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Genealogical Society Newsletter

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The Prez Sez...

By Dick Johnson, OGS President

and have received the first one, with others in the pipeline. More later.

A separate "Thank You" to Jerri McCoy, Steve Morrison and others who took over our Society's effort in support of Thurston County's Sesquicentennial Birthday Party at the Capitol Rotunda on 12 January. Successful—and appreciated!

We are in charge of "proofing" Thurstoneer certificate applications made by descendants of local pioneers

South Sound

(.com): 360-754-5423

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*Thurston County
Sesquicentennial (150) Birthday Party
OGS role:*

*"Proofing" Thurstoneer Certificate application
from descendants of local pioneers
who were here in 1882*

The OGS booth at Thurston County 150 Birthday Party

^{OGS} Newsletter

January 2002

Big birthday for Thurston County

Thurston County is celebrating its 150th birthday with a big birthday party in the Capitol Rotunda, Saturday, Jan. 12.

The Olympia Genealogical Society will have a table at the festivities and has been asked to help with potential "Thurstoneers," folks whose ancestors (including indigenous folks) came to Thurston County prior to 31 December 1852 OR before 31 December 1902 (two different certificates will be given).

OGS also will process applications for the Thurston County Historical Commission, and we will be allowed to display, but not sell, our wares (orders can be taken for later pickup). Our table needs to be set up by noon and taken down by 4 p.m. Volunteers will probably need to bring their own folding chairs.

A number of people have responded to initial appeals for volunteers, but more are needed so no one has to stay for the entire five hours. Volunteers need to know about family group sheets, sources, etc. Volunteers will also



Jan 12, 2002 - 150th Bday Party Thurston Co. - OGS Table
Frank, Lynn, Doris, Elaine Taylor
(standing)

are mailed to us during 2002; this can be on a rotating basis.

Contact Jerri McCoy (360-459-3251; <jmccoy1@attbi.com>) to volunteer or for more information.

Jan 12/02

OCS display

@ Thurston Co

180th Bday Party

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The First Certificate Is Presented



Thurston County Commissioner
Kevin O'Sullivan Cathy Wolfe Diane Oberqua
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"Thurstoneer" Certificates

The Beginning

Would-be 'Thurstoneers' dig deep for family roots

Dozens glean family histories from archives

BY JIM CARLILE
THE OLYMPIAN

OLYMPIA — Genealogy is a history lesson and detective story rolled into one.

Dozens of people gathered in the Washington State Archives research room Saturday morning to see if they could trace their family histories to the earliest days of Thurston County.

The Olympia Genealogical Society and archives staff members teamed up to help people find out if their roots

go that deep. If participants can prove they stretch back to 1852 or 1902, they receive a "Thurstoneer" certificate from the county.

"It's like a puzzle," said Bernice Van Mechelen, a self-professed genealogy nut. "Each piece is so important, and when you finally get the whole picture, it's fantastic."

She was able to trace her husband's family tree back to 1844.

"Some people look at records as old stuff taking up space," said Gerald Handfield, Washington state archivist. "We depend on you to carry out the message that these records have value."

Several generations from now, Handfield said, relatives of the participants will

Next meeting

The next genealogical research event is starting to fill up. It is set for 10 a.m. to noon March 9 at the Washington State Archives, 1129 Washington St. S.E., Olympia.

To register or for more details, call 360-786-5222.

be in the same room looking for evidence that they existed.

People gathered around a table covered in papers, pictures and huge record books, trying to piece together their history. Some had more complete pictures of their lineage, while others had many gaps to fill.

OF THE WEEK

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ready, our organization is
set up to help Latino and
Latina students achieve, and
I think we've seen a lot of
support for that."

Ruth Longoria writes for
The Olympian. She can be
reached at 360-754-5435.

To comment

Residents can mail
comments about choosing
a new police chief to Merri
Lannoye at P.O. Box 3400,
Lacey, WA 98509.

"I'm hoping to prove my great-grandfather lived here in 1852," Dorothy Jarrell said. "But it looks like I'm off by a few years."

Seventh generation

Velma Rogers said she knows her grandchildren are seventh-generation Thurstoneers. "But how to prove it is something else," she said.

"It's so exciting to find out who I am," she said. "I think it's vital for children to learn about this."

While studying her family history, Rogers found that her ancestors were some of the first people to settle the area. Crossing the Great

See **GENEALOGY**, Page C2



Joe Nicholson/The Olympian

Jean Laws (second from right), a member of the Olympia Genealogical Society, helps Bernice Van Mechelen research her husband's pioneer family, the Kindreds, at a genealogy workshop Saturday at the Washington State Archives.

The End
Thurstoneer
Volunteers
Honored



Thurstoneers

Thurstoneer

This is to certify that

*Kathryn Gray is a descendant of
David & Talitha Ramey Kindred,*

who were residents of Thurston County, Washington by 1852,

and is hereby declared a "Thurstoneer."

