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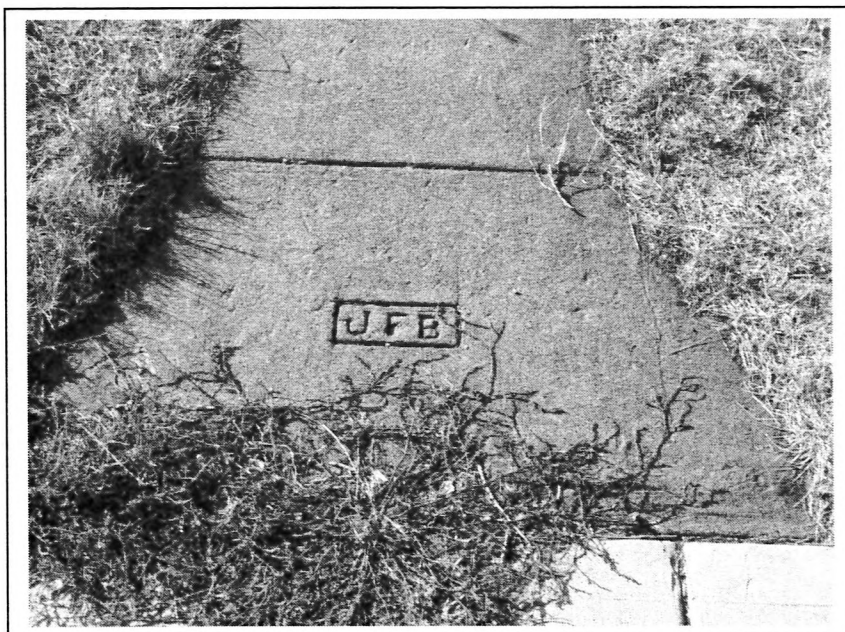
President's Message

By Pat Harper

Welcome to Fall! I'm just back from vacation. Lots of autumn colors and many inches of rain. The rain was welcome in Eastern Washington and Montana. It put out the fires. Being from Western Washington I wasn't so pleased.

This wasn't a genealogy inspired trip, but when I reached Spokane I remembered that my father had spent his elementary school years there. I was curious about where they lived, but hadn't done any preparation. How could I find the address? Very easily it turned out. I knew the family was in Spokane for the 1920 Federal Census, so I called the Spokane Library and asked if they had the City Directory for that year. They did and told me that John Bacon, conductor and wife Etna lived at East 3250 5th Avenue. The next morning Rob and I drove out to that area and found much of land in commercial properties. But I lucked out. Although there was a huge Fred Meyer across the street, E3250 5th Ave still existed. I jumped out of the car and at my feet, etched into the concrete were the initials JFB: John Francis Bacon, my grandfather. I got pictures of the initials on the walk and the house. Maybe just in time. By next year another big box store might have leveled the house. It's not that I never get to Spokane. We lived there for 5 years in the early 1970s and returned for visits and in route to other places many times since. I wonder what stories I could have heard if I'd made this short pilgrimage when my father was still alive and visiting us. I feel the shadow of another missed opportunity to learn more about my ancestors than just their names and dates. However, in the better late than never vein, I do have the pictures to add to my research.

Pat Harper
President



John Francis Bacon initials at E3250 Sth in Spokane WA

COMING GENEALOGICAL EVENTS

Provided by Jerri McCoy & the Washington State Genealogical Society

FALL 2007

• 6 Oct 2007 - Tacoma, WA

The Heritage Quest Research Library <<http://www.hqrl.com/>> is presenting its annual seminar, AutumnQuest, at the Elks Club in Tacoma on October 6, 2007. The topic will be "Digging in the Trenches", Uncovering the Military Records of Your Ancestors. The speakers will be Jim Johnson, the Director of HQRL, and Patty McNamee from the Pacific-Alaska Region of the National Archives (NARA). Details and registration forms are available at the HQRL website.

• 20 Oct 2007 - Lynnwood, WA

Sno-Isle Genealogical Society <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasigs/>> presents their Fall Symposium "Genealogy and Technology -- New Tools for Digging Roots." It will be held Saturday, October 20, 2007, 8:30 to 3:45. Topics are: Finding Digitized Resources of Genealogical Value; Internet-Based Genealogical Research; Solutions to Brick Walls; USB Devices, Tips and Tricks, Questions and Answers. A registration form may be obtained on their website.

• 27 Oct 2007 - Tacoma, WA

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~watpcgs/>> presents their Fall Seminar featuring Barbara Vines Little, a certified genealogist from Virginia. She is currently President of NGS. Topics will be: "Teasing the Silent Woman from the Shadows of History," "Granny Possum's Pointers," "An Overview of Colonial Virginia Records," and "Documentation: A Formula for Every Day." Tacoma Elks Club. Registration \$25 before Oct 12, \$35 after. Lunch additional \$10 and must be paid in advance. Check their website for more details.

SPRING 2008:

• 8 Mar 2008 - Jefferson Co, WA

Jefferson County Genealogical Society <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wajcgs/>> presents a very special seminar for 2008, the 25th anniversary year of our organization, so mark your calendars now. This seminar will feature Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA, the author of such genealogical standards as *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* and *Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers and Librarians* as well as the historical novel, *Isle of Canes*, and over 500 journal and magazine articles related to family history. Ms. Mills is a past editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly and a regular speaker at the NGS conferences; many TV and radio appearances; president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and the American Society of Genealogists; and instructor at Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. Look for reservation forms to be available in the near future on the society website.

• 9-10 May 2008 - Mt. Vernon, WA

The Washington State Genealogical Society <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs/>> will hold their 2008 Annual Conference and Business Meeting in Mt. Vernon, hosted by the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. Featured speaker will be Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. Be sure to mark your calendars now, so you don't miss the date!

New Genealogy Books at the Olympia Library July-September 2007

Donated by the Olympia Genealogical Society

Migration from the Russian Empire: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports vol. 5 June 1889-July 1890 edited by Ira A. Glazier. Genealogy 929.3747 MIGRATIO 1998 Vol. 5

Purchased by Timberland Regional Library

History of Tacoma Washington Vols. 1-4 (volume 4 is an index) by Herbert Hunt. Published in 1916 reprinted in 2005. NW 979.778 HUNT 2005

Donated by Norman Dodge

Dodge Family Genealogy 1898-1998 by Robert Livingston Dodge. Genealogy 929.2 Dodge 1998

OGS Programs at the Library

The Genealogy Café-bring your questions and share your knowledge every third Thursday at the Genealogy Table in the Olympia Timberland Library. 7-8 p.m.
For information call David Purtee 866-1590.



Submissions are needed for our Quarterly!

Have you had a profitable research trip? Do you have some good advice on researching? Do you have old letters or anything else to share? Articles of interest are welcome!

Is one of your ancestors hiding from you? Submit a **query** and someone might read it and have an answer. Remember, our Quarterly is exchanged with others around the nation, and also goes to the Allen County Library, publisher of PERSI.

