



Tri-City Genealogical Society

January 2008 – Monthly Update

Editor: Margie Beldin

TCGS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Beginners' mini-class precedes
each general meeting, 6:15pm-6:45pm
All are welcome!



FOCUS GROUPS

Jan 16th: Publications Meeting
4pm, Richland FHC Basement

Feb 13th: Cemetery Records

Mike Grace

Richland Cemetery Association

Mini-Lesson: Roots TV + About.com by Margie Beldin

Feb 20th: Publications Meeting
4pm, Richland FHC Basement

Mar 12th: What's New at the Richland FHC?

Richard Allen, FHC Director

Mini-Lesson: Census Websites by Susan Faulkner

Apr 9th: TBD

Mini-Lesson: TBD

May 14th: Research in the Sherman Creek Area of Ferry Co., WA

Susan Dechant, Pres. NE WA Genie Society

Mini-Lesson: TBD

Genie Potpourri Focus Group

11:30am, Friday, January 18th

Old Country Buffet Meeting Room

Mid-Columbia Center

Champion: Susan Faulkner

554-1050 or denmother4@hotmail.com

Colonial New England Focus Group

4pm, Tuesday, January 29th

Richland FHC

Champion: Carolyn Oster

946-8127 or coster@bossig.com

Great Britain Focus Group

7pm Tuesday, February 26th

1pm Wednesday, February 27th

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946-6020 or rp_allen@owt.com

PRESERVATION FOCUS GROUP

Topic: Identifying photos by fashions

TBD

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Champion: Phyllis Andresen

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STAPLES

Staples is currently offering
20% rewards on selected
products. This offer is good through January 31. If
you use the **TCGS rewards number,**
2710193679, TCGS will get credits worth 20% of
your purchase. Thanks for your help!

2008 TCGS Membership Fees Now Due!

RICHLAND FHC CLASSES

Beginning PAF (Instruction in data entry, notes and sources, printing, multimedia, and other features of the Personal Ancestral File computer genealogy program.) –

7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 10

Introduction to Family History Research (Three-session daytime course.)

1-3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15

1-3 p.m. on Thursday, January 17

1-3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22

Introduction to Internet Research (How to use the extensive resources available on the Internet to find, disseminate, and preserve genealogical information.) -

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 16

Advanced PAF (How to use import/export, match/merge, focus/design, and other advanced features of the Personal Ancestral File computer genealogy program.) –

7:00 p.m., Friday, February 1

Family History Center Resources (An overview of research resources available at the Richland Family History Center

7:00 p.m., Friday, February 8

Please register (so that we can contact you if the class needs to be rescheduled) by calling 946-6637 during library hours.



The TCGS Contribution Can is out at our general meetings. Please continue to support this worthwhile cause. Every \$ counts!

The Stern-NARA Gift Fund is a nationally supported program to finance the creation of finding aids and the microfilming of valuable research materials now preserved in the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. These microform copies, produced without government funding, are then distributed to the 13 National Archives Regional Archives for use by researchers.

Access to this information is through any of the regional National Archives, but also through any LDS Family History Center in the world.

Mid-Columbia Library Volunteer Schedule

*Kennewick Branch, 1620 S. Union
509-783-7878*

Volunteers are available 10am - 1pm

January 12 – Sandra Floberg

January 15 – Leona George

January 17 – Margie Beldin

January 23 - Lori Markle

January 25 – Nancy Gibbs

February 4 – Susan Faulkner

February 6 – Lori Markle

February 9 – Sandra Floberg

GAGE BLVD FHC HOURS

Mon: 9am-3pm

Tues - Thurs: 9am - 9pm

UNION ST. BLDG FHC HOURS

Tues, Wed, & Thurs:

9:30am to 1pm;

6:30pm to 8:30pm

“WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY GENEALOGICAL WORK WHEN I PASS AWAY?”



Many of us have started worrying about what will happen to our heirlooms, books, files, records, and miscellaneous papers when we're no longer around to look after them. Some of us are lucky enough to have children or a relative who can't wait to receive the information, knowing they will be able to find the ancestor that alluded Mom or Dad. But what if we have no children with an interest or we have no children?

So much genealogical data is destroyed each year by families that do not know what to do with the data. A Genealogical Codicil to your Last Will and Testament stating how you want the information dispersed may help prevent this.

Contact Sandra Floberg, 586-4984 or sandra.floberg@verizon.net for more information and samples of Genealogical Codicils.



