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OGS Program for September from Peggy Cooley

Welcome back from Summer! The schedule of presentations through December is up on the website. This month, three of our members will take us through their journey in search of ancestors: Nancy Cordell, Carol Jenner and Ed Swan. We'll have plenty of time to socialize because it seems like it was *forever* since June! As always, if you have a topic you'd like to present, send me an email or talk to me at the meeting.

President's Message

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Olympia Genealogy Society Season!

This is my first message as the new President of OGS. I am honored that OGS felt I am competent to take on this role. I will rely on present and past board members to help me learn the ropes. I look forward to working with all of you to help us all become better genealogists and to find our ancestors who seem to enjoy hiding from us.

As many of you know, there have been drastic changes to the genealogy collection at the Olympia Timberland Regional Library (OTRL). Libraries are living, breathing entities that undergo change all the time. Be sure to remember that the next time you use any library.

Some members of the OGS Board met with Morgan Sohl of OTRL to discuss the changes that were made. There are things we all learned from our conversation. Some things we (as library users) already knew, but might not have thought about. Neither Thurston County nor the City of Olympia have any plans to for a new building or to enlarge the current one. Recent tax levies to do so have failed. Therefore OTRL must work with the space they have to accommodate the needs of the 1500-1600 users per day. OTRL must constantly cull **all** of their collections in order to make room for new books, more patrons and new technologies. The genealogy collection had not been weeded for some time. While OGS as a group, and individual members, donated books to the collection, once they donated books, they became the property of the Timberland Regional Library.

When going through the collection, the library checked each title slated for removal to make sure that title is available either online or through interlibrary loan. Most of the books that were gotten rid of were sold online through a service the library normally uses. Once OGS realized the scope of the project, the library kindly gave all remaining books to OGS (which is not their standard operating procedure). Those books are currently being stored by OGS members and their fate has yet to be determined by the OGS Board. We will be discussing that in our September meeting.

We hope to have someone from the OTRL speak at one of our monthly meetings to help us learn how to find books that might help us in our research either online or through Interlibrary Loan. In the meantime, please feel free to ask the reference librarians for help in finding those sources. You can even schedule a one hour consultation with a reference librarian!

Several OGS members were able to save some of the genealogy books the OTRL was getting rid of, and we are trying to decide their fate. If we can find a home for those books, are you willing to volunteer 4-5 hours per week if needed so folks can access those books? If so, please send me an email at nancy.cordell@gmail.com

Nancy

The Crosby House Museum from Ann Olson

Crosby House Museum continues to be open for tours Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00p.m. through October. An exciting new feature in the museum is a scale model of the 1860-era Crosby House complete with furnishings. The museum is part of Tumwater's historic park area and operated by the Olympia Chapter of the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington. A donation of \$2 per person is recommended. Our own Ann Olson is the current president of Olympia #4, DPW. Ann invites you to come visit one of Washington's oldest homes turned museum that's right in our own backyard. It's both an educational and fun experience!

Judy's Genealogical Gems from Judy Artley

Louisiana & East Texas, Methodist Episcopal Church Congregational records late 19th & early 20th Century, www.centenary.edu/library/archives/methodist/digital collections. (DE), 8/26

South Carolina, Old Darlington District Chapter South Carolina Genealogical Society moved their records to the Historical Commission in Darlington, DE, 8/27

U. S. Marriage records NY, MA, MI, PA, & AR 1650-2010, FMP, DE, 8/27

Australia; Victoria Coastal Passenger Lists from Public Office Victoria, FMP, DE, 8/27

Britain, Enemy Aliens & Internees First & Second Wars, 139,000 foreign-born men & women, FMP, DE, 8/27

Britain, Children's Employment Commission, Part 2, 1842, FMP, DE, 8/27

Ireland, Children's Employment Commission, Part, 1842, FMP, DE, 8/27

PERSI Update, Images from assorted publications added, FMP, DE, 8/27

DE—Dick Eastman
FMP- Find My Past

OGS Events Calendar - September 2016

OGS Meeting	Thursday, September 8, 2016	7 p.m.	Thursday County Court House Building 1, Room 152
OGS Genealogy Café	<i>Thursday, September 15, 2016</i>	<i>No Genealogy Café-Library is closed.</i>	
OGS Genealogy Café	Saturday, September 17, 2016	1-3 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library Meeting Room
OGS Board Meeting	Tuesday, September 20, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library Meeting Room
Beginner's Workshop Registration required.	Saturday, October 29, 2016	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library Meeting Room



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