Signed this 25th Day of February, in the year 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thurston County, Washington

Cathy Wolfe, Chairman

Diane Oberquell, Commissioner

Kevin J. O'Sullivan, Commissioner



Thurston County
1852-2002
SESQUICENTENNIAL

Map of
THURSTON COUNTY
OREGON TERRITORY
1852-1853
SCALE OF MILES

The certificates are awarded by the County Commission to descendants of those who were living in the county by Dec. 31, 1852, or by Dec. 31, 1902.
Registration is required by calling 360-786-5222 or e-mailing stevens@co.thurston.wa.us.

**First United Methodist Church
Olympia, Washington**

Saturday, January 12, 2002

3:00 PM

**A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE
OF
BERTHA JEANE (B.J.) MOE**

Include	Dixieland Jazz Band
Call to Worship	Isaiah 40:28-31
Words of Greeting	Rev. Dale Cockrum
Scripture and Prayer	Psalm 23
Special Music	Dixieland Jazz Band
Remembering the Life of B.J. Moe	
Special Music	Dixieland Jazz Band
Scripture	John 14
Benediction	
Postlude	

Special thanks to Dave McCrary and the Dixieland Jazz Band.
Thanks also to Ushers: Keith Beegle and Harold Foshaug, and
sound system operator Stan Iwagoshi.
You are invited to a reception following the service in the Gathering

**In Memory of
B.J. Moe
Born May 4, 1923
Died January 7, 2002**



Bertha Jeane King was born on May 4, 1923 in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Milton and Edith King. After graduating from Burley High School, BJ attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, and then moved to Los Angeles, where she graduated from Occidental College in 1945 with a degree in Art History. While attending classes at the San Francisco Art College, she met Richard Moe, stationed there with the military as a watch repairman. They were married on November 11, 1948. Together they had two daughters, Randi and Kari. In 1953, they moved to Kennewick, Washington, where Dick worked as an architect, and BJ was an active parent and housewife. The family moved to Olympia in the late 1960s, and in 1970, build a house in the Ken Lake neighborhood. BJ was very involved in the local jazz scene, and was a longtime member of the Greater Olympia Jazz Society. She was an active genealogist and history buff, a practiced card maker, and participated recently in an Alzheimer's Support Group and in many Senior Center activities.

Though nothing can bring back the hour
of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower,
We will grieve not, rather, find strength



Kenneth Gilmore Corbett, Jr.

Olympia, WA. LCDR Kenneth Gilmore Corbett, Jr., USN Ret., of Olympia died on January 7, 2003 at Capital Medical Center after a brief illness. He was born the first child of Kenneth Gilmore Corbett and Elizabeth Marie (Mohl) Corbett on September 10, 1925 in Superior, Wisconsin. He was a naval officer in the United States Navy. He declined an appointment to the US Naval Academy, instead completing the Navy V-12 program in 1943-44 at the University of Wisconsin and Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin. His Naval service continued through the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. He was most proud of his service to his country and his military career. After retirement from the Navy, he worked for the US General Accounting Office in Washington D.C.

He married the former Meredith Ann Shields of Olympia on February 11, 1951 in Monterey, CA. She preceded him in death on May 7, 1990. He was also preceded in death by Arlene June Corbett. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, genealogy, computer unions with his Navy shipmates and travelling.

Survivors include his daughters Elizabeth Robertson and Geraldine of Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada, Kathleen Peterson, husband Dave of Silverdale, and a son, David of Brunswick, Maine. He has two sisters, Ellen Weber of Collins, CO and Janet Der of Calabasas, CA; six grandchildren, Ian, Anne, Graham, Matthew, Emily and Alison.

Services will be held Thursday, January 30th, 2:00 p.m. at Masonic Memorial Park in water with the Rev. Tony Irv officiating. A reception will follow. Arrangements by Mill Mills in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 155 Broadway Suite 200, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Jan 26, 2003

OBITUARIES

PAID NOTICES



Bertha Jeane (B.J. Moe)

Bertha Jeane (B.J.) Moe passed away January 7, 2002, in Olympia. She was born May 4, 1923, in Burley, Idaho, the fourth child of Edith Doud King and Milton Hermon King. She graduated from Burley High School in 1941 and Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA) in 1945. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Richard (Dick) Moe; two daughters, Randi of Olympia and Kari M. Stiers of the Fiji Islands; five grandchildren and one great grandchild. B.J. had been a resident of Olympia since 1964.

B.J. was a founding member of the Olympia Genealogical Society where she taught many beginners the art of researching their family history. An active supporter of the Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, B.J. was especially interested in ensuring that young musicians had the opportunity to hear and learn Dixieland jazz. B.J. was a gracious person who quietly cared for many members of her extended family and others beyond her family circle. Her loving attention to details brightened the lives of many.

Visitation will be Friday, January 11, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Forest Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 12, at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Olympia. Family and friends are invited to gather afterward for remembering and refreshments. In honor of B.J.'s concern for many local and global issues, the family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Olympia Genealogical Society, the Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society, the First United Methodist Church of Olympia, or the Salvation Army in your community.

