

Tri-City Genealogical Society Kennewick – Pasco – Richland WA

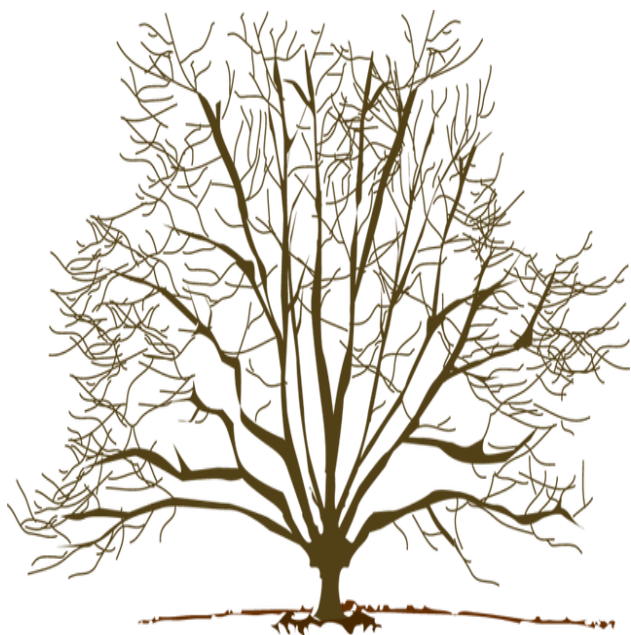
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11 January 2017 Monthly Update — Linda Stephens, Editor — skip6944@aol.com

Benton County PUD

Beginner Genealogy Class by
Margie Beldin — **CANCELED**

General Meeting **CANCELED**
Robert Franklin — Overview of
the History of Hanford



Welcome New TCGS Members

Neil and Chris Rawlins
2017 Paid Members = 60

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

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- **15 Feb 2017** — Glen Allison — World War I Re-Enactor (**note date change**)
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rootstech  **2017**

8-11 Feb 2017

Salt Lake City, Utah

<https://www.rootstech.org/rootstech-2017>

Legacy Family Tree Webinar Series

Take a look at the Legacy Family Tree Webinar schedule for 2017. Choose from 76 classes from genealogy's leading educators on topics ranging from genealogy technology, to DNA, to in-depth research methodologies. The link below "Print the webinar brochure" gets you a 2-page PDF of the schedule. The announcement is at http://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2016/12/2017-legacy-family-tree-webinar-series-announced.html. Webinars are free if you watch at the designated time or in the 7-day free period. You need a web browser that has the current Flash installed. A subscription is \$49.95/year or \$9.95/month. Your subscription gets you access to all webinars—455 past webinars each with syllabus material. (~from **Janis Littlefield**)

3 Kinds of DNA Tests Available

- **The Y chromosome test for males only** — provides a DNA profile for tracing your direct paternal line ancestry back 10 or more generations and help sort out related lines among a common surname. It can also help a male adoptee (whether in this generation or any past generation) identify a possible surname for his biological father.
- **The mtDNA test** — provides a DNA profile useful for tracing a direct female line. This moderately helpful test is most effective when you have a specific genealogical scenario in mind that you are trying to prove or disprove. Anyone can take this test.
- **The Autosomal DNA test** — traces all of your ancestral lines, but it is generally helpful back only 5 or 6 generations. Anyone can take this test.

In general, each individual needs his/her own autosomal DNA test. You can then represent each surname in your pedigree chart by testing a direct male descendant of each ancestor with a Y chromosome test. This would be yourself, if you are male, or your father or brother if you are female. This represents your own surname line. But then you can test your mother's brother to capture her surname line, and your father's mother's brother to represent her line, etc.

DNA Testing Companies

For YDNA and mtDNA testing, Family Tree DNA is the only company offering YDNA and mtDNA testing for genetic genealogy. For the mtDNA test, you want to take the full sequence test. For the YDNA test, the 67-marker test is ideal, but the 37-marker test will suffice. You can always upgrade later if needed.