Olympia's Pioneer Chinese Community

By Edward L Echtle Jr.

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The following is based on a presentation given by Edward Echtle for the Pacific Northwest Historians guild. It was re-presented at the Olympia Genealogical Society in December 2005. More information and photos are available on the web at: wvn-v.olympiahistory.org/olympiachinese

In 1852 Olympia was little more than a scattering of wooden buildings and cabins on a recently cleared peninsula jutting into Budd inlet. Yet it was then the largest American settlement on Puget Sound and it was growing. Opportunities in the young community were drawing immigrants looking for prosperity overland from "the States." Those same attractions had also piqued the interest of men and women in Toisan, China.

The town had just received its first printing press, and the first newspaper to be produced in Washington Territory hit the muddy, stump-ridden streets on October 10th of that year. The debut issue of the *Columbian* was devoted chiefly to extolling the benefits of relocating to the new town. One man who had already been convinced was advertised as the "accomplished Chinese cook," employed at Edmund Sylvester's Olympia House hotel.¹

Chinese immigrants, while constituting a small portion of the overall population, contributed a great deal of the labor and skill that was needed in early Olympia. Although culturally and linguistically isolated, most succeeded in eking out a living through hard work, patience and perseverance. They availed themselves of opportunities either neglected or overlooked by Anglo-European Americans and managed to create a niche for themselves, adding to the population an ingenuity born out of necessity and limited opportunity.

Despite their invaluable community support in labor and capital, for a long time South Sound historians gave local Chinese only passing mention. Locally the perception persists that early Chinese immigrants came with the railroads and left with the riots. However, we now know Olympia's Chinese residents played an integral (if unacknowledged) role in the overall community, and their contributions allowed the town to remain economically viable as more and more immigrants and industries located in other communities competing with Olympia on Puget Sound.

As the population of the Puget Sound region grew, the US established a customs house at Olympia in 1851. All ships arriving on Puget Sound from overseas were to call at Olympia first for customs inspection, making it for a time the earliest landfall for Chinese sojourners in the Puget Sound region.²

Who the first Chinese to arrive in Olympia was and what specifically brought him has yet to be determined, although he may have been the previously mentioned Olympia House Hotel cook employed by Sylvester. This was fully twenty years before railroad construction began in Thurston County and eight years before the earliest known Chinese resident settled in Seattle.³ By the 1860's the celebration of Lunar New Year in Olympia was being mentioned annually in the local press.

The founding of early Chinese communities in the West stemmed from the necessity to spread out from other Chinese, thereby minimizing competition in the few fields of employment available to them. Chinese with the same surname tended to settle in the same locale, drawn by letters from prior arrivals that contained specific information regarding opportunities in the community. Olympia, with its small but stable industrial economy, emerged as a "Lock town"⁴ Hugh Locke, who was born in Olympia in 1916 remembered in an interview in 1997 that, "In the old days, Olympia was all Lockes... The Lockes are a small clan; (and) were, more or less, overshadowed by the Chins and the Wongs in Seattle."

Chinese sojourners formed Family Associations, based on surname and village ties, which were the foundation of their social network in America. Generally, those sharing the same surname were from the same area. In the case of the Locke clan in Olympia, this was the area in and around the village of *Shuibu* in the Toison region of Guangdong Province, southeast China.⁵

Since most Chinese immigrants in the US at the time were male, they relied on this extended family organization in the absence of traditional family structure to secure a place to live and find employment in the west. In turn, the sojourner paid dues to his Association to support the various services it provided. The Locke Association in Olympia, like its counterparts in other towns, provided myriad essential services to its members.⁶

The physical manifestation of the Association, and central to community life of early Chinese Americans, was the Chinese store. The store was actually a multi-purpose facility, serving as dwelling, supply depot, employment agency and social hall. The merchants who operated these stores often rose to local prominence as representatives of the local Chinese community. Invariably these merchant leaders were bilingual and acted as a liaison between the Chinese and Euro American communities.⁷

The earliest available records indicate that the first Chinese quarters in Olympia were on Fourth St., 1/2 block west of Capital Way, the original business core. By 1870 Chinatown included two laundries, a branch of the Wa Chung and Company mercantile of Seattle and the Wing On Chong Company mercantile. In addition, there were several Chinese-owned laundry businesses scattered about town.⁸

In total, only 18 Chinese are listed by name in the Federal Census for Olympia in 1870, their occupations shown as launderers, cooks, laborers, and domestic servants.⁹ This is certainly an under representation of the actual numbers as, in subsequent enumerations through the 1870s, the number of individual names varies widely. This may be due to a reluctance among census takers to visit Chinese dwellings. The 1878 auditor's census ledger includes an addenda, that there were in residence "150 Chinamen, [whose] names can not be given."¹⁰

Construction began on the Northern Pacific line from Kalama on the Columbia River to Puget Sound in 1871, and the first Chinese laborers hired for that project arrived in February. The *Washington Standard* reported that as many as 2,000 Chinese might be employed in construction, the majority of the work force being recruited through San Francisco.¹¹ By March of the following year, the track head had moved far enough north that Olympia became the main point of arrival for Chinese traveling to work on the project. When eighty workers debarked in Olympia from the steamer *California*, the *Washington Standard* took notice of the influx, reporting that she would bring as many as 300 more on her next round trip.¹² By autumn of 1873 work had stalled at Tenino and large numbers of Chinese railroad workers camped nearby through the winter.¹³

Immediately after Olympia residents learned that Tacoma was to be the eventual terminus, Olympia undertook building its own rail link to the main tracks at Tenino. Begun in 1874, the short line was conceived by the community as a publicly supported, volunteer effort. After initial enthusiasm faded,

progress slowed to a crawl. By 1878 project managers reluctantly conceded that it was necessary to employ Chinese to complete the project. The Thurston County Railroad Construction Company hired a Chinese labor contractor identified as "Jimmia," who recruited forty two laborers for the work. Work proceeded through August, with the crew engaged in clearing, grading, laying ties and rails, and ballasting, all the work of course done by hand. When completed, the Olympia and Chehalis Valley Railroad was fifteen miles end to end, stretching across the prairies between Tenino and the west end of Olympia's Fourth Street bridge. Residents celebrated its opening was with much fanfare, and it served as the town's only rail link for the next 14 years. Since then, many historians have cited this project as key to saving Olympia from economic oblivion, and it may never have been completed without Chinese labor.¹⁴

Throughout this period the Chinese residing in Olympia continued to go about their daily activities which were sometimes mentioned in the local press. The celebration of the Lunar New Year continued to warrant a line or two and in 1873 the *Standard* noted that a few Chinese had begun to sell locally grown vegetables on the streets.¹⁵

In 1880, there was a death in the community. Su He, a thirty-one year old laborer employed at the Tumwater pipe factory died of unspecified causes.¹⁶ The ceremony took place on Fourth Street in front of the Chinese quarters and drew many curious observers from the white community as well. The account of the ceremony in the *Standard* illustrates the tone of inter-ethnic relations at the time:

... Previous to being placed in the hearse, the coffin was carried into the street and deposited upon supports about three feet from the ground. As soon as the jolly [szc] Celestials had decked themselves in red and blue sashes, they began to prostrate themselves, two by two, upon a mat spread on the ground at the foot of the coffin, at the same time, going through sundry gesticulations, the import of which was known only to themselves. Before rising, each man received a little cup from an attendant and emptied its contents upon the ground... It added not a little to the vanity of the performance to see the Chinamen approach the mat, kneel, pour out their libations, and gesticulate without ever taking their cigars or cigarettes from their mouths. Spectators were divided as to whether the little cup contained tea or brandy..¹⁷

Apparently, it occurred to none of the observers present that day to ask.