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Mini-Lesson: New FamilySearch.org by Margie Beldin

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Susan Dechant, Pres. NE WA Genie Society
Mini-Lesson: World Vital Records.org by TBD

Genie Potpourri Focus Group

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Audio Engineer Sought

There is a vital need for someone to bring our TCGS equipment to and from the meetings each month. Lee Smith has done this in the past but now, as president, he needs some help.

Please see the job description on the TCGS-Members Only website:
www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org and click on Members Only.

If you are interested, please contact Lee Smith at 545-5534 or leedar@charter.net.



Happy
Valentine's
Day

RICHLAND FHC

****NEW** HOURS**

Mon, Fri, Sat: 9am to 5pm

Tues - Thurs: 9am to 9pm

CLASSES

Using U.S. Census Records (How to use the U.S. Federal Census records and census indexes on the Internet to identify your ancestors.)

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 20

Beginning PAF (Instruction in data entry, notes and sources, printing, multimedia, and other features of the Personal Ancestral File computer genealogy program.)

7:00 p.m., Friday, March 7

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GAGE BLVD FHC

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Mon: 9am-3pm

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CLASSES

Searching for Records – Filling In the Gaps
10:30am, Tuesday, February 19

Data Entry and Sourcing
10:30am, Tuesday, February 26

Temple Ready – Taking Names to the Temple
10:30am, Tuesday, March 4

Putting It All Together: A Case Study
10:30am, Tuesday, March 11

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February 21 – Margie Beldin

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March 3 – Susan Faulkner

March 8 – Sandra Floberg

FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS ADD

FREE WEBSITES

Agreements with several new genealogy companies have brought new content to our local family history centers. While many of us were disappointed when the agreement between the LDS Church and Ancestry.com broke down, as is often the case, when one door closes another opens.

World Vital Records.com – This website offers both a U.S. Collection and World Collection. Some of the databases available include: SmallTownPapers, British Origins, Everton Publishers, NewspaperARCHIVE, FindAGrave and Quintin Publications. In addition, this website includes FamilyLink.com which provides space for you to upload your gedcoms, photos, stories and documents and We're Related, a family-based application on Facebook.com. New databases are added daily.

Footnote.com – offers digitized images of naturalization, military and historical; you can easily annotate the documents you find to help others learn more about the individuals found in these documents. You can even upload your own images and stories. Partners include NARA, FamilySearch, Allen County Public Library and others. New databases are added daily.

Godfrey Memorial Library – Access to Paper of Record, NewspaperArchives, American Genealogical Biographical Index, and more.

MORE FROM FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

<http://familysearchwiki.org/> - this is destined to become a Wikipedia for genealogy.

<http://labs.familysearch.org/> - FamilySearch Labs showcases new family history technologies for us to try.

<http://search.labs.familysearch.org> - try out some of the newly indexed databases.



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TCGS ANNUAL SALT LAKE CITY TREK

27 April - 7 May

Carlton Hotel

140 E. South Temple

1st 3 (long) blocks from the FHL.

Complete restaurant-style breakfast included

Contact Lee Smith for more details:



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Fri, March 28 – Nancy Gibbs

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OCLC/WORLD CAT GENEALOGICAL TOOL

For more information about the value of WorldCat as a genealogical research tool, see www.oclc.org/worldcat/genealogy/. This site includes a full tutorial on effective genealogical research in WorldCat. "First Search from OCLC" is available at Richland Public Library.

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AND STILL MORE FROM FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

Until the design of New FamilySearch is extended to include Record Search, the results of previous indexing projects is available temporarily at labs.familysearch.org. Click on Records Search and then on Register to use Record Search. It may take a business day or two before your account becomes active.

Some indexed databases have associated images (like the censuses you helped index) and some do not (like the Social Security Death Index).

Other records have been photographed (digitized) and the images placed online. These collections have been divided into small groups of images that can be browsed to find desired records (speaking in the genealogical sense, not the database sense).

Collections (databases) may not be complete. Click on the name of the collection. The description page indicates incomplete ("early access") collections. For example, currently 98% of the 1900 United States Census index is available. All that is lacking are the Armed Forces and the Indian Territory indexes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BYU Workshop on Family History Technology

Saturday, 13 March 2008

BYU Conference Center

770 East University Parkway

Provo, Utah

New Tool to Be Demo'd at BYU Conference

Using your existing genealogical data, this tool crawls the web to find information about your ancestors based on your data. If you would like to bring your genealogy in GEDCOM format on a thumb drive, or have it available online, you will have the opportunity to try out the system first-hand and see what new information it finds for you on the web.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to register for this conference, please go to this website: <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/fhtw/>.

