foreign flags. This was quite the feat, considering the fact that so many European countries had a stake in the United States since the days following Columbus.

Hanson established the Great Seal of the United States, which all Presidents have since been required to use on all official documents. President Hanson also established the first Treasury Department, the first Secretary of War, and the first Foreign Affairs Department. Lastly, he declared that the fourth Thursday of every November was to be Thanksgiving Day, which is still true today.

The Articles of Confederation only allowed a President to serve a one year term during any three year period, so Hanson actually accomplished quite a bit in such little time. Seven other presidents were elected after him:

1. John Hanson (1781-82)
2. Elias Boudinot (1782-83),
3. Thomas Mifflin (1783-84),
4. Richard Henry Lee (1784-85),
5. John Hancock (1785-86),
6. Nathan Gorman (1786-87),
7. Arthur St. Clair (1787-88), and
8. Cyrus Griffin (1788-89),

....all prior to George Washington taking office.

So what happened? Why don't we hear about the first eight presidents?

It's quite simple - The Articles of Confederation didn't work well. The individual states had too much power and nothing

could be agreed upon. A new doctrine needed to be written - something we know today as the Constitution. It took EIGHT years for us to establish a successful Democratic Republic. And that leads us to the end of our story.

George Washington was definitely not the first President of the United States. He was the first President of the United States under the Constitution we follow today. And the first eight Presidents have been forgotten in history. But John Hanson is remembered on a U.S. stamp.



There you are - another lesson in U.S. History, and you may have learned something new today.

Check Google for more detailed information.

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Ancient baby DNA gives info on roots of Native Americans

By Malcolm Ritter The Associated Press
 Published Feb 14, 2014
[From Bend Bulletin - Submitted by member Sandra Ihrig]

The DNA of a baby boy who was buried in Montana 12,600 years ago has been recovered, and it provides new indications of the ancient roots of today's American Indians and other native peoples of the Americas.

It's the oldest genome ever recovered from the New World. Artifacts found with the body show

the boy was part of the Clovis culture, which existed in North America from about 13,000 years ago to about 12,600 years ago and is named for an archaeological site near Clovis, N.M.

The boy's genome showed his people were direct ancestors of many of today's native peoples in the Americas, researchers said. He was more closely related to those in Central and South America than to those in Canada. The reason for that difference isn't clear, scientists said.

The researchers said they had no Native American DNA from the United States available for comparison, but that they assume the results would be the same, with some Native Americans being direct descendants and others also closely related.

The DNA also indicates the boy's ancestors came from Asia, supporting the standard idea of ancient migration to the Americas by way of a land bridge that disappeared long ago.

The burial site, northeast of Livingston, Mont., is the only known burial from the Clovis culture. The boy was 12 to 18 months old when he died of an unknown cause. He was buried with 125 artifacts, including spear points and elk antler tools. Some were evidently ritual objects or heirlooms. The artifacts and the skeleton were covered with powdered red ochre, a natural pigment, indicating a burial ceremony.

The skeleton was discovered in 1968 next to a rock cliff, but it's only in recent years that scientists have been able to recover and analyze complete genomes from such

ancient samples.

The DNA analysis was reported online Wednesday in the journal Nature by scientists including Eske Willerslev of the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, Michael Waters of Texas A&M University and Shane Doyle of Montana State University in Bozeman. The burial site lies on the property of the parents of another author, Sarah Anzick of Livingston. It is known as the Anzick site.

Doyle, a member of the Crow tribe, said the indication of such ancient roots for American Indians fits with what many tribal people already believed. He also said plans are underway to re-bury the boy's remains at the site after the winter.

The boy "was not a chief or a great hunter," but his burial showed love and respect, Doyle said at the Montana Historical Society in Helena on Wednesday. Next will be a memorial at the site, he said, "Something small, so that the state of Montana, people around the world will know the importance of that place."

In a telephone conference with reporters this week, the researchers said that once they discovered the link between the boy and today's Native Americans, they sought out American Indian groups to discuss the results. Willerslev, an expert in deciphering ancient DNA, called for scientists to work closely with native peoples on such research.