The marginalization of Chinese immigrants was especially evident in employment, where they were relegated to very specific roles. Because of this, direct competition with white labor was seldom a serious concern, but in the lean economic climate of the 1880s the many vilified the Chinese were as unfair competition. By the 1870s the *Washington Standard* was publishing home grown anti-Chinese editorials with this theme. While the tone may have been less vitriolic than at other locales, the idea that the Chinese represented unfair labor competition was still the central theme. Early on, the local press took the stance that the limiting of Chinese in the community was best achieved through legislation, a view that would prevail in Olympia throughout the period.¹⁸

In a rare bit of candor however, the *Standard* published an editorial in June of 1879 which took anti-Chinese rhetoric to task. The article acknowledges that the Chinese do indeed fill a necessary role neglected by other members of the community, and while the writer still favors their eventual departure, it offers some insight to the importance of their contribution:

... When we see Chinamen... clear up and bring under a state of the highest and most profitable cultivation, uninviting portions of our timber lands, we feel that they are justly rebuking the

hundreds of listless white men by whom they are so roundly abused. Many of the finest vegetables found in our markets or peddled house to house about the streets are raised by... Chinamen, who landed on our wharves with only a bamboo stick and a bundle of clothes... We are still firm on the original Chinese Question, but we can not deny that they are teaching wholesome questions of industry and good citizenship... until the arrival of our Chinese gardeners, all our earliest small fruits and vegetables came by steamer from San Francisco, for which we paid exorbitant prices. Now through the native tact and indomitable energy of Chinamen, fruits are raised from our own soil and brought to our doors, weeks earlier than ever they were produced by white men... Hundreds of men... are waiting and starving for something to turn up, when, if only they would get a plow, or, Chinamen-like, only a spade, and turn up the rich soil of our valleys they would find the bonanzas they are looking for...¹⁹

The issue became even more volatile after the US passed the first Federal Chinese Exclusion act in 1882. The legislation prohibited further entry of unskilled Chinese labor into the United States and its territories but left exemptions for merchants, students, travelers and government officials.²⁰ These exemptions allowed loopholes through which many determined Chinese were able to enter the US. Public knowledge of this subterfuge, coupled with the economic depression that set in during the 1880s all served to intensify anti-Chinese sentiments.

As tensions mounted in Seattle and Tacoma, Chinese from around Puget Sound began to filter into the somewhat safer atmosphere of Olympia. On November 3, 1885 a large group of Tacoma residents, led by the Mayor and other community leaders forcibly expelled Chinese living there, and set fire to their dwellings. Shortly afterward Olympia's Mayor Phillips called an emergency meeting at Columbia Hall where residents debated the course of action for the town. Olympians were mortified that Governor Squire deemed it necessary to send federal troops to Seattle and Tacoma. As the seat of government for the territory, they were determined not to repeat the drama. Before adjourning, the council drafted a resolution which illustrates the mixed feelings that reigned during the period:

Be It Resolved... while we fully realize the fact that we have too much of the Chinese element in our midst, we as clearly recognize the fact that they are here in and by the virtue of law and treaty stipulations, and that we are decidedly opposed to their expulsion by force or by intimidation, or by any other unlawful means, but we will at all times give our aid and support to any measures looking to a peaceable and lawful riddance of that element and a final solution of the 'Chinese question',²¹

Two days after Seattle expelled their Chinese residents, Olympia's anti-Chinese agitators also moved into action. On Tuesday morning, February 9, 1886, someone rang the fire bell as a signal for the rioters to converge. About twenty men went from dwelling to dwelling demanding that the Chinese leave immediately. Meanwhile, Sheriff Billings, along with deputies he had sworn in from among Olympia's established businessmen, patrolled the scene to maintain order. While no physical intervention by the deputies took place, it is supposed that their presence on the scene tempered any violence contemplated by the agitators. In keeping with the resolution to maintain the law, merchant Lock Ladd formally filed a complaint against the agitators on behalf of the Chinese residents of Olympia, on the grounds that their rights as legal residents by treaty had been violated. In this document, unlike the census, Olympia's resident Chinese are listed by name, filling more than two pages.²² Subsequently, the leaders of the agitation were convicted on conspiracy charges and sentenced to prison at McNeil Island. The *Standard*, while maintaining their anti-Chinese position, derided the would be rioters as '...misguided tools... [seeking] to drive out the Chinese to promote their own selfish objects.'²³

It is interesting to note that during the months between the Tacoma expulsion and the Olympia action,

many newspapers on the east coast strongly criticized Tacoma as 'lawless' and characterized the populace as 'hoodlums'.²⁴ In its reporting of the incident, the *Standard* took great pains to reiterate the "law and order" sentiment of Olympia. In an era of unabashed boosterism, and with Olympia hoping to secure its permanent position as Capitol upon the granting of statehood, community leaders may have seen it as good business to avoid a repeat of what has become known as the "Tacoma Method".

With the subsiding of the agitation, the few Chinese who remained in Olympia were able to settle in. New Chinese immigrants began to arrive and bolster the small number residing in Olympia. The Chinese Store, central to Chinese American life, became increasingly important due to the exclusion laws. Since the law contained exemptions for those able to show merchant status, the stores became partnerships, some listing as many as ten co-owners.²⁵

In the early 1890s the cluster of businesses on Fourth Street relocated in response to an ordinance restricting the location of laundries outside of downtown Olympia's fire limits.²⁶ Chinese businesses rebuilt on the southeast corner of Columbia and Fifth Streets.²⁷ By 1891 there were three stores at the new location, including a laundry and two Chinese boarding houses.²⁸ Among them were the Hong Yek Co. and the Kwong Hong Yick Laundry which were operated by Sam Fun Locke and were the most substantial of these businesses.