1-11-2002



Carrolls celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Carroll of [unclear] celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on [unclear]



istration until retirement in 1984. He enjoys amateur radio, bicycling and [unclear]

PACESETTER

Tumwater woman is model h

Volunteer honored
by local historical
society has passion
for dollhouses

BY JESSI HOFFMAN
FOR THE OLYMPIAN

TUMWATER — Dollhouses were invented to instruct children how to manage a household. Called "baby houses," the first date to 16th-century Germany.

Marian Hart of Tumwater loves to share such facts. Recently honored as Historian of the Year by the Tumwater Historical Society, Hart is a miniature enthusiast and dollhouse collector.

She has made a name for herself in the community through her volunteer work at the Washington State Capital Museum, the Henderson House Museum and with the historical society. She shares her dollhouse collection with the public at museum exhibitions and other special events.

Hart, who is in her 80s, volunteers at the State Capital Museum two hours a week, and helps with Memorial Day activities put on by the Homesteaders group at Tumwater Middle School. She is also active in many history-related community groups, including Miniature Enthusiasts of Olympia Washington, Olympia Genealogy Society, Dolls and Toys Society Northwest, Tumwater Historical Association, Homestead Quilters, and Daughters of the British Empire.

"Marian is always helping any way she can," said Joanne Baxter, a member of the Tumwater Historical Society.

A home for dollhouses

Hart has so many dollhouses that in 1987 she designed a Victorian-style cottage in which to display them. With gingerbread moldings, period window casings and antique doorknobs, the white cottage is barely large enough to walk around in. It stands surrounded by gardens in Hart's small, landscaped back yard.



Marian Hart displays one of her favorite dollhouses, a replica of the Wolf Creek Tavern in Wolf Creek, Ore. She keeps her extensive dollhouse collection in a cottage in her back yard in

"My aunt had a wonderful old house in Roseburg, Ore.," she said. "Her house had to come down due to a freeway widening. A big motel stands there now. My cousin saved the baseboards, windows and as many things as she could, and I bought up the gingerbread and posts. I used pieces from what we both saved to build this house."

Inside the cottage, more than a dozen dollhouses fill the corners and line the walls. All are lit with tiny electric chandeliers and lamps.

There's a Victorian San Francisco townhouse, with bay windows and winding stairs, a 1950s period dollhouse with plastic furniture, a Victorian New England house decked out for Christmas, and a Scottish dollhouse with a

seashell roof.

In the center of the arrangement is one of Hart's favorite pieces: a replica of Wolf Creek Tavern in Wolf Creek, Ore. "This wasn't a tavern in the modern sense," Hart explained.

"In fact, liquor wasn't allowed in the establishment. It was a stage stop, where travelers stayed the night. The tavern is still there today and still houses travelers, and it looks exactly like this miniature."

The dollhouse was constructed, based on photos Hart provided, by Stan Ohman, a builder of miniatures who is from Port Orchard.

Love of museums

Hart taught elementary school in Seattle for 32 years. As a

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by the Tumwater Historic
local museums and group

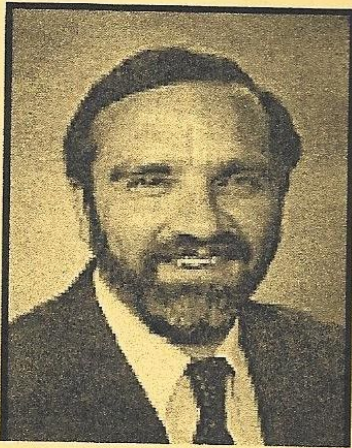
teacher, she frequently brought her students on field trips to the State Capital Museum in Olympia. When she and her husband Robert, retired in 1987, they moved to Tumwater to be near their children. They are happy that their new location would allow them more time at the Capital museum.

Until Robert's death in 1991, the couple volunteered at the Capital and Heritage House museums, leading tours, setting exhibits and doing whatever work needed doing. Marian researched and wrote script material for historical fashion shows.

"She got the award of Historian of the Year because she was been very involved," Kathleen Koontz, a member of the Tumwater Historical Society,

Spring Seminar – 2002

Olympia Genealogical Society Spring Seminar presents



Paul Milner

Author of
Discovering Your English Ancestors

Specialities:
British Isles- England, Scotland,
Ireland, and Wales

Paul Milner is a professional genealogist and lecturer. He is a native of Northern England and has specialized in British Isles genealogical research for the past 19 years. Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Society of Genealogists.

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2002

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

**LOCATION: FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA

PROGRAM

- Has Your British Isles Research Already Been Done?
- Are You Lost? Using Maps, Gazetteers and Directories for British Isles Research.
- Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During and After the Famine
- Buried Treasures: What's in the English parish chest?