For autosomal DNA testing, you have 3 options for ordering tests: Family Tree DNA, AncestryDNA, and 23andMe, with pros and cons for each company. See a comparison chart with information for each company at http://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_testing_comparison_chart. Note that 23andMe focuses more on health purposes of genetic testing than on genetic testing for genealogy purposes. Because of this, 23andMe offers two levels of testing, one with health reports and one with ancestry reports only. Note that AncestryDNA has the largest database.

Discounts on DNA Test Kits

DNA test kits deals can be found at both Family Tree DNA and AncestryDNA. Sales occur around the holidays, mid-April near DNA day, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

2017 TCGS BOARD MEMBERS

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TCGS 2017 Seminar

▪ John Covey – Chair

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▪ Finance – Margaret Dunn

▪ Food – Gigi Bare

▪ Program – Linda Stephens

▪ Publicity/Silent Auction – Art Kelly

▪ Registration – Jim Macica

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What's a Taphophile? (pron. TA'-fo-file) from the Ancient Greek *táphos* for funeral/burial/wake/tomb/grave + the English word *-phile* from *philos* for dear/beloved. So a taphophile is a person who is interested in cemeteries, funerals and gravestones. Other descriptions include tombstone tourist, cemetery enthusiast, cemetery tourist, grave hunter or graver. It describes an individual who has a passion for and enjoyment of cemeteries, epitaphs, gravestone rubbing, photography, art, and history of deaths. Taphophiles make considerable effort to search out cemeteries and their records, to verify grave records and ancestral burial locations. For centuries, people have made pilgrimages to the burial sites of religious leaders. It was common during medieval times when people went to gravesites or to shrines to honor saints. Cemetery records have also been a way of verifying genealogical data. Making gravestone rubbings was in practice for centuries as a way of providing this documentation and appreciating the carvings on the tombstones. Among genealogists, scouring cemeteries looking for the graves of dead ancestors is a common practice with individuals often relying on limited and outdated information to find burial sites. The appreciation of cemeteries has evolved along with science and technology. The Internet allows enthusiasts to visit cemeteries (and in some cases the gravesites of their own ancestors) on websites like www.FindAGrave.com. The hunting of graves has become digital as many cemetery transcribers and ancestor hunters have begun using GPS equipment to locate the area where a graveyard or gravesite is positioned.

So Many Direct-Line Ancestors!

The number of direct-line ancestors you have doubles with each generation:

1	YOU
2	PARENTS
4	GRANDPARENTS
8	GREAT GRANDPARENTS
16	2x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
32	3x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
64	4x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
128	5x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
256	6x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
512	7x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
1,024	8x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
2,048	9x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
4,096	10x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
8,192	11x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
16,384	12x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
32,768	13x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
65,536	14x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
131,072	15x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
262,144	16x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
524,288	17x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
1,048,576	18x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
2,097,152	19x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS
4,194,304	20x's GREAT GRANDPARENTS

So in your research, if you find a direct-line 10th great grandfather, he is really 1 out of 2,048 of your 10x's great grandfathers; plus you would also have 2,048 10x's great grandmothers ... that is, if you could find them all.

WSGS 2017 Annual Meeting



Janet McKinnon says that the Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Meeting together with the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Spring Seminar will

be held Saturday, 22 Apr 2017 in Yakima at the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Drive. Jay Fonkert is the featured speaker. See website <http://www.wasgs.org/>.

Richland Family History Center

Hours: Mon/Fri/Sat 9-5

Tues/Wed/Thurs 9-9

1314 Goethals Dr, Richland WA

☎ 509.946.6637

Gage Blvd. Family Search Center

Tues/Wed/Thurs/Sat 10-3

Tues & Wed 6-8:30 PM

895 W Gage Blvd, Richland WA

☎ 509.628.8332

General WWI Genealogy Websites

(list researched by Art Kelly)