The name of the business "Hong Yek" was assumed by many in the white community to be the name of the owner. Contemporary sources often refer to "Hong Yek" as a person rather than a store, (often making research somewhat confusing.) The names of Chinese businesses were usually associated with fiscal success and substance: Hong Yek translates as "constant/beneficial".²⁹ Sam Fun Locke, who arrived in Olympia in 1874 at the age of 17 was not listed by name in the census until 1900, although a "Hong Yek" appears in census roles as early as 1880 at the location of the Hong Yek Laundry on Fourth Street. Years after Sam Fun Locke had passed away, many in the community still remembered him as Hong Yek, a name which he himself utilized, so as not to confuse his non-Chinese business associates.³⁰

As Olympia's most prominent Chinese merchant, Sam Fun Locke alias Hong Yek represented the business interests of the community. He served as a banker for Olympia's Chinese residents, entrusted by them with holding and investing their savings in new Chinese owned businesses throughout Southwest Washington. Sam Locke kept these funds in cash in a large metal box in his family's home above the Hong Yek Store.³¹ As the local representative of the Locke Family Association, he had many social duties. For a time he arranged for the delivery of groceries to a Chinese gardener living in isolation on Olympia's Eastside due to illness, and organized transportation for community members to the Chinese cemetery for the traditional spring memorial ceremonies.³²

All of the Chinese stores in Olympia dealt mainly in Chinese goods purchased through Wa Chong and Company importers of Seattle and were primarily patronized by members of the Chinese community. In later years, non-Chinese Olympia residents began visiting these stores to purchase specialty items, including tea and fireworks for their Fourth of July celebrations.³³

In 1913, Chinatown was displaced by a filling project that was adding new land to downtown Olympia. As Sam Locke was by law ineligible to own land, he purchased the new site through Lock Ged, who claimed citizenship by birth. Lock Ged was in fact Sam Locke's son by his first wife, and was able to claim citizenship by birth due to the loss of immigration records in the San Francisco fire of 1906. The bill of sale, dated April 1, 1913, shows the sum paid by Locke Ged for two town lots as one dollar. The Chinese relocated the mercantile/boarding houses on Fifth Street to the new site including the Hong Yek Company, Hong Hai and Company, Kung Yick Company, and the Quong Yuen Sang Stores.³⁴

Restaurants were also a pioneer business for the Chinese. Since opening a restaurant had a comparatively small startup cost, it was an accessible first enterprise for many sojourners seeking to start their own businesses. What the first Chinese owned restaurant in Olympia was is not known, but it appears that in the early 1890s Ah Toone was operating a restaurant in the historic Gold Bar Saloon building, the building that had served as the meeting place of the first territorial legislature.

In 1915 the Pekin Restaurant on Capitol Way opened for business, beginning an unbroken line of Chinese restaurants operating in Olympia. Around 1924, just ten years after Chinatown had relocated to Water Street, Lock Hoy moved operations from the Pekin to a store front in the new building on the site of the old Chinatown, and opened the Shanghai Cafe which continued operation into the 1980s.

Because lumber and plywood mills around Olympia operated three shifts a day, Chinese restaurants found a niche by staying open late and opening early to serve mill workers. Menus were not strictly Chinese American, with steak and eggs, ham and potatoes available to hungry workers at reasonable prices. The combination of extended hours and low prices helped The Shanghai and later Kay's Cafe to be among the longest lived restaurants in Olympia.³⁵

Due to proscriptive immigration laws and the desire of many early Chinese to return to their home country, few Chinese families were established in Olympia. Although local census records occasionally show Chinese families in residence, it appears that only a few local Chinese families emerged from the first wave of immigration.³⁶

Around the turn of the century, Sam Fun Locke returned to China to get married. His wife, Locke Lee, returned with Sam Fun in 1902 to begin a family in Olympia. Locke Lee, who spoke little English, raised nine children, all born in their home above the Hong Yek Kee and Company store.³⁷ Sam Locke, having had only three years of formal education before leaving China, felt it important that their children take advantage of education opportunities that he was denied. They attended public school in Olympia at Lincoln Elementary and eventually all nine children entered college. Their five sons also traveled to China to attend traditional Chinese school.³⁸

Another family that was established in Olympia was that of Lock Suey Kay and Lam Shee Kay. Lock Suey Kay became known in Olympia as 'Charley' Kay because name order confusion caused his employers to assume that Kay was Charley's surname.³⁹ Charley Kay was by trade a cook and worked in a number of restaurants around Olympia, eventually rising to head of kitchen operations at the Hotel Olympian. Charley's wife, Lam Shee, was born in China in 1887 and married Charley while he was in China in 1905. Their first children were born there and emigrated with their mother to Olympia in 1915.⁴⁰ The Kays are the first known Chinese family to take up residence in a neighborhood outside of the Chinese quarters of Olympia.⁴¹ During the depression when opportunity was scarce in Olympia, Charley Kay worked in Seattle. In order to make ends meet, Lam Shee, with the help of her children, opened Kay's Cafe in 1941 on Capitol Way, which was operated by the family through 1976.⁴²

The most prominent descendent of Olympia's early Chinese immigrant community may well be former Washington State Governor Gary Locke. Locke's grandfather, Suey Gim Locke, emigrated to Olympia in about 1900, where he worked for a family as a house servant. Later in life he established a family in Seattle. In his 1997 inaugural speech, Locke referenced his Olympia roots: "Although I may be standing less than a mile from where our family started its life in America, we've come a long way."

In October of 1934 an aging Sam Fun Locke then known as the "mayor of Chinatown" passed away. Sam Locke's funeral was described in the local press as among the most elaborate in Olympia's history.

The funeral procession proceeded the length of Capitol Way to the Masonic Cemetery in Tumwater, where Sam Locke was interred alongside many other Olympia area pioneers. Prominent Chinese businessmen from around the region, along with a large number of Olympia residents and surviving local pioneers turned out to pay their final respects.⁴³

By the time of Sam Locke's passing, Olympia's tightly knit Chinese community had begun to disperse. With acculturation and the gradual lifting of targeting legislation, opportunities previously unavailable to Chinese immigrants began drawing them away from the inward looking atmosphere of Chinatown. Many of the aging early immigrants lived out their lives as residents of the communal dwellings that characterized Chinese American life, having been financially unable to establish a family or return to China. Some did return to their families, while still others moved on to cities such as Seattle and Portland with larger Chinese communities. By the early 1940s the Water Street buildings were all but vacant. The last resident, Sam Locke's son Loy Wing Locke, reluctantly departed before their demolition in 1943. Ironically, the US was by then an ally of China against imperial Japan. That year congress repealed the 1882 exclusion act, allowing average Chinese to immigrate legally for the first time in sixty-one years.

While Olympia lost its identifiable Chinese quarter, it didn't lose its Chinese heritage. Families and their descendants remained and continued their work in the community, though with increased access to civil rights. With the passing of Chinatown however, succeeding generations of Olympia residents have all but forgotten that many of the projects that helped Olympia maintain economic viability would not have been possible without the labor and support of Chinese immigrants. Industries that helped build Olympia were often dependent on the seasonal labor provided by Chinese who made their homes there. Many downtown streets were originally cleared and graded by Chinese workers, and they provided the muscle and skill that finally brought the railroads to Olympia. The pioneers from *Toison* created a place for themselves among the polyglot of ethnicities that made up early Olympia. They were successful in making lives for themselves by creating opportunities where others saw none.