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35.00

After April 8th or Day of Seminar \$40.00

OGS Members \$30.00

LUNCH: \$10.00

You can register online at:
www.rootsweb.com/~waogs/
or mail check to:

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P.O. Box 1313

Olympia, WA 98507-1313

Spring Seminar – 2002

(pictures)



Karen Bowen



Front: Steve Morrison & Bobbie Scott

Back: Gary Foote & Roger Newman

Spring Seminar – 2002

(pictures)



Marilyn Connor
Terri McCoy



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Alice Corrigan



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Chris Scott
James Zuroke
David Carney
James Kelly
Mike O'Connell
Kilian Johnson
Jeff Starlings
Jacob Gold
Robert Miller

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Matthew Lenebach
Thomas Miller
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Roger Newman

Vernice Kluh is featured speaker

The first speaker for the new calendar year, 2002, is Vernice Kluh who will discuss her book *Born in Kennicott*, and will talk about what studying family descent has meant to her.

Ms. Kluh's birthplace of Kennicott, Alaska, an old copper mining town, is located in the largest national park on this continent, Wrangell-St. Elias, and was recently featured on PBS-TV. Ms. Kluh spent her early life in Kennicott and later went to the University of Washington for two years. In 1941, she married Ted Kluh (now a local jeweler) and they had three sons.

When she was 80 years old, Ms. Kluh returned to the UW, completed her coursework in history, and earned her Bachelor's Degree. She now lives in Olympia.

The OGS general meeting will be January 17, 7 p.m., at the Thurston County Courthouse, Building One, Room 152. (*The date for January's meeting was misstated in the December newsletter; your editor apologizes for the error.*)

Please Note:

January's OGS general meeting will be held January 17—the third Thursday in January instead of the second.

OGS January 2002

Olympia
Genealogy Society

Thursday,
Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

Valentine's Day Dinner Meeting

Olympia Elks' Club
1818 4th Ave. E.
Olympia

Call for Reservations
Betty Williams (360-352-9138)
Karen Bowen (360-705-3024)

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Feb. 14 General Meeting

OGS meeting fea-

"Our lives are stories and we are all storytellers," says Rebecca Hom, storyteller living rural Thurston County and guest speaker for the February 14 OGS annual dinner meeting.

The program, titled "Family Histories-Family Stories: Heritage through the Spoken Word," focuses on preserving and passing on family histories through the art of storytelling.

"Through sharing our family stories we bring continuity from our pasts and lend strength to our children's futures," says Hom.

Following the dinner, which coincidentally falls on Valentine's Day this year, Hom will share her personal narra-

tives as an Iowa farm kid, as well as exploits into adulthood in the Pacific Northwest.

Over the past two decades, Hom has been sharing stories, teaching and facilitating workshops, and performing storytelling throughout North America. Through workshops and residencies for community organizations, schools, and professional conferences, she assists families in developing and preserving their own stories, passing on the tradi-

tures Rebecca Hom

tion that is possibly the oldest art form.

The annual banquet will be Feb. 14, 7 p.m., at the Olympia Elks' Club (1818 4th Avenue East, near the Ralph's Thriftway). Reservations are requested by Feb. 8; however, OGS members can call Betty Williams (360-352-9138) or Karen Bowen (360-705-3024) for reservations after that time.

*Our sympathies to the family of
Bertha Jeane (King)
"B.J." Moe
4 May 1923 - 7 Jan. 2002
A founding member of the
Olympia Genealogy Society.*

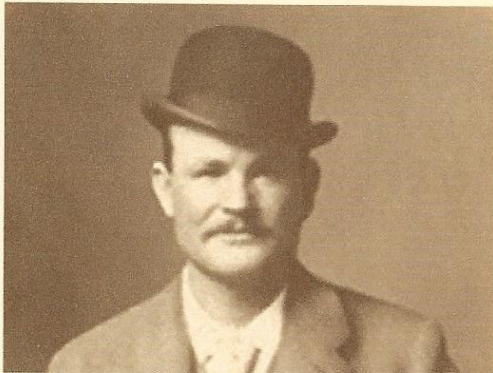
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Outlaw Genealogy –

Using Allied Families to Track Outlaws in the Old West

Steven W Morrison – Olympia, WA

March 14, 2002

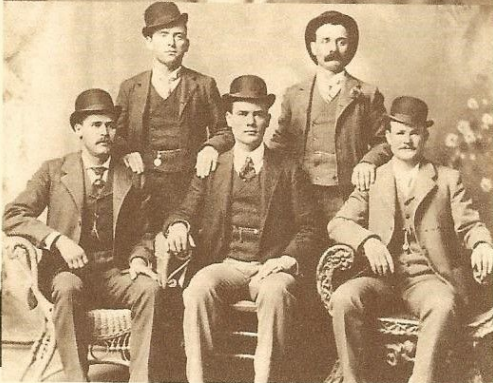


THE OUTLAW TRAIL

**A History of Butch Cassidy's
Wild Bunch**

By: Charles Kelly

**© 1938 (*privately*), 1959, & 1996
(Pg 15 - 17)**



The Story of Outlaw Tom McCarty

"Old Doctor William McCarty, came from Tennessee, he had been a surgeon in the Confederate Army.

With his family of three sons, and four daughters he emigrated to Montana shortly after the Civil War."

"... his services of a surgeon were not much in demand, so he went into the business of buying and selling horses and cattle.

Monthly Programs 2001-02, cont.