On Wednesday, he noted there were Native American groups who said their oral history showed that they were descendants of the first people in the

Americas.

"Well, they turned out to be right," Willerslev said at the Montana museum, where artifacts from the site are on display. The results are "going to raise a whole host of new ideas and hypotheses" about the early colonization of the Americas, said Dennis O'Rourke, an ancient DNA expert at the University of Utah who wasn't involved in the work.

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[Sandra adds the following note] *Montana here I come... All this is very interesting. If you look up the history of 'Kennewick Man' there is a lot of good stuff on ancient Americans. Also there were remains/artifacts found at Celilo/Celilo Falls that were dated back 10,000 to 11,000 years. They unearthed them when they built the dam. You can also research that bit of history, as it is very interesting. Also how the Columbia Gorge was formed also has ties to Montana from the ice damn that was built up and broke and carved out the Gorge as we know it. This happened several times. Check out that history... The Discovery Center has videos for sale that tell the whole story and are very well done. Also look up 'Dry Falls' another part of that same story. Put it in a search engine for the stories. Sandra [now in Culver, OR]*  
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FamilySearch Source Tracker

(From Dick Eastman's EOGN March 9, 2014)

FamilySearch has introduced a new tracking feature that is now available for Family Tree. This feature is called the Source Tracker. It allows you to see

which individuals from your tree have U.S. census records attached to their Family Tree record. It also shows you which census records are missing for an individual and helps you locate them within the census data sets.



The new feature is available now and is explained in an article by Tim Cross in the FamilySearch Blog at <http://goo.gl/yiK1X6>.

Have We Lost Access to the SSDI?

Digested from [Michael Leclerc's Genealogy News](#) 08 Jan 2014

There has been a great deal of talk about the Social Security Death Index. Congressional passage of a law with impact on genealogists was bad enough but the rapidity of the action has left many people with some confusion around what did and did not occur. Here is my understanding.

What happened in December?

Both houses of Congress included a section that closes public access to the SSDI for three years after a death occurs. The terms went into effect on January 1.

Does that mean that I can no longer access the SSDI?

No. It means that, deaths added to the SSDI will not be publicly accessible until three years have passed (e.g., deaths in 2014 will be available in 2017).

So no one can access the SSDI for three years?

There is an exception carved out for those who need to access it for legal reasons. The exact method of access, and who will be allowed to access it and why, will be worked out over the coming months.

So now we cannot access any records after 2011?

No. The law was not made retroactive; it started on January 1, 2014. Additions will be available in 2017. But the last three years have been made public and Mocavo has no intention of removing any records from our version of SSDI. That said, we will not be able to add any more records until 2017.

In summary, the impact will not be major for the vast majority of genealogists. It will make things more challenging for a time as we see how the new regulations are implemented. But, for the vast majority of people it is not the worst thing in the world to have to wait a few years to access information. Most states have limits on access to birth, marriage, and death records already. This is only one more restriction.

May Program

FIELD TRIP

Genealogy Forum of Oregon

2505 SE 11th Avenue, Suite B-18, Portland, OR 97202 (503) 963-1932

By Sandy Bisset

We have chosen the *Genealogy Forum of Oregon* for our spring field trip. There is no charge for admission and we will have a complimentary tour plus four

hours of free research time. There will be other activities going on that date so we may not see the whole facility but this is a great opportunity to use this library and research center, which contains over 33,000 titles from Oregon and all over the world.