¹ The Columbian Oct. 10, 1852

² Hildebrand, Lorraine Barker. Straw Hats, Sandals and Steel: The Chinese in Washington State. Washington State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, 1977. p.29

Rathbun, JC. History of Thurston County, Washington Shorey Books Facsimile, 1975 p.17

³ McDonald, Lucile. *Seattle's First Chinese Resident* Seattle Times Sept. 11, 1955

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⁴ The surname 'Lock' has been transliterated as 'Locke', 'Lock', 'Lok', etc. 'Lock' will be used unless referring to a specific family utilizing a variation.

⁵ Chew Ron, (Ed.) Reflections of Seattle's Chinese Americans: The First 100 Years University of Washington Press, 1994. p. 21

Author's interview with Bill and Toy Kay, Jan 20, 1998

⁶ Chin, Doug and Art. (op. cit.) p. 10

⁷ *ibid.* p. 10

⁸ Various spelled, 'Wau Chong' as well as 'Wa Cheong' in contemporary records. This may be a branch of Wa Chong and Company of Seattle, the preeminent Chinese importing and labor contracting firm in the Puget Sound region at the time. .

Real Property Tax List of Thurston County, 1872

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Irving K. Wawrinofsky

Irving K. Wawrinofsky, 87, of Olympia, Washington, died on June 28, 2007 in Tacoma, Washington. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Evelyn, daughter, Sharon Minger, and son, Lynn Wawrinofsky. A viewing will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2007, from 4:00 P.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, July 6, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 P.m. at Mills & Mills Funeral Home in Tumwater. A private family graveside service will follow the viewing on Friday.

The above is from The Olympian Tuesday July 3, 2007.

More here, from his wife, via Jean Laws:

Irving Kingsley Wawrinofsky was born to Kingsley and Olga (Buehler) Wawrinofsky in Spokane Wa. Aug 3, 1919. He descends from pioneers, Adam and Rasa (Raab) Buehler who came west to preach the gospel for the Methodist Church in April 1883. June 10, 1939, Irving married Evelyn Cora Messer in Grandview Wa. By September 1942, they had moved to Olympia where for the next 20 years, Irving worked for the Federal Government at Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot. He was then transferred with his family to Tooele Army Depot, now known as TEAL located near Salt Lake City Utah. Irving spent 38 years in this field and received many awards along the way. Irving had a lot of hobbies but genealogy was a favorite. Married 68 years, two children, Sharon Lee Minger and Lynn Irving. Died June 28, 2007. Buried at Mills and Mills Memorial Park in Tumwater, WA. July 6 2007

Irving and his wife first joined the Olympia Genealogical Society in 1985, and both were members until his death.



Patricia B. Wolford

Patricia passed away on September 5th at St. Peter's Hospital in Olympia with her family at her side. She was born on April 11th, 1925, in Denver, Colorado, to Ernest and Grace Bellingham. Her father was a minister, which meant the family often moved during her early childhood. They lived in Phoenix, Arizona, Bisbee, Arizona, and Potlatch, Idaho, before settling in Riverton Heights, Washington in 1931.

The family had to live resourcefully on a minister's salary in the middle of the Depression. They raised their own food and sold eggs, poultry and apples to supplement their income, and Patricia was expected to help out.

She was happiest though, when she had a chance to sit and read a good book. Her love of the written word led to her involvement in journalism at Highline High School. In the middle of her junior year the family moved to Glasgow, Montana, where she followed them that summer and graduated high school in 1942. Patricia returned to Washington to attend Western Washington College of Education, earning her teaching certificate in 1944. She moved to San Diego in 1945, where she worked briefly as a DJ in a large store and witnessed the celebration when the war with Japan ended.

Patricia came back to Seattle to start her teaching career at Boulevard Park Elementary. She taught in Palo Alto, California for a year before returning to Seattle in 1948 to teach 5th grade at Boulevard Park, and later at John B. Allen Elementary. During this time Patricia lived in a couple of University District boarding houses with other young professional women, some of whom became her life-long friends. They had many wild times together. Pat's friends remember her as someone who was always full of fun. In 1956, she met her future husband, Lloyd Wolford, at a social, club for naval officers called Stars and Bars. They shared a love of good writing, dry humor, martinis, and "cool jazz" (Stan Getz, Gerry Mulligan). They eloped in June 1956 and lived in Goldendale, Washington for a few months before relocating to Olympia in 1957.

Following the birth of her first two children, Steve and Joan, Pat taught at Jefferson Junior High. Between the arrival of Paul in 1962, and Christina 3 years later, the family established permanent roots in a beautiful home on the water near Boston Harbor. With four children and a large home to care for, Patricia's teaching career was placed on hold. Though the family was financially comfortable, she tried her best to raise her children with values of service and self-sacrifice learned during her own childhood in the Great Depression. (The Spam and tomato wedge dinners sort of made an impression.) Patricia's children received her unreserved love and encouragement to develop as individual personalities. Her wonderful neighbors were an invaluable source of friendship and support during this time. Patricia also volunteered her time with the Boston Harbor PT A, serving as co-president with Lloyd in 1967.

In the late 1970's, Patricia returned to full time teaching in the North Thurston School District at Lakes Elementary and Mountain View Elementary. She began by teaching 3rd grade, later becoming a reading specialist in the Chapter 1 program after receiving her masters at Pacific Lutheran University in 1981. She loved her students, and especially tried to support those whose potential had gone unnoticed by others.

Pat Wolford retired from teaching in the mid 1980's. This afforded more time: for travel, friends, and personal interests such as genealogy. In 1995 she and Lloyd downscaled to a lovely view unit at East Bay Condos, where they developed many friendships among their new neighbors.

Patricia was a lovely, intelligent, funny and compassionate woman. She loved language in all forms, from great literature to crossword puzzles. She loved reading histories and biographies. Friends remember her as someone with a knack for coming up with nicknames for people that were clever, funny and very apt. Quite often, something said in conversation would trigger the memory of an old song. Her laughter, sense of humor and understanding endeared her to most everyone she met. She had a special place in her heart for quiet people whose contributions or potential had gone overlooked. She was a great listener, and she had a subtle and diplomatic way of helping people to understand things they were unable to see on their own.

Patricia is survived by two daughters, Joan and Chris, two sons, Steve and Paul, her stepdaughter, Catherine, a sister Mildred and brother Richard. She is also survived by seven grandchildren; Eric, Michael, Andrea, Matt, April, Susie and Dylan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd in May of 2000.

Her family extends deep gratitude to the many, wonderful caregivers and medical and dental professionals who helped Mom as her health declined. Special thanks to the "Cleaning ladies" for helping both Mom and Dad for so many years, and to the doctors and nurses of St. Peter's hospital for their excellent care and guidance during the passing of our mother.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, September 11 from 4-7pm at Mills & Mills Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held Thursday; September 13 at Ham at Masonic Memorial Park, followed by a memorial service at 3pm at the United Churches of Olympia. A reception will follow at the church.

The above obituary was published Tuesday, 11 September 2007, in the The Olympian.