*April 2002 Mr. Martin
Resonance of TESC Library*

Outlaw Genealogy

Using allied families to track outlaws in the Old West

By Steven W Morrison

Ever think about tracing the family tree of a Wild West outlaw? You've heard the names, Butch Cassidy, Sundance Kid, or Six Pack Joe (your mother's brother). Like everyone else they had a mother, father and siblings before they went outlaw. So how do you reconstructing a family tree when all you have is

outlaw lore? Well, believe it or not, it's possible ... if you learn the tricks of "OUTLAW GENEALOGY".

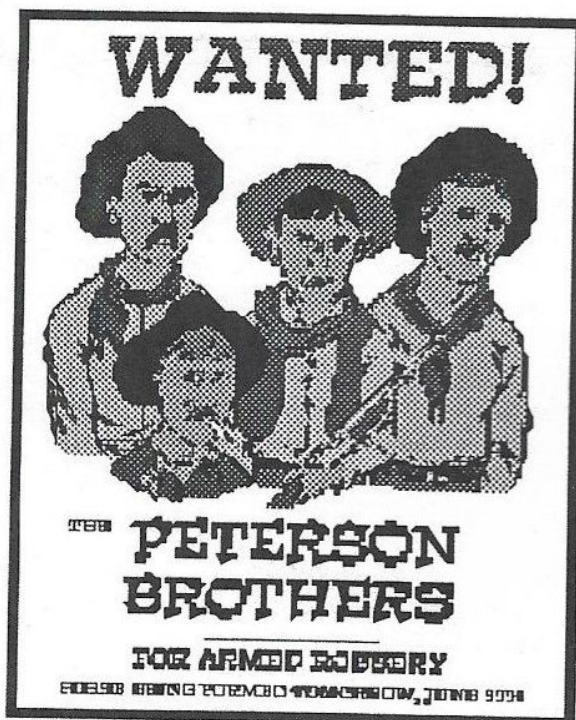
Join Steven W. Morrison at the Olympia Genealogy Society's March 14 general meeting as he recounts his years of tracking outlaw

lied families. Although not as famous as some, McCARTY robbed his first bank in 1889 with Robert Leroy Parker (oops ... Butch Cassidy) in Telluride, Colo-

rado. Later McCARTY robbed banks throughout Oregon, and even knocked off the bank in Rosalyn, Washington. So, if you are fed up with lines which just seen to

dead end, saddle up with Steve's posse to hunt down one of the west's most elusive outlaws. After that, tracking old "Six Pack Joe" will be a cinch!

The OGS meets, March 14, 7 p.m. at the Thurston County Courthouse, Build-



OUTLAW GENEALOGY

Using Allied Families
Track Outlaws in the
Old West



March, 2002
Steven Morrison
Outlaw Genealogy

May 9 General Meeting

The latest help for genealogical research? It's in the genes

Society member Connie Bailey has secured permission to show an interesting film about molecular DNA at the May 9 general meeting of the Olympia Genealogy Society.

The film is a record of a presentation by Dr. Scott Woodward, a microbiologist at Brigham Young University and Director of their Molecular DNA project, during BYU's Family History and

Genealogy Conference in August 2001.

This film will NOT be at any local theatre; each showing is personally authorized by Dr. Woodward. So attend the our May meeting for a rare opportunity to see how this all works and its applicability to genealogy.

The OGS general meeting is held at the Thurston County Courthouse, Building 1, Room 152.

Learn more about the roots of Lacey

Olympian 6/13/02

Attend The Olympia Genealogical Society meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Thurston County Courthouse, room 152, Bldg. one, 2000 Lakeridge Drive S.W., Olympia. The guest speaker will be Andrea Hein Taylor, Curator of the Lacey Museum. She will illustrate her talk of three young people growing up in Lacey with a slide show. The meeting is free and open to the public. For additional details, call 360-456-0567.

Annual election of officers at June meeting

Remember election of officers is coming up with the June meeting. The following have been nominated:

President	Dick Johnson
V. Pres.	Merrilyn McCourt
Secretary	Karen Bowen
Treasurer	Ann Olson

Respectfully submitted, nominating committee: Lettie Schoch, Marilyn Connon, Ed Swan

Meeting program

Our program for June will feature a slide presentation by Andrea Hein Taylor, Curator of the Lacey Museum. She will speak about three young people growing up in the Lacey area, from Oregon Trail Days to today.

The meeting will take place at the Thurston Co. Courthouse, Building 1, room 152, at 7 p.m., June 13.

Plan to attend!

June 2002



Saturday, April 6, 2002

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Keith Laws
OOS member

Protesters pressure Safeway to keep store's postal station open

Keith Laws protests the Tumwater Safeway store's plan to close the post office inside the store as an employee takes pictures of picketers. The employee, whose name tag read Andrew S., told protesters Friday that the photos would be sent to company headquarters.



Tony Overman/The Olympian

RUTH LONGORIA THE OLYMPIAN *"There are a lot of people upset about this, and if Safeway is going to ignore their customers, I think we should vote with our feet. We can all go shop at Fred Meyer, Albertson's and Costco."*

-- Dave Estergard, customer

TUMWATER -- A dozen protesters stood in front of the Cleveland Avenue Safeway on Friday afternoon holding signs that read, "Boycott Safeway -- Save our Post Office."