We will plan to be there at 10:00 AM. We need volunteer drivers, from The Dalles, Hood River, and points in Washington. Let me know at wildflow-ers@gorge.net if you are willing to drive, where you will leave from, what time to meet, and how many passengers you can take. We will start back at 3:30 PM. The Dalles vehicles will leave at 8:30 AM. More details to come. Further information is available at: <http://www.gfo.org/>

**You Can Download
83,947 Genealogy Books
Free of Charge**

Excerpted from Dick Eastman's EOGN
March 18, 2014

You can keep a huge genealogy library in your own home. You don't need to purchase bookcases or build an addition onto the house. You can keep the entire collection in your computer or even in a handheld Kindle, iPad, or similar device. Several organizations have been digitizing old genealogy and family history books for several years. The number of available books is still growing daily. Per-



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Upcoming Events

April 5, 2014

**2801 W. 18th, Eugene, OR
OGS Family History Seminar**

Speaker Jewell Dunn Go to <http://www.oregongenealogicalsociety.org> and click on Seminars for more info.

April 4-5

**Bend, OR
Spring Seminar**

Speaker Denise Levinick See <http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/springseminar.html>

April 12, 2014

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

Guarding Camp, Finding Home See article on Page 3

April 26, 2014 8:30—4:00

**715 Gramd/ B;vd. Vacouver,
Spring Seminar**

**Scoundrels, Rakes and Miscreants,
Oh My! .**

<http://www.ccggs-wa.org/calendar.html>

May 10, 2014

**Leave 10:00 AM, for Portland
Field Trip to Gen. Forum of Oregon**

See Article this page..

May 17, 2014

**2505 S.E. 11th Ave., Suite B-18,
GFO, Portland OR
Spring Seminar**

See <http://gfo.org/seminar>
Presenter will be Warren Bittner.
Topics

*German Historical Maps and Territories: You Can't Do Research Without Them

*Introduction to German Church Books

*German Marriage Laws and Customs
* One More

June 14, 2014

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

Program yet to be determined.

Probate Document — Insights and Discoveries

By Jim Bull

In Last April’s newsletter you may recall an article involving a letter that member Mary Deswert gave me. It was written by her husband’s great-grandmother, Edwynie (Keith) Dolph [1] Hawthorn(e)[2]. Mary has been doing additional research and at the March meeting she gave me a copy of a probate record she obtained documenting the sale of “goods and chattel” from the Estate of Lucinda M. (Brown) Keith.

It didn’t take me long to assume that Lucinda was most likely Edwynie’s mother but there were two other Keith names shown in the document as well – F.J. Keith who was the Estate Administrator, held the sale, and signed the document; and Geo. Keith who purchased several of the items sold. Who were they and how related – Uncles? Brothers? Or not at all? It was time to ask Mary to confirm my assumption and ask for further information.

Mary responded “Lucinda is Wynie’s mother. The George who bought so much was Lucinda’s son as was F.J (Frederic) Keith which would make him Wynie’s uncle.. Wynie’s father was also George but he had already passed leaving the farm to Lucinda.”

Regarding other names in the purchaser list she said “Hathorn [*Note spelling difference with Hathron as listed below*] was a son-in-law [*Edwinie’s 2nd Husband*]. Hathorn is the correct spelling, a few articles have it spelled the other way and some with an “e” at the end. Her sister Lillian married Melville Hathorn. I do not know about the other names—probably neighbors. “

The sale occurred Sept. 13th, 1898 in La Salle Co., Illinois. I decided to see what I could find and Googled “LaSalle Co. II/ genealogy” which identified the site for La Salle County Genealogy Guild. In less than ten minutes I found out how to acquire copies of 8 Keith obituaries including 2 each for George and Fred J.; 7 Keith Death certificates including Fred James Keith; and 12 Keith probate records including Frederick J., 2 George and one George E.. And Lucinda M. Keith! (I’m sure this is how Mary probably got the record which led to this article.) All could be ordered through the LSCGG web site for a nominal fee.

The Google search also identified at least a half dozen additional web sites that linked to both genealogical and historical information about the area.

Whether it is a probate or another type of document a good researcher will always look at other names besides the primary individual for whom they are gathering information. Such collateral data can often lead to interesting discoveries.