Patricia was a member of Olympia Genealogical Society from 1987 until 2001. Her husband, Lloyd, was a member until his death in 2000

Thurston County, Washington Marriage Packets -1896

(January through June)

[Pl 896, # of return]

[no date] - Pl 896, #441 - Gibson, McMullen of Terrehaute, Indiana and Murphy, Bertha May of Olympia at Olympia, Presb. Parsonage by J. L. Shimpson, Minister. Affidavit of W. N. Harris. First marriage for both. No dates listed. Winesses: W. N. Harris and Blanche Lamont. Filed [License Pl896, #1348]

1/1/1896 - P1896, #374 - Schneider, Conrad A. of Olympia and Cummings, Hullie of Kamilche, Mason Co at Olympia by L. M. Atkins, JP. Affidavit of A. L. Callow. Second marriage for groom. Witnesses: Henry Schneider and Mrs. Ellen Scott. Filed 1/2/1896 [License Pl 896, #1278 - 12/31/1895]

1/2/1896 - P1896, #376 - Sherwood, G. S. of Ellensburg, Kittitas Co and Russell, Mary E. of Ellensburg, Kittitas Co at Olympia by T. J. Lamont, Clergyman. Affidavit of John Pulles. First marriage for both bride and groom. Winesses: Georgiana Fisher and Mrs. T. J. Lamont. Filed 1/5/1896 [License P1896, #1279- 1/2/1896]

1/2/1896 - P1896, #377 - Burling, Samuel R. of Seattle, King Co and Van Assett, Ellen Ette of Seattle, King Co at Olympia by T. J. Lamont, Clergyman. Affidavit of Geo. S. Sherwood. Second marriage for both. Bride is a widow. Witnesses: Georgiana Fisher and Blanche Lamont. Filed 1/5/1896 [License P1896, #1280- 1/2/1896]

1/8/1896 - P1896, #278 - Algyer, Fred James of Rainier and Mooney, Bertie Ernestine of Montesano, Chehalis Co at Rainier by A. C. Blankinship, M.G.. Affidavit of Geo. S. Hopkins. Winesses: John Algyer of Rainier and Geo. D. Elder of Parkland, WA. Filed 1/14/1896 [License P1896, #1281 - 1/3/1896]

1/13/1896 - M3-227, P1896 - Ohisen, Clem #379 of Tacoma, Pierce Co. and Kohler, Lillie B. of Tacoma, Pierce Co. at Olympia by T. M. Reed, Jr. Judge. License issued in Pierce Co. Second marriage for bride. Winesses: Ida McC. Reed and Mary D. Buker. Filed 1/18/1896 [License M3-227, - 1/13/1896]

1/13/1896 - M3-226, P1896 - Ohisen, Peter #380 of Tacoma, Pierce Co. and Pritchard, Emma of Tacoma, Pierce Co. at Olympia by T. M. Reed, Jr. Judge. License issued in Pierce Co. Second marriage for bride. Winesses: Ida McC. Reed and Mary D. Buker. Filed 1/18/1896 [License M3-226, - 1/13/1896]

1/20/1896 - P1896, #385 - Falkner, Charles of Basin, MT and Jefferson Co, WA and Hawk, Cora of Maxfield, Thurston Co at Maxfield, WA by T. J. Lamont, Clergyman. Affidavit of Lizzie Hawk. First marriage for both. Winesses: [none listed]. Filed 2/26/1896 [License P1896, #1281 - 1/15/1896]

2/6/1896 - P1896, #381 - Van Eaton, Charles John of Gate City, Thurston Co and Conant, Carlotta of Olympia at Olympia by W. G. M. Hays, Minister. Affidavit of Jesse T. Mills. First marriage for both. Winesses: Mrs. Ada Bardsley and Mrs. Nellie Conant. Filed 2/7/1896 [License P1896, #1283 - 2/5/1896]

2/15/1896 - P1896, #386 - Davis, H. A. of Porter, Chehalis Co and Shelberg, Minnie of Rochester at Olympia by T. J. Lamont, Clergyman. Affidavit of LeRoy Myers of Independence. First marriage for both. Winesses: Mrs. T. J. Lamont and Georginiana Fisher. Filed 2/26/1896 [License P1896, #1285 - 2/15/1896]

2/17/1896 - P1896, #382 - Brewer, John Miller of Seattle, King Co and O'Toole, Katie of Lincoln, Thurston Co at Olympia by Claessens, Priest. Affidavit of Edward O'Toole. Second marriage for groom. Witnesses: Jolin O'Toole and Katie Farrell, both of Thurston Co. Filed 2/18/1896 [License P1896, #1286-2/17/1896]

2/17/1896 - P1896, #387 - Gunnyon, Marseill of New Kamilche, Thurston Co and Korter, Anna of New Kamilche, Thurston Co at Olympia by T. J. Lamont, Clergyman. Affidavit of Edward Clays. First marriage for both. Winesses: Alice M. Powe and Edward Clays, both of Olympia. Filed 2/26/1896 [License Pl 896, #1287 - 2/17/1896]

2/22/1896 - P1896, #384 - French, Elfa W. of Grand Mound and Morris, Elnora Florence of Grand Mound at Grand Mound by John Morris, Presbyter of Prot. Episc. Church. Affidavit of F. A. Davis. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Edgar Cady Morris and Minnie May Morris. Filed 2/25/1896 [License P1896, #1288 - 2/20/1896]

2/25/1896 - P1896, #383 - Graham, Frank Benton of Olympia and Webb, Elsie Maud of So. Bay at Olympia by D. T. Fero, M. G. Affidavit of Robert A. Graham. First marriage for both. Winesses: J. S. Wilson and Clara Knapp. Filed 2/24/1896 [License P1896, #1290 - 2/24/1896]

2/26/1896 - P1896, #388 - Wells, H. D. of Olympia and Benson, Cada of Rainier at Olympia by T. J. Lamont Affidavit of Andrew Benson. Second marriage for groom. Witnesses: George Giesy and Rachel Benson. Filed 2/26/1896 [License P1896, #1291 - 2/26/1896],

3/10/1896 - P1896, #389 - West, Harry L. of Seattle, King Co and Provoe, Isabelle B. of Belmore, Thurston Co at Olympia by W. T. Cavanaugh, JP. Affidavit of Geo. Gaston. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Geo. Reynolds and Mrs. Willard Botsford, both of Olympia. Filed 3/12/1896 [License P1 896, #1292 - 3/10/1896]

3/11/1896 - P1896, #390 - Layton, Chas, of Olympia and DeBert, Edna of Olympia at Olympia by Rufus S. Chase, Rector St John's Church. Affidavit of Mary A. DeBert. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Geo. B. Wolcott and Charles I. Taylor, both of Olympia. Filed 3/19/1896 [License P1896, #1293 - 3/11/1896]