As drivers honked and waved, disgruntled customers expressed anger at the Safeway corporation's decision to close the store's postal station.

Store management posted signs Tuesday saying Safeway will close all of its in-store postal stations by May 17.

Tumwater Store Manager Richard Ruth would not comment on the decision, except to route people to the store's public relations office in Bellevue.

"This is corporate arrogance at its worst; Safeway is steamrolling over their customers," said Bob Solie, an organizer of Friday's protest.

Long-time customer

Solie, one of the store's 340 post office box holders, has operated his Washington Cellular business out of that address for the past 15 years.

"I've never picketed anything before in my life -- even in my college days," Solie said. "But I don't think I've ever been this mad before."

Sunday, August 18, 2002

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Heritage festival stirs interest in learning, preserving history

Tom Brown of Rochester talks about Civil War rifles with re-enactor Mike Gillen of Tacoma during Saturday's Family Heritage Festival.



Tony Overman/The Olympian

RUTH LONGORIA THE OLYMPIAN OLYMPIA -- A Family Heritage Festival at the Washington State Capital Museum on Saturday drew a small but dedicated crowd of history buffs.

The event -- which paid tribute to Thurston County's 150th birthday -- was a combination historic re-enactment, music festival, antique appraisal, book-signing and information swap.

Russ and Genevieve Hupe of the Olympia Historical Society spent the afternoon sharing information about their newly formed group.

The society is a way for Olympia residents to preserve their history, which hasn't been preserved as well as in other cities such as Lacey and Tumwater, they said. Those communities have had historical societies for many years, said Russ Hupe, 81.

OHS member

"There's so much history here, but it's never been displayed," Genevieve Hupe said of Olympia. "We want to collect the pictures and oral histories before they just disappear."

The Hupe family has lived in Olympia since 1948.

"We've contributed more than 50 years of history ourselves," she said. "I have memories of taking Boy Scout troops to the historic Bigelow House, and my son, Jim, painted the Bigelow porch as his Eagle Scout project in 1975.

"There must be many more people with memories and memorabilia," she said.

Some of that memorabilia might come from Olympia resident Penny Devine.

Devine, 55, stopped and chatted with the Hupes on Saturday afternoon. She offered to share some family



Jan Walsh
State Librarian

Washington State Library Impacts of the Supplemental and the Governor's 2003-05 Budget Proposals

The proposed budgets (Supplemental and 2003-05) have the following impacts:

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State Library is excellent source for research

Due to budget cuts, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off. The light is the State Library, and the individuals poised to throw the switch are Gov. Gary Locke and the Republicans.

I do genealogical research regularly at the State Library. The farther one searches in time from the present, the greater the need for a library.

Currently, I am taking a genealogy class at the University of Washington. I am fortunate in being able to use the State Library for homework and research.

In the time it takes to drive to Seattle, I can visit the State Library and be home.

The Olympia library has a genealogical collection that complements the State Library. It lacks the space to absorb the State Library collection and took a major budget hit from Initiative 747.

The University of Washington would need a supplement of \$1 million annually to house the government documents. Where would the Washington/Northwest collection go? What about the Washington Authors Collection?

At a time when public libraries are strapped for funds, are the governor and Republicans willing to spend millions to supplement them in order to save millions by closing the State Library?

If the State Library is closed to the public as the Republicans propose, I wonder if they will be willing to assist me with my research since I still have access?

State library is source of genealogical information

I am writing on behalf of the Olympia Genealogical Society, a non-profit public service organization, to keep our state library functional, open to the public and able to provide research and information services to the Legislature and state agencies.

Further, we want the services provided by the state library to libraries nationwide through its statewide database licensing program, currently saving us taxpayers \$8.3 million per annum, to continue without curtailment or elimination (www.wslfriends.org/FAQ.htm). Every public library in our state benefits from thoughtful allocation of federal grant money, paid only to state libraries for distribution within the state.

The library has reorganized, re-prioritized and generally improved its operations. Quoting Secretary of State Sam Reed, "If every state agency did what the library did in terms of reductions, the state would save \$5 billion. ... The library is already a model. He (Gov. Gary Locke) should be holding it up as a model of what other agencies need to do."

Genealogists are second in number only to those who are interested in gardening. Genealogists rely heavily on libraries for factual information and expert assistance. The farther back our ancestors are in our state's history, the greater our need for a repository of factual information.

Unquestionably, these are difficult economic times. We will be closely following the efforts of our legislators as they work to find the best solutions for these difficulties.

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Richard E. Johnson Jr.,
president, Olympia

other employees who provide direct collections.

historical and genealogical information

Keep the library; get rid of the governor

As a retired state employee, I offer the following: In the late 1950s I was working as a computer systems analyst for the Tax Commission, which later became the Department of Revenue.

Rather than traveling out-of-state, I spent many dollars, I frequented the Washington State Library to study other states' income tax systems.