- www.theaerodrome.com
- www.au.af.mil/au/auf/bibs/afhist/afwwi.htm
- www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3172
- www.au.af.mil/au/auf/bibs/afhist/afwwi.htm
- cyndislist.com/worldwar1.htm
- www.genealogybranches.com/worldwaronedraftcards.html
- members.aol.com/ForVets/htomr.htm
- archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index/GREATWAR
- archives.gov/research/alic/reference/military/ww1.html
- npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6468566
- archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/fall/military-service-in-world-war-one.html
- rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ms/ww1reg.htm
- www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/wwidraft.htm
- www.treehouseproductions.org/WWI_vets.html



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**Amy Mueller Coffman —
U.S. Funeral Customs and
Researching Funeral Records**



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Ken Wagner

Welcome New TCGS Volunteer

Lisa Holmes just volunteered to be the Facebook Coordinator/Manager for TCGS. Her ancestry is Swedish, German and Hungarian. Email her at phintfog@gmail.com to let her know your names and areas of interest.

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- 24 May 2017 [**new date**] — John Hansens — Benton County Coroner Records
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SVGS Library Open House

Saturday, **18 Mar 2017** — Noon to 4:00 PM
Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society
6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington WA 98223-7815
Open House to celebrate completion of their recently expanded facility. Refreshments will be served.

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Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Meeting + the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Spring Seminar — **22 Apr 2017** in Yakima at the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Drive. Website <http://www.wasgs.org/>. **Jay Fonkert** speaker.

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar 28-29 Apr 2017

La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma WA (253.383.0146 option #6)
Speaker **Judy Russell**, JD, CG, CGL, is a genealogist with a law degree who writes, teaches and lectures about many genealogical topics. She holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer. You can see her blog at www.legalgenealogist.com/. She was voted the 2016 Superstar Genealogist.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon

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Speaker **Dr. John Philip Colletta**

Sat 10 AM - 4:30 PM

Immigration and Naturalization

Milwaukie Center

5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

Milwaukie, Oregon

Sun 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Family History Writing Workshop

GFO Library

2505 SE 11th, Suite B-18 (basement)

Portland, Oregon

Email seminar@gfo.org



Finding Records Online

This U.S. Vital Records Class Handout is courtesy of Jill Shoemaker from the

Riverton FamilySearch Library

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Vital_Records_Class_Handout

Using 'X' as a Signature

Did you ever wonder why X was used as a signature on important documents years ago? The obvious answer is that many people could not read and write in the early days; however, the Feb 2001 *Black Hills Nuggets* takes this explanation a step further. X is Gebo, the 7th rune—a letter of an ancient Germanic alphabet related to the Roman alphabet and used from the 3rd to the 13th centuries. Its sound is 'G' as in gift. It symbolizes connections between people, a unity between the donor and the person a gift is given to. When illiterate people signed a document that bound them to an oath or contract, they used the Gebo rune to make the mark, signifying a gift from one to another. —from Joe Barber, "*Newsletter Jabez Olmsted of Ware*," vol 6, issue 1, Nov 2002

1911 Census of Canada Indexing Project

The 1911 Canadian census was released in 2005. The online version is indexed. For this shortcut go to <http://automatedgenealogy.com/census11/>.

Did You Know?

- Over 34.5 million U.S. citizens (11%) are of Irish descent. That means there are over 7 times more people of Irish descent in the U.S. than the entire population of Ireland.
- 'Col Gaolta' is Irish for cousin. In Irish kinship, it describes all relatives who are close to your age; i.e., a cousin, brother or sister would all be your Col Gaolta.
- About 35 million U.S. citizens are descendants of one or more of the 102 pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620.
- More Jewish-Americans have Ashkenazi ancestors, who didn't have surnames before the 1800's. As a result, Jewish ancestry is hard to trace back more than 200 years.
- The two major types of genealogical DNA testing are Ancestry autosomal (atDNA) and Lineal Ancestry (mitochondrial DNA and Y Chromosome DNA).
- Exploration of the genome has shown that all humans, whatever their race, share the same set of genes, with a variety of alleles—one of two or more alternative forms of a gene that arise by mutation and are found at the same place on a chromosome.
- Naming traditions in the UK give the first daughter the name of the maternal grandmother and the second daughter receives the name of the paternal grandmother.
- The Register System is organized by generations that are grouped separately, and uses both common numerals (1,2,3,4) and Roman numerals (I, ii, iii, iv).
- A dower is the legal right a woman has to the real estate of her husband after marrying, which would be distributed to her in the event of his death.
- The 1890 U.S. Census was the first census to use a tabulating machine to calculate results. Unfortunately, most of the 1890 census data were lost in a fire in 1921.