3/19/1896 - P1896, #391 - Gibson, Robert Orrington of Bucoda and Brien, Mary Matilda of Auburn, King Co at Olympia by L. M. Atkins, JP. Affidavit of W. W. Johnson. First marriage for both. Witnesses: W. W. Johnson and Melissa Johnson. Filed 3/19/1896 [License P1896, #1295 - 3/19/1896]

3/23/1896 - P1896, #393 - Lemmon, Ura E. of Connie, Chehalis Co and Vincent, Ora P. of Connie, Chehalis Co at Connie, Chehalis Co by B. S. Toothman, JP. Affidavit of J. W. Neeley. License has Little Rock, WA as bride's residence. Witnesses: J. Lemmon and A. Lemmon, both of Oakville. Filed 3/25/1896 [License P1896, #1294 - 3/13/1896]

3/24/1896 - P1896, #392 - Lawrence, Wm. G. of Victoria, B.C., Canada and Matthews, Ida G. Brick Mrs. of Victoria, B.C., Canada at Olympia by Rufus S. Chase, Rector Episc. Church. Affidavit of J. D. Hrbst. Second marriage for bride. Witnesses: Mrs. Ellen Phillips and Mrs. Annie S. Gowey, both of Olympia. Filed 3/25/1896 [License P1 896, #1296- 3/24/1896]

4/8/1896 - P1896, #394 - Brewer, Preston C. of Rochester and Morgan, Ida M. of Mima, Thurston Co at Residence of father of bride by T. O. Morgan, M.G.. Affidavit of J. L. Morgan. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Daisy Mills and Wm. Johnston. Filed 4/13/1896 [License P1896, #1298 - 4/6/1896]

4/15/1896 - P1896, #395 - Betts, Edwin M. of Bucoda and Canen, Elener S. of Tenino at Olympia Courthouse by T. M. Reed, Jr., Judge Sup. Ct. Affidavit of C. B. Northup. First marriage for both. Witnesses: J. F. Cannen and I. W. Bennett. Filed 4/16/1896 [License P1896, #1298 - 4/15/1896]

4/23/1896 - P1 896, #396 - Hall, Alexander Taylor of South Bay and Thompson, Henrietta Louisa Mrs. of Oyster Bay at Olympia by W. G. M. Hays, M.G. Affidavit of Gus Harris. Second marriage for bride. Witnesses: Mrs. S. McQuarrie and H. F. Dorherty. Filed 5/2/1896 [License P1896, #1299 - 4/23/1896]

5/17/1896 - P1896, #397 - Morgan, Charles E. of Mima, Thurston Co and Mills, Daisy D. of Mima, Thurston Co at Mima by A. L. Seward, M.G.. Affidavit of John R. Mills. Witnesses: Preston C. Brewer and Maud C. Brewer, both of Rochester. Filed 5/21/1896 [License P1896, #1300 - 5/15/1896]

5/20/1896 - P1 896, #398 - Riesenweber, August of Olympia and Shotwell, Elizabeth M. Story Mrs. of Chehalis, Lewis Co at Olympia by A. G. Sawin, M.G.. Affidavit of Frederick Riesenweber. Second marriage for bride. Witnesses: Frederick W. Riesenweber and Mrs. Caroline Riesenweber. Filed 5/21/1896 [License P1896, #1301 - 5/20/1896]

5/26/1896 - P1896, #399 - Harris, John F. of Rochester and Arnold, Mary A. of Rochester at Rochester by A. Anderson, Minister. Affidavit of Leon D. Green of Rochester. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Rebecca Cordell and Mary Q. Reynolds, both of Rochester. Filed 5/28/1896 [License P1896, #1302 - 5/25/1896]

6/5/1896 - P1 896, #400 - Scott, John H. of Olympia and Roberts, Mary Jane of Olympia at Olympia by W. T. Cavanaugh, JP. Affidavit of T. B. Roberts. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Delia Cavanaugh and Edith Cavanaugh. Filed 6/11/1896 [License P1896, #1303 - 6/5/1896]

6/16/1896 - P1896, #401 - Brewer, Lewis A. of Rochester and Zimmerman, Lizzie of Little Rock at Little Rock by J. N. McDonald, M.G.. Affidavit of John S. Brewer. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Preston G. Brener of Rochester and Mary Zimmerman of Little Rock. Filed 6/19/1896 [License P1896, #1304 - 6/11/1896]

6/23/1896 - P1 896, #402 - Provoe, John W. of Delphi and Holthusen, Mary of Delphi at Residence of bride's parents by S. Broyles, JP. Affidavit of Paul Holthusen. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Paul P. Holthusen and Mrs. Mary Provoe. Filed 6/26/1896 [License P1896, #1305 - 6/22/1896]

6/25/1896 - Pl 896, #404 - Paul, Henry W. of Oakville, Chehalis Co and Aten, Minnie M. of Porter, Chehalis Co at Olympia by C. L. Diven, Minister. Affidavit of Angus M. Campbell. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Angus Campbell and Fannie Aten. Filed 7/10/1896 [License Pl896, #1306 - 6/25/1896]

6/30/1896 - Pl 896, #403 - Estus, Walter A. of Montesano, Chehalis Co and Sanger, Stella E. of Olympia at Olympia by J. S. McCallum, Clergyman. Affidavit of J. K. Barr. First marriage for both. Witnesses: Mrs. Meda Ray and Miss Ida Sanger. Filed 6/30/1896 [License Pl896, #1307 - 6/30/1896]



Genealogy cruises this year and next! What fun!!!

This editor highly recommends genealogy cruises, having been on the first Wholly Genes cruise in 2005.

In his online newsletter <http://www.eogn.COni/>, Dick Eastman mentioned several genealogy' cruises. He was just leaving on a very nice sounding cruise to Hawaii! We missed that boat, but here's a bit about it:

Legacy News: Legacy Cruise: 4th annual Legacy Genealogy Cruise, 12 day Hawaii cruise from Vancouver, B.C., Canada - September 19-October 1, 2007

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N. Dakota cemetery index,
naturaliz. records, books

Dakota Homestead Historical Soc Newsletter Mar 2007 If you have Dakota ancestors you will be interested in this publication. They are publishing the N. Dakota cemetery index, pioneer histories, naturalization records, and books available for sale. One set is of 1855 census index of Dakota Terr, county by county.

Online: Iceland's database,
British emigration, Canada
passenger lists

Washington State G S Newsletter Mar Apr 2007 Even if your ancestors weren't Washingtonians, you live here and it is important to keep up on events. This publication covers this and much more. Articles of interest in this issue on "Iceland's Family Tree" is online. Iceland is the only country whose database covers a whole nation because they are all related. Another is "British Emigration Goes Online for First Time" as well as online passenger lists of Canada.

Centennial Farms

Muskegon Co Mich Mar 2007. Good article on Ravenna Centennial Farms. Other states have Centennial farms including ours and it's a good resource.

Take another look at the
library.

Puget Sound G S June 2007 Thought for the day. "Dig for past relatives, turn up today's cousins." A thoughtful article on using your society's library as you may discover much more than you expect. How many of you have looked at all the new material in our collection? Be sure and take a look at the dandy new printer our society purchased for the library too.