Twin Rivers Genealogy Society

"Chinese Settlement in Lewiston"

by Priscilla Wegars

7:30pm, Saturday, 13 March 2008

Lewis-Clark State College Library

bmeloy@clearwire.net or 509 746-7748

Seattle Genealogical Society

"Discovering Your Mayflower Ancestors"

Jean Roth, Dr. David Ault & **Charlotte Kennedy**

8:15am to 5pm

Saturday, 26 April 2008

Faith Lutheran Church

8208 18th Ave. N.E.

Seattle

Washington State Genealogical Society Conference & Annual Meeting

hosted by

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Friday, May 16th & Saturday, May 17th

First United Methodist Church

1607 E. Division Street

Mount Vernon



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PATRICK'S DAY



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Fri., April 25 – Nancy Gibbs

Mon., May 5 – Susan Faulkner

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NO APRIL MEETING DUE TO SLC TRIP

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Topic: Ways to Identify Photos

Champion: Phyllis Andresen

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Coffee, Tea and Treats

Burbank Library proudly hosts a genealogy social circle the last Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm.

For information, call 509-545-6947 or email:
reference@wwwrurallibrary.com.

TCGS NEWS

Janis Littlefield, who picked up where Connie Long left off, has indexed 15,800 obits for the Tri-Cities area from Jan 2000 to Feb 2008. This index is available on our website under the Search Records button.

In addition, Richard Allen, Richland FHC Director and Ray Baalman, TCGS Librarian, have been working to provide searchable indexes of the TCGS holdings available at the Richland Family History Center. You can access and search these indexes at the TCGS website:

<http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/>

To access these catalogs, click on the Education button on the Home Page, scroll down to Other Educational Opportunities. In this section, click on Libraries then scroll down to the end of Annotated Catalogue. The three catalogs are hot-linked and will open in a PDF format:

Book Catalogue

Microfiche Catalogue

CD Catalogue

Microfilm and Periodicals

This PDS document is formatted so you can click on the hyperlinked items in the list or you can search on specific terms.

Click on Edit at the top of the page, then select Search (not Find). A narrow menu will open up next to the index. You can now type in surnames, places, or other words to search in that particular document.



**KUDOS TO OUR
HARD-WORKING
MEMBERS!**

MSNBC TELEVISION SPECIAL

MEETING DAVID WILSON

MSNBC (Charter Cable channel 71) TO AIR WORLD
PREMIERE OF "MEETING DAVID WILSON,"
FRIDAY, APRIL 11 AT 9 P.M.

"Meeting David Wilson is a feature length documentary about the enduring legacy of slavery in today's young black society [Ed note: and how a young man traced his African ancestry].

David Wilson, a 28-year-old African-American journalist, journeys into his family's past to find answers to America's racial divide. Along the way he meets another David Wilson, the descendant of his family's slave master. This discovery leads to a momentous encounter between these two men of the same name but whose ancestors were on the opposite sides of freedom. Through DNA testing, David determines his African roots and returns to his native land."

RICHLAND FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

HOURS

Mon, Fri, Sat: 9am to 5pm

Tues - Thurs: 9am to 9pm

CLASSES

Introduction to Family History Research (Three-evening course on how to do beginning family history research.)

7pm, Thurs, April 17; Tues, April 22; Thurs, April 24

Beginning PAF (Instruction in data entry, notes and sources, printing, multimedia, and other features of the Personal Ancestral File computer genealogy program.)

7pm, Tues., May 6

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-*City Directories: More than Just Census Substitutes*

-*What Could Have Happened: Creating and Proving Hypothesis to Solve Tough Problems*

-*Digging Up the Roots of Electronic Family Trees:*

Sourcing an Unsourced GEDCOM File

Plus 9 other presentations from various speakers
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Lawrence Clay, Publications Chair
4pm, Richland FHC Basement

Jun 11th: **Sure Thing - Death and Taxes**
Susan Beamer
Records Manager and Archivist
*Mini-Lesson: More Research Guidance @ FamilySearch.org
by Margie Beldin*

Jun 18th: *Publications Meeting*
4pm, Richland FHC Basement

JULY: NO MEETING

Aug. 13th: **Annual Picnic@**
Howard Amon Park

Sep 10th: **Topic TBD**
David L. Nicandri
Director, Washington State Historical Society
Mini-Lesson: Newspaper Research by Janis Littlefield

EXTRA! EXTRA!

The TCGS Bulletin is in need of
articles for the July issue!

If you have a good genealogy story
or information that would be of value
to our members, please get it written
and send to Lee Smith before the end
of May. He is working on the Bulletin
as we speak!