Mary also said “ I just had to laugh at the prices.” What would you pay for the items listed after 116 years of inflation. ~~~~~

<u>Articles Sold</u>	<u>Name of Purchaser</u>	<u>Amt. Of Sale</u>
One Phaeton	L.E. Hathron	\$10.00
One Gray Horse	Geo. Keith	\$12.00
Shelled Corn in bin	Knapp & Newell	\$111.50
Turkeys	Geo. Keith	\$1.50
Chickens	Geo. Keith	\$2.50
Cook Stove	L. M. Carmer	\$0.50
Heating Stove	L. M. Carmer	\$0.50
Three Tables	L. M. Carmer	\$1.50
One Beadstead [<i>sic</i>]	L. M. Carmer	\$0.50
One Beadstead [<i>sic</i>]	Geo. Keith	\$0.50
Sewing Machine	Geo. Keith	\$0.75
2 straw ticks, 1 feather bed,		
2 pillowe [<i>sic</i>]	L. M. Carmer	\$6.00
4 Quilts	Geo. Keith	\$1.50
2 Bureaus	Geo. Keith	\$0.75
16 Yards of Carpet	L. E. Hathron	\$1.50
24 Yards of Carpet	L. M. Carmer	\$1.50
One Clock	Geo. Keith	\$0.25
2 Rockers and 5 Chairs	Geo. Keith	\$0.50
One Lounge	Geo. Keith	\$0.50
One Looking Glass	Geo. Keith	\$0.25
Dishes	Geo. Keith	\$0.25
One Looking Glass	L. M. Carmer	\$0.25
One Battery	L. M. Carmer	\$2.00
Total Amount of Sales		\$157.00

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haps the largest such collection is available in [Archive.org](http://archive.org)'s genealogy collection. Available items include books on surname origins, vital statistics, parish records, census records, passenger lists of vessels, and other historical and biographical documents. Archive.org never charges for any of its holdings. You are free to read, download, print, and enjoy anything and everything available at Archive.org.

To read more go to <http://blog.eogn.com/eas-t-mans-online-genealogy/2014/03/you-can-download-83947-genealogy-books-free-of-charge.html#more>.

The British are Coming! New Resources for UK Research

[Digested from [Michael Leclerc's Genealogy News](#) 11 Jan 2014]

Those researching their roots in Britain are often surprised at the large number of resources available to them. And more resources are available online each and every week. Announcements about exciting resources have recently been made.

The London Gazette is the oldest continually-published newspaper in the U.K. It was first published on 7 November 1665 as *The Oxford Gazette* when King Charles II moved from London to Oxford to escape the great plague. The name changed the following year when the King moved back to London. It is an official journal of

record of the British government. *The Edinburgh Gazette* was first published in 1699, and *The Belfast Gazette* in 1921. These newspapers are an official publication of the government. They contain many notices of interest to genealogist such as bankruptcies, military promotions, probate records, ship movements, and more.

A few weeks ago, it was announced that the entire run of all three newspapers will now be available online. You can search and view PDF pages of historical copies of the newspaper. You can print the documents or save them to your computer. Visit www.gazette.co.uk for more information, or to search the newspaper.

The National Archives (TNA) at Kew will be offering a series of webinars over the next few months to help researchers. Well-known records specialist Audrey Collins will conduct a webinar on using Discovery, the new catalog.

- Topics of future seminars are:
- Army Muster Lists
 - Emigration Records
 - Medieval and Early Modern Records
 - Victorian Workhouses
 - Battalions and Regiments in

the First World War

Each Webinar will be recorded and made available at a later date. You can find out more on the [TNA website](#).

Finally, an exciting development in records access. Prior to

1858, the ecclesiastical courts of the Church of England handled probate matters for England. The Prerogative Court of Canter-

bury (PCC) was the highest ecclesiastical court in the land. During the interregnum (1649–1660), all other courts were abolished, and the PCC was the only court to administer probate of an estate. Many of the estates the PCC administered dealt with individuals who had emigrated to the New World or elsewhere.