Brownsville, Oregon

Sno-Isle G S 2nd quarter 2007 An unexpected article on Coming Home to Brownsville Oregon, a small town in Linn Co. with much genie info in their library and museum.

Genealogical serendipity

Oklahoma G S quarterly Vol 52 #1. A story about a 100 year old lady caught my eye as it did the person who submitted it. As I read it, I realized Lucinda Davis was the daughter in law of my long lost Rebecca Fletcher. Using clues from the article I am finally on the way to find Rebecca's death info. Genealogical serendipity at its best.

Genie mystery books

Tacoma Pierce Co G S Newsletter May/June 2007 Another listing of mystery books that are solved by genealogical research. Grave Tatoo by Vai Macdermid: O' Artful Death by Sarah Steward Taylor, Kingdom of Lies by Lee Wood and Hang My Head and Cry by Elena Santangelo.

Oregon fairs back to 1862

Willamette Valley G S Summer 2007 Much of this issue is devoted to fairs, something we find everywhere in the summer. Highlights of the Ore State Fair is described back to 1862 in Salem. They have changed a bit.

Men who served in the
Korean war & others

Walla Walla Valley G S Nov 2006. This is a twice a year publication now. This whole issue is in honor of the men in the valley who served in the Korean War, some of whom died in Korea. It also includes obits of those who died later in the area. Since these men graduated from H S in 1948-52, they were classmates of mine and my brother. You might try to find a similar genealogical publication from your home town as it brings back many memories.

- Dalton gang story; prices in 1879 **Genealogical Soc of Crawford Co Ks Summer 2007** We all have black sheep in our family tree. Here is a story of the Dalton Gang by a relative whose grandmother told it to him. Also an interesting story about prices in 1879. Cruise to Europe on an Ocean Liner \$28, N. Y hotel \$3 a night, shoes for 1.50 and Broadway show \$1.
- Scrapbooking and genealogy **Kittitas Co G S July 2007** Scrapbooking is all the rage now and here is an article on combining scrapbooking and genealogy including why do it, special tips on what to use and special tools and materials needed.
- Society belle who became a man **Yakima Valley G S June 2007** A really strange story about a society belle who became a business man after 2 years as a wife, and then married a woman. The editor checked the story using genealogical resources to see if it could be true and concludes it was. It is fun to check out some of these tales of the past and can be done.
- Old time 8th grade exam **Texarkana USA Gen Soc Spring and Summer 2007.** You may think the Sth grade education your forebears had was not as good as today's. This issue has an actual Sth grade exam. You might try it yourself or give it to your kids or grandkids. You'll be amazed.
- Russia/Germany border station at Eydkunen **Amer. Historical Soc Germans from Russia July/Aug 2007** Postcard and article about the border station at Eydkunen where many stopped when leaving the Volga villages enroute to America. It includes a portrait of Kaiser Wilhelm II and Czar Nicholas II.
- How a family story was verified **Oklahoma Gen Soc Vol 52 # 2 2007.** Read a very graphic account of the death of a man Sep 2 1899 in Sherman Tx when he was gored by a bull. The account of how his descendants found the newspaper account and verified a family story should help us all.
- Disproving a family myth **Boulder Co G S Aug 2007.** Follow this family story, which proved to be true, about a family who always claimed to be related to Roy Rogers but they actually proved not to be. . The genealogist took a lot of guff from her relatives for disproving that myth. This has probably happened to all of us.
- California ferries & bridges on Kern River **Kern-Gen G S Mar 2007** A long article on early ferries and bridges on Kern River might be of interest if you are researching that part of Cal.
- Allen families; 1890 voters **Kern-Gen G S June 2007** A history of one of the Allen families and continuation of the 1890 voters Register of Kern Co
- Untangling roots **Southwestern Pa G S July 2007.** Do you have a case of mistaken identity in your genealogy? Moses Cooper 1794-1872 lived in Wash Co Pa and has been thought to be a son of a Revolutionary soldier Moses Cooper 1754-1831. Many of his descendants belong to patriotic organizations. Turns out he is a nephew of Moses Sr. This is an account of the research that untangles these roots.
- Possible way to correct Ancestry.com census index spellings **Federation of Genealogical Societies Forum Summer 2007.** While reviewing census records through Ancestry.com at the library, the genealogist at the next machine asked me if anything could be done about errors in the census. I said I didn't think so and apparently I was wrong. An article on p 9 of this issue says when you pull up a record (view record) before going to the actual record, on the right is an option for comments or corrections. When opened you get choices of misspelled or alternate names, transcription errors, nicknames, birth or maiden names and name variations. You can correct any of these. Haven't tried this yet but hope it works because at that time I had just found a family in 1860 I'd searched for years but hadn't found because they were transcribed with names all misspelled.

- Immigrants to Minn.; name change story **Minnesota Genealogist Spring 2007.** Most of the articles in this issue are of immigrants to Minn, stories of their families and their homelands. If you have found a name change in your research you will be interested in the article " John Welhaven: the Case of a Borrowed Name"
- Email advice & peeves **Northeast Wash G S July 2007.** The President of this society has a timely article called Compute this... about email, some do's and don'ts and pet peeves. Are you guilty? What do you find irritating about email-people who don't answer, constant forwards or blank subject fields?
- Coming flood of digitized records **Greater Omaha G S June/July 2007** An interesting article on the coming flood of digital records. It discusses 3 important events that affect the genealogy world. First was digitalizing 3 million rolls of microfilm on Family Search. 2nd is the indexing of those records. 3rd is the coming access to 80 billion family records.
- Genealogy data mining and storage **Greater Omaha G S Aug 2007** Read all about the "Best darn Genealogy data mining and storage method on the Planet."
- S. Dakota state censuses, 1905-1945, availability **South Dakota G S July 2007** Article about the 1905-1945 S. D. state censuses and their availability to researchers. These state censuses are in alphabetical order and include the usual info plus years in S Dak, years in US, birthplace of mother and father. Many states have these helpful resources.
- New Mexico Hispanic Volunteers 1847-8 **New Mexico G S June 2007** A lengthy article on the Hispanic Volunteers in New Mexico during the Mexican War 1847-8. It includes much historic information and a list of the men who served in the N. M. Mounted Volunteers in the Taos Revolt and the Navajo and Apache disturbances in 1847-8.
- Tarrant Co., TX, history **Fort Worth G S May 2007.** This issue is dedicated to Tarrant Co Tx including history of the 1st Methodist Church, visiting the Tarrant Co courthouse, Register of Physicians, and naturalization index.
- Clark Co., WA, mortality schedule for 1860 - 1880 **Clark Co Wa G S July 2006-June 2007.** The Clark Co mortality schedule for 1860, 1870, and 1880 is printed in this issue. This is a good source for any county USA of people who died that year because it gives name, age, marital status, birthplace, death month, cause of death and length of illness. These schedules are available for all states so check them out for your relatives.



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