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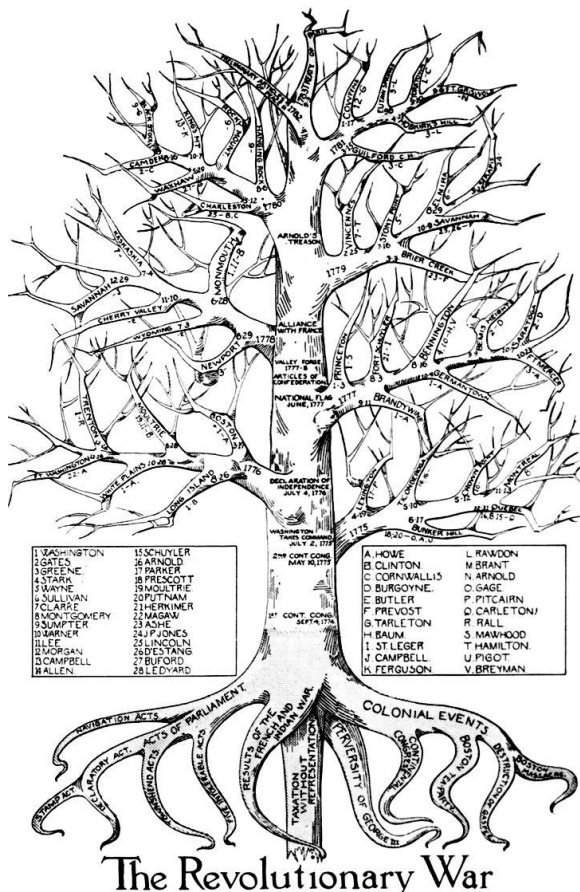
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How Many Generations Since Adam?

The number of generations between Adam and Abraham and between Abraham and Jesus Christ can be figured out because the Bible details the genealogy of Christ back to Adam. Abraham was born $\pm 2,000$ years after Adam's creation, a period of just 20 generations. Prior to The Flood and for some time after, human life-spans were much longer than today; and these long lives enabled people to have children at much older ages. In that period, the youngest father listed, Nahor, Abraham's grandfather, was 29, and the oldest father, Noah, was age 502.

Abraham to Christ — In the New Testament, the book of Matthew traces Christ's lineage through His 'adoptive' father Joseph, while the book of Luke looks at Christ's blood line through His mother Mary. Luke lists 74 generations from Adam to Mary while Matthew has 63 through Joseph. This difference is not a problem if you consider the realities of births within a family line. Even in our societies we've all heard of people having an aunt or uncle who are younger than they are. Over 50 generations, this number can really wander. So there's no contradiction in a Biblical record which shows that from Adam to Christ through Mary required 75 generations while Matthew's list has just 64 names through Joseph.

Christ to Today — Luke's record for the period from King David's son Solomon to Christ shows an average generation length of 23.5 years. Over the same period, Matthew shows ± 31 years. These allow a minimum of additional generations of 65 and a maximum of 86 in the last 2,000 years. These make for a total number of generations from Adam to us as minimum 129, maximum 161, but by estimating one can round down and up to 120 and 170. The rest of us are on average about 145 generations from Adam.

[Notes from <http://askjohnmackay.com/>]



Coins Left on Military Headstones

You may be familiar with the Jewish custom of placing a pebble or small stone on a headstone as a symbolic way of saying that the deceased will not be forgotten and as a tangible sign to show other mourners that someone has visited the grave, remembering and giving respect for the deceased. Have you ever seen a coin placed on a military marker? A coin left on a military headstone lets the deceased soldier's family know that somebody stopped by to pay their respect. Leaving a penny means you visited. A nickel means that you and the deceased soldier trained at boot camp together. If you served with the soldier, you leave a dime. A quarter is very significant because it means that you were there when that soldier died. [NOTE: World War I started 100 years ago in April 1917.]