We did a complete study and only traveled to Salem, Ore., once to get more data before proposing to the Tax Commissioners an income tax system for the state of Washington.

Following that, I also spent time at the State Library when I was an analyst at the departments of Institutions and Social and Health Services. I encouraged my staff to use the library, and many were amazed at the amount of information available at the library.

After retiring from the state, I became interested in genealogy.

I have spent many hours at the library, researching my Snodgrass and Bone ancestors who arrived in Vancouver, Clarke County, Washington Territory where great-grandfather James A. Snodgrass was elected county auditor. The State Library is the only local library that contains much of my family history.

I have a suggestion. Let's eliminate the governor's office, and move it to the State Library.

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GENEALOGY SYMPOSIUM

September, 2002

Several OGS Members are Teachers

Presenters

BUZZ BAILEY (923-1352) Retired manufacturing management consultant, Eaton Corporation; Family history consultant; Family History Center staff; Olympia Genealogy Society; experienced presenter. Will teach classes on: *A Comparison of Genealogy Software; Writing and Publishing a Family History; Preparing Names For Temple Submission*

CONNIE BAILEY (923-1352) Retired Director of Learning Assistance, University of Wisconsin-Parkside; Family History Consultant; Family History Center staff; Olympia Genealogy Society; experienced presenter. Will teach classes on: Using the U.S. Census for Family History; Periods of U.S. Immigration; The Bigelow Project: Using the Ancestral File

ALICE CORRIGAN (923-1044) Retired employee of Olympia public schools; Director, Family History Center, eleven years; Olympia Genealogy Society. Will teach class on: Research in Canada

JEWELL DUNN (456-0752) Manager, fine jewelry department, Fred Meyer; certified genealogist; professional researcher, specializing in Germany. Will teach classes in: Native American Research; Research in Germany

GODFREY ELLIS (459-2513) Professor of Psychology, St. Martin College; born in British Isles, specializes in English research; has published a family history book; organized family history conference in Lacey. Will teach class in: Research in England

LOIS FENSKE (357-5758) Retired, South Puget Sound Community College, Economics Department; college historian; charter member, Olympia Historical Society; Olympia Genealogy Society. Will teach classes on: Getting Started in Family History; Organization of Your Files and Material

AL GOODWIN (754-6508) Retired employee, Washington State; past president, Olympia Genealogy Society; Family History Center staff. Will teach class on: Research in Scotland

PAT HARPER (866-1106) Reference librarian, Timberland Library; Olympia Genealogy Society. Will teach classes on: Genealogical Resources in the Timberland Library; Genealogy Periodicals and PERSI

DENISE MARLATT (866-0786) 20 years experience in genealogy, specializing in England; Family History Center staff. Will teach classes on: Research in Scandinavia; Effective Use of the Family History Library Catalog

JERRI McCOY (459-3251) Windows NT Systems Administrator of State Patrol; past president Olympia Genealogy Society and Grant County Genealogy Society; affiliated with many state and national heritage organizations, and creates web sites for many of them; experienced presenter. Will teach classes on: The Importance of Documentation; What's New on the Internet; Southern Land Records; A Case Study

STEVE MORRISON (459-3678) Urban planner; 20 years genealogical experience; three years vice-president Olympia Genealogical Society; experienced presenter. Will teach class on: Outlaw Genealogy: Research Through Allied Families

HARLAN PITTELKAU (459-8098) Retired, U.S. Army; research for Washington for year 2000; genealogical expertise in the former Prussian states, mostly prior to 1880. Will teach class on: Research in Eastern Europe

BOBBY SCOTT (491-5157) Retired school nurse, Capital High School; many years experience in photography, exhibition, and restoration; Olympia Genealogy Society. Will teach class on: Dating Old Photographs

JIM WALTON (456-3794) Retired insurance executive; real estate investor; experienced genealogist and skillful in computer knowledge. Will teach class in: Using the Personal Ancestral File

SCOTT WOODWARD Professor of microbiology, Brigham Young University; director, Molecular DNA Project; has appeared on Discovery Channel, Learning Channel, etc. Presentation on film of lecture presented at BYU Genealogy and Family History Conference, 2001: Molecular Genealogy

Oct. 10 set for annual dinner

Reservations due by Sept. 19

By Marilyn McCourt
Program Chair

Announcing our October Annual Banquet of the Olympia Genealogy Society. It will be held October 10, 2002, with a social hour to begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the dinner at 7:00 p.m. It will again be at The Olympia Elks Lodge at 1818 4th Ave East, Olympia, WA. (near Ralph's Thriftway).

Our menu includes chicken béarnaise (not sure of the spelling) with salad, vegetables, mashed baby red potatoes, rolls and butter, coffee or tea, and dessert. Eggplant Parmesan is the vegetarian offering with the same accompaniments as the chicken béarnaise. The cost is \$16.00.

Our speaker will be Mr. Curt Roselle and his subject will be "Luke Swetland, Captive of the Senecas—fact or fable?" This is the story of his ancestor and Mr. Roselle has been able to verify the story point by point by searching the records at the Regional Branch of the National Archives and at other archives. This presentation is about that story and the methods used to verify the details.