The PCC wills are now available on [Ancestry.co.uk](http://ancestry.co.uk). This covers almost 500 years of probate matters, from 1384 until the abolishment of the ecclesiastical courts' jurisdiction over probate. No matter where your ancestor lived in England, you must check the PCC as well as the local jurisdiction to find potential probate records.



Copy of the London Gazette discussing the Great Fire of London in 1666.



Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

Family History Centers

<p>The Dalles FHC 1504 East 15th St West Entrance, basement The Dalles, OR 97058 Phone: 541-298- 5815 Director: Chris Knowland Open: Tue 10am-8:30pm Wed 10am-5pm</p>	<p>Goldendale FHC N. Columbus Ave. & McKinley P.O. Box 109 Goldendale, WA 98620 Phone: 509-773-3824 Director Don Morgan Open: Tu-We-Th 10:00 – 4:00 Wed 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Mid-Columbia FHC 18th & May St. Hood River, OR 97031 Phone: 541-386-3539 Director: Linda Colton Open: Tue., Thur. 10am-5pm Wed 10:00am-8:00pm Sat 3:00pm-6:00pm</p>	<p>Stevenson FHC Maple Way & Loop Rd. Stevenson, WA 98648 Phone 509-427-5927 Director: Ellen Heyneman Open: Wed. 6-8:30pm By Appt. @ 503-333-4999</p>
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Libraries

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

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries

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

<p>Dufur Historical Society P.O. Box 462 Dufur, OR 97021 dufurhist@ortelco.net</p>	<p>Wamic Hist. Society P.O. Box 806 Wamic, OR 9706</p>	<p>Wasco Co. Hist. Society 300 W. 13th The Dalles, OR 97058 541-296-1867</p>	<p>Klickitat Co. Hist. Society 127 W. Broadway Goldendale, WA 98620 509-773-4303</p>
<p>Sherman Co. Hist. Museum 200 Dewey St. Moro, OR 97039 541-565-3232</p>	<p>Hood River Co. Mus. 300 E. Port Marina. Dr. Hood River. OR 97031 541-386-6722</p>	<p>Gorge Heritage Mus. 202 E. Humboldt Bingen, WA 98605 509-493-3228</p>	<p>Col. Gorge Interpretive Mus. 990 SW Rock Cr. Dr. Stevenson, WA 98648 509-427-8211</p>
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SOCIETY SURNAME INDEX REFERENCE

The society's Surname Index Reference provides an aid to researchers visiting our local libraries. A browse through the book will quickly determine if there is a member of our society who is researching the same surname(s) as the visiting researcher. The Surname Book is in the Genealogy section of The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library, Hood River County Library, Sherman County Library and the Fort Vancouver Regional Library branches in Goldendale, White Salmon and Stevenson.

The first 54 pages contain an alphabetical listing of 644 surnames and over 1800 individuals. Most individuals have birth and/or death dates and locations given.

The last two pages assign a code to each of the 68 members or past members who submitted their pedigree chart from which the surname and individual listings were taken. The middle section of the book lists the individuals by the code for the person that submitted the information. This enables a researcher to follow up with a member if a connection with a listed individual is discovered.

How to Request Copies of Microfilm Images, Book Pages, CDs, Marriage, Death or Birth Certificates, Wills and/or Deeds from FamilySearch

[From Dick Eastman's *EOGN* March 06, 2014]

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You can read more in an article by Merrill White in the FamilySearch Blog at <http://goo.gl/moULsS>.

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## Strangers in a Box

Come, look with me inside this drawer,  
In this box I've often seen,  
at the pictures, black and white,  
Faces proud, still, serene.

I wish I knew the people –  
These strangers in the box.  
Their names and all their memories  
Are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like,  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special times?  
I'll never know their ways.

If only someone had taken time  
To tell; who, what, where or when,  
These faces of my heritage  
Would come to life again.

Could this become the fate  
Of the pictures we take today;  
The faces and the memories  
Someday to be passed away?

Make time to save your stories,  
Seize the opportunity when it knocks.  
Or someday you and yours could be  
The strangers in the box.

Anonymous

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