Tips for Finding Female Ancestors

- If you aren't finding your female ancestor, search for her children first.
- Search military pension records to find wives or mothers of military ancestors.
- Also, newspapers can reveal your ancestor's maiden name through wedding, birth, or death announcements.

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Death Records by Margie Beldin –
6:15 to 6:45 PM

General Meeting – 7:00 PM
John Hansens — Benton
County Coroner Records



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Terry and Gayla Davis
Shirley Dickson
John Payne
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- July 2017 — No regular TCGS meeting
- 9 Aug 2017 — Annual picnic at the home of John Covey and Anne Nolan
- 13 Sep 2017 — Probate Records by John Covey
- 11 Oct 2017 — Franklin County Historical Society (tentative)
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May is Jewish Heritage Month

Go to <https://www.americanancestors.org/search> and explore unique resources at the Jewish Heritage Center at the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). This website contains digitized collections from the American Jewish Historical Society – New England Archives (Jewish Heritage Center) and the Library and R. Stanton Avery Special Collections at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The digital collections include letters, diaries, photographs, newspapers, business records, organizational records, and other materials for historians and for genealogists, focusing on the Jewish community in New England and a study of family history in America.

<http://cdm15869.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ajhs/>
www.jewishamericanheritagemonth.us/index.aspx



What's a prothonotary?

If you happen to be doing genealogy research for probate records as **Art Kelly** was recently, and place a phone call to the courthouse in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, don't be surprised if someone answers the phone, "Prothonotary Department." . . . pro-THON-uh-TARE-ee?? What's that?? Prothonotary is an archaic term for a chief clerk in some courts of law, originally in the Byzantine courts from the 7th through 10th centuries. Wikipedia states that the word **prothonotary** is recorded in English since 1447, as 'principal clerk of a court,' from the Latin word *prothonotarius* (c. 400), from the Greek word *protonotarios* 'first scribe,' originally the chief of the college of recorders of the court of the Byzantine Empire, and from the Greek *πρῶτος* *protos* 'first' + Latin *notorious* ('notary'). The title was awarded to certain high-ranking notaries. Also, in the Roman Catholic Church, **protonotaries apostolic** (Latin *protonotarii apostolici*) are high-ranking members of the clergy. And if you are from the northeast and into birdwatching, you may have heard of the **prothonotary warbler** (*Protonotaria citrea*), which is a small songbird of the New World warbler family. It is the only member of the genus *Protonotaria*. The songbird has an olive back with blue-grey wings and tail, and yellow head and underparts. It breeds in hardwood swamps in extreme southeastern Ontario, Canada, and eastern U.S. While the term **prothonotary** was once commonly used in U.S. courts, today only the courts of Pennsylvania and Delaware still term their chief clerks 'prothonotaries.'

If someone gives you flak about ending a sentence with a preposition, just remind them—it's nothing to be afraid of.



Vietnam Traveling Wall

24-30 May 2017

City View Cemetery

1300 N Oregon Ave

Pasco WA

Opening 1 PM Tues 25 May

26-30 May — Daily Events

Open 24/7



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Lucy Rademacher

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Need for TCGS Blog Volunteer

TCGS needs a Volunteer Blog Editor for the society blog post which is an online blog. No experience is necessary, and there are no requirements for frequency of blog posts. The blog can capture highlights of TCGS meetings/events, historical events, genealogy tidbits, research hints, regional genealogy workshops/seminars/conferences, etc. You can do this from the comfort of your home at any time of day or night. Connie Estep has been doing our TCGS blog and was sending out monthly blogs, so please contact her at esteplectricco@gmail.com if you have questions or need more information.



4 Categories of Surnames

Surnames can be divided into four categories—place names, occupation names, nicknames and patronymics (from the Greek *patr* father + *onyma* name), generally formed by adding a prefix or suffix to a name. By 1400, most English and some Scottish people used surnames, but many Scottish and Welsh people did not adopt surnames until the 17th century. It is now even becoming common to merge two surnames to create a new one.