Mr. Roselle spent the first part of his life in the Navy's submarine force, and has been involved in genealogy for 15 years. He has been a research room volunteer at the Regional Branch of the National Archives for the last ten years. He teaches workshops on military, land and census records for the Archives and for various other local genealogy organizations.

Please make your reservations and send your check by September 19th to Mrs. Marilyn McCourt, 7927 Prather Road S.W., Centralia, WA. 98531. To call for reservations, my number is 360-273-8161 and I will call you back to clarify

Sept 12 General Meeting

Early U.S. colonization subject of first 2002-03 OGS general meeting

Jerri McCoy will present the first program of the new Olympia Genealogy Society year, Sept. 12.

Her subject will be "Pilgrims and Patriots," and will cover the early colonization of the 13 colonies, from 1607 to the Revolutionary War in 1776.

Jerri's presentation will make use of a map, and will feature valuable information to many in our group, possibly tying together the ancestors of several members.

The OGS meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Thurston County Courthouse, Building One, Room 152.



Still time to make reservations for annual dinner

Although you may have missed the deadline for our Annual Dinner Meeting, noted in the September Newsletter, program chair Marilyn McCourt says you are not too late as there are a few vacancies left.

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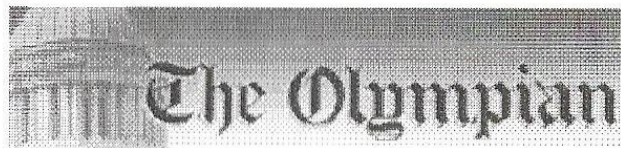
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Call Marilyn M
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Oct. 10

OGS Annual
Dinner Meeting

Olympia Elks Lodge



Wednesday, November 13, 2002

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- Olympia Genealogical Society meeting: 7 p.m. Thursday, Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg. 1, Room 152, 2000 Lakeridge Drive S.W., Olympia. Featured speaker will be Delores Nelson, who teaches adults how to write their memoirs. Free. 360-352-7778.

Volunteer Opportunities / Communities -The Olympian

Olympia Genealogical Society needs a volunteer interested in and capable of organizing materials for quarterly magazine. Must be able use word processing and desktop publishing programs. Call 360-456-0567 or e-mail: rjonasenhush@attbi.com for additional information.

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General Meeting November 14

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OCS Member Obituaries - 2002-03

RANSOM ALVIN (AL) PADGET

Ransom Alvin Padget (86) a life-long resident of the Olympia area died peacefully in his sleep at Puget Sound Healthcare Center, August 5, 2002. He was born at home in Tumwater, WA June 25, 1916 to Ransom Albert and Anna C. (Green) Padget. He attended Lincoln Grade School and graduated from Olympia High School (1936) and from St. Martin's College (1940) with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. He was a licensed Real Estate Broker doing business for 40 years as the R.A. Padget Realty Co., retiring in 1979. He married Maxine Clark August 3, 1940 in St. John's Episcopal Church, Olympia. They established residence in their newly built home in south

Olympia, where they raised their family and lived for 61 years.

Alvin was dedicated to church community service. He was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church. He had served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and worked as a marine electrician for 2 shipyards during WW II. He was Office of Price Administration Rent Director for Thurston-Mason Counties. He served on Several Governors Select Committees. He was on the Southwest Washington State College Committee, which laid the foundation for the establishment of the Evergreen State College. Gov. Daniel J. Evans appointed him to the Washington State Real Estate Commission. He was president of the Olympia Board of Realtors twice and was Director of the Washington Association of Realtors. He was a Member of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers and a member of the Farm and Land Institute of the National Association of Realtors. Alvin was an active member and past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Olympia-Thurston County Chamber of Commerce. He served as local Chapter Chairman of the American Red Cross for two terms. He was, for many years active in the Thurston County Taxpayers Association and served two terms as Association. president. Alvin was a Life Member of B.P.O.E. #186, Elks Lodge and Olympia Lodge #1 Free and Accepted Masons. He was a Noble in the Mystic Shrine Afifi Temple, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Olympia and past president of the Thurston-Mason Shrine Club. He was a member of the Olympia Genealogical Society and Tumwater Historical Association. For many years he served on the Board of Directors of the Quinault Allotters Association. He was a Member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. He was a member of the Olympia Kiwanis Club for 40 years.

Mr. Padget was preceded in death by a sister, Vernita, a brother Quincy, and a son Peter Lawrence Padget. Surviving him is his wife Maxine Clark Padget, two sons David A. Padget and Douglas G. Padget, four grandchildren Sean Padget, Erin Schincke, Jeffery Padget, Daniel Padget and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held August 10, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church 19th and capitol Way, Olympia. Family suggests memorials may be made to Shiriner's Children's Hospital, Portland, OR. Or St. John's Church Memorial Fund, St. Martin's College, or the Thurston County American Red Cross. Arrangements by Mills & Mills Funeral Directors.