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CLASSES

Family History Center classes will resume in September 2008. Please call Richard Allen at (509) 946-6020 if you have any questions about or requests for classes.

GAGE BLVD FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

HOURS

Monday - 10am to 1pm
Tuesday - 10 to 3; 7 to 9
Wednesday - 10 to noon
Thursday - 9 to Noon; 1-4; 7-9

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The Ghost of Bobby Dunbar

Recently while listening to The Genealogy Guys podcast, a story was discussed that appeared on NPR radio's This American Life.

The story was so fascinating, I finally downloaded it to my mp3 player.

The woman who did the research to discover the truth about the kidnapping of Bobby Dunbar, her grandfather, realized far more about her living family members by learning of her past than she could have ever imagined.

In 1912 a four year-old boy named Bobby Dunbar went missing in a swamp in Louisiana. Eight months later, he was found in the hands of a wandering handyman in Mississippi. In 2004, his granddaughter discovered a secret beneath the legend of her grandfather's kidnapping, a secret whose revelation would divide her own family, bring redemption to another, and become the answer to a third family's century-old prayer.

To listen to this fascinating tale, proving once again that truth is stranger than fiction, google: This American Life Bobby Dunbar. This is a case study with a most unusual ending.

Research Guidance @ FamilySearch.org

New Genealogy Guides for England and Scotland

News Release from FamilySearch:

SALT LAKE CITY-FamilySearch announced today the release of two new free research tools that will help those with British and Scottish roots to find their ancestors. The research guides, *Finding Records of Your Ancestors, England*, and *Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Scotland* feature easy-to-follow instructions, colorful graphics, and removable worksheets. Free copies can be viewed, downloaded, or printed online at FamilySearch.org.

Other guides in the *Finding Records of Your Ancestors* series include African American, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Italy, Jewish, Mexico, Norway, and Sweden.

Some Research Outlines in paper form are still available at the Richland Family History Center:

United States (general outline)	
Denmark	England
Finland	France
Ireland	Italy
Mexico	Norway
Scotland	Sweden
The Netherlands	Wales

Other subjects covered by Research Outlines include:

Using PerSI
Letter writing guides
Word Lists

All guides are available online at: www.familysearch.org>Search tab>Research Helps then sorted by country (e.g., *England*, *Finding Your Ancestors*, etc.)





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*Mini-Lesson: Newspaper Research by Janis Littlefield, TCGS
Webmaster*

Oct 8th: **Census Records**
Susan Faulkner, TCGS Member
Mini-Lesson: Websites TBD by John Covey, TCGS VP

Nov 12th:
Annual Meeting, Potluck & Show & Tell
Mini-Lesson: NO Mini-Class

Dec 10th: **Topic TBD**
Ann Nolan, TCGS Member
Mini-Lesson: Websites TBD by Sandra Floberg, TCGS Member

Jan 14th: **Probate Records**
Josie Delvin, Benton Co. Justice Center
Mini-Lesson: TBD



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no meetings this summer, next meeting:

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FAMILYSEARCH.ORG LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

from Renee's Genealogy Blog
<http://rzamor1.blogspot.com/2008/06/familysearch-update-32-million-england.html>

[Editor's Note: Actually, FS.org has moved ALL their indexed and digitized information to a new site, not just English records. It was located on labs.familysearch.org. See the new URL below.]

FamilySearch Update: 32 Million England Baptisms and Marriages Added to test site

FamilySearch added 24 million new names from England baptism and marriage records to its pilot Record Search collection. The collection can be accessed for free at <http://pilot.familysearch.org>. The Record Search pilot is testing a new online digital image viewer and search utilities that will be added to FamilySearch.org in the near future.

Searching for Military Records at NARA?

Start with this document from the NARA
<http://www.archives.gov/research/ww2/ww2-participation.pdf>.

Also, the Access to Archival Databases (AAD)
<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/> can be searched.

It is possible to obtain a copy of service records by completing the eVetRecs application found here
<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html>.

TCGS RESEARCH AVAILABLE

Have you hit a brick wall in your family history research? Are you a member of TCGS living some distance away or incapable of doing some physical research due to poor health conditions?

Our research committee will do 3 hours of research free for members of TCGS.

For more information, visit the TCGS site at: <http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/>.

Click on the Research Tab, scroll down to "Research TCGS Can Do for You" and click on Research Sources in the first line of the second paragraph.

STERN NARA GIFT FUND

TCGS Members may have noticed a large can with **Stern NARA Gift Fund** written on it at each monthly meeting. The money you donate to the fund goes to help the National Archives microfilm some of the "nearly 1.5 million cubic feet of records documenting our past."

FGS has asked each society to donate \$1 per person per year to help fund this worthy cause. In the past TCGS has taken the money off the top of our income. But, with higher expenses, the board has decided to ask for donations over and above the yearly dues and other income.

We would appreciate your donation of at least \$1 to help us meet the requested donation from FGS. Our membership hovers around 200, so we are looking for \$200 or more to send FGS.

These microfilmings not only allow us as researchers the opportunity to utilize these resources without having to travel to Washington D.C., it also helps preserve priceless original records from deterioration.

From the brochure:

"The NARA Gift Fund is a nationally supported program to finance the creation of finding aids and the microfilming of valuable research materials now preserved in NARA in Washington D.C. These microform copies, produced without government funding, are then distributed to the 13 National Archives Regional Archives for use by researchers. These records are also available through any LDS Family History Center in the world."



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Sep 30th: *Publications Meeting*
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**Oct 8th: Old McDonald Had a Farm –
Agricultural Census Schedules**
Susan Faulkner, TCGS Member
Mini-Lesson: "Working with FindAGrave.com"
by John Covey, TCGS VP

Nov 12th:
**Annual Meeting, Thanksgiving Potluck and
Show & Tell**
Mini-Lesson: NO Mini-Class

Dec 10th: French Canadian Research
Ann Nolan, TCGS Member
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OCTOBER - FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

The Mid-Columbia Library is hosting two Family History Month activities for children. They need help introducing the children to family history.

Wednesday, Oct 8th, they will have about 20 children from 6 to 12 years old assembled to learn what a family tree is and how to begin doing family history research.

Wednesday, Oct 22nd, they will be introducing Journal Writing to the children.

If you can help, please contact Sharon Vaughn, ASAP! at 375-4732 or sharonvaughn21@msn.com.



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Wednesday, September 24, Lori
Friday, September 26, Lori
Monday, October 6, Sharon

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HOURS

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7pm, Thurs, Sep 11

Introduction to Internet Research: How to use the extensive resources available on the Internet to find, disseminate, and preserve genealogical information.
7pm, Wed Sep 24

GAGE BLVD. FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

HOURS

Mon: 9am-3pm
Tues - Thurs: 9am - 9pm

No Classes Scheduled at this time

ANCESTRY.COM LAUNCHES GLOBAL PUBLIC INDEXING INITIATIVE AND ANNOUNCES FIRST COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Philadelphia, Sept 4, 2008

Ancestry.com Introduces the World Archives Project to
Preserve and Provide
Online Access to Historical Records

UPCOMING EVENTS

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society Fall Seminar

9am - 3:3pm, October 4th
The Commons

Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute
2500 Fort Wright Drive
Spokane, Washington

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waewgs/2008fallregist.htm>

\$25.00 - EWGS members ~ \$30.00 - non-members
including buffet-style luncheon

Barbara A. H. Nuehring

*~ Digitizing Your Genealogy: Relax! It Is Only Bits and Bytes
~ Timelines: Understanding Your Ancestor's World
~ Using Boxes to Think Outside the Box
~ Beyond Words: Dressing Up Your Family History*



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"HANFORD & WHITE BLUFF SETTLERS EXHIBITION"
2:00 TO 4:00 AT THE KENNEWICK LIBRARY
1620 S UNION IN KENNEWICK

Everyone is invited to join the library as they honor the residents and families of the original Hanford and White Bluffs communities. Refreshments will be served.

www.midcolumbialibraries.org

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LOCAL AUTHOR NEEDS PHOTOS

Susan Davis Faulkner, a member of TCGS, is writing the "Images of America – Pasco from 1880 through 1930" book. If you have pictures you would like her to share in this publication contact her at 554-1050 or denmother4@hotmail.com.



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NEED A JOB?

The 2010 Census is on Its Way!! – The U.S. Census Bureau is gearing up for the 2010 U.S. Federal Census. “Great pay, flexible hours and paid training” are offered for full or part-time temporary work. Get a feel for what previous enumerators have experienced.

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www.census.gov/rosea/www/employ.html



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Mini-Lesson: TBD

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To visit the site and use its free World Names Profiler service, go to:
www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames/

NEW TCGS ACQUISITION

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*The Building of a Nation:
From Roanoke to the West*

May 13-16, 2009

Raleigh, North Carolina

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Passages Through Time

September 2-5, 2009

Little Rock, Arkansas



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