PLACE NAMES are the largest group and covers all those names first applied to people who lived in or nearby to a particular place. For example, Dell, Field, Grove, Meadow, Street or Woods are obvious. Occasionally names were taken from obscure villages or hamlets which no longer exist and this can make research confusing.

OCCUPATION NAMES cover nearly all trades which existed in the Middle Ages. These are numerous such as Baker, Brewer, Carpenter, Dyer, Herald, Miller, Sailor, Shoemaker, Tailor and Weaver. It does not necessarily follow that such names as King, Duke, Earl and so on mean your ancestors were of noble blood. It is much more likely that such named people worked for the referenced person.

NICKNAMES is a smaller group but in many ways more interesting. The term 'nickname' can be traced back to the 1300s when it was 'ekename' where 'eke' means 'additional.' They usually originated as a by-name for someone by describing their appearance, personal disposition or character but which became handed down through the ages and did not apply to their descendants. A nickname is often considered desirable but can sometimes be a form of ridicule. Many were bestowed facetiously to indicate someone who was the exact opposite of the descriptor such as Blackie, Shorty, Slim or Tiny. Nicknames fall into several basic categories—Physical Description (Armstrong), Character (Smart), Animal or Bird Names (Dove), Personal Actions or Incidents (Paramor), Seasons (Summer), Negative to Positive (*O'Kill* to *Oakhill*).

PATRONYMICS. This group covers all names which derive immediately from the father, grandfather, or earlier male ancestor. Examples include Hanson, Johnson, Williamson, Fitzpatrick, MacDonald, Hernández (son of Hernando), or Ilyich (son of Ilya). Many Christian names which are also surnames have, over the years, lost the possessive form but the origin is still the same. Examples of this could be names such as Jacob, Henry, Jordan, Thomas—all names which became both Christian names and surnames over the years. A component of a name based on the name of one's mother or a female ancestor is a matronymic.

Research Tips for Names or Nicknames

- **Initials and Abbreviations.** Look for your ancestors under all their possible nicknames, as well as abbreviations, middle names and initials. Thomas Jefferson Smith might be listed in various places as Thomas J Smith, Thom Smith, Jeff Smith, or TJ Smith. His wife, Mary Frances Johnson Smith, might be called Mary F Smith, Mary J Smith, Frances, Polly, Franky, MF or FM. Switching the order of first and middle names was common because people often used their middle name as their regular name.
- **Strange Nicknames.** Not all nicknames are obvious. For example, Polly, Patsy, Peggy, and Nancy are actually nicknames for Mary, Martha, Margaret, and Ann, respectively. Many other nicknames seem peculiar to us because the underlying names are virtually extinct, but you may have seen them when researching your own genealogy. When was the last time you met a woman named Biddy (Obedience), Delphy (Philadelphia) or Senia (Asenath)? Or a man named Quillar (Aquilla), Lum (Columbus), Sell (Sylvanus) or Shade (Shadrach)? Some parents have a wry sense of humor when naming their children names like Dusty Rhodes, Chippy Wood, Chalky White, Sandy Claus, or Smoky Hills. 'Doolittle' was the nickname for a lazy man; 'Frost' referred to a man with white hair or one with a cold personality; 'Roy' is a Scottish nickname for someone with red hair; 'Klein' was a German nickname for someone with a diminutive stature; and 'Hahn' was a German nickname meaning 'rooster' for a proud or lusty man. Some of our most common nicknames were virtually unknown in previous eras. Cynthia was often shortened to 'Sintha' but rarely to 'Cindy.' If you see 'Sinda,' the original name was more likely 'Lucinda' or 'Rosinda.'
- **Junior & Senior.** Confusion over the use of 'Jr.' and 'Sr.' has caused many genealogists to make serious mistakes, misidentifying relationships and merging data on different individuals. Originally, the suffixes 'Junior' and 'Senior' were just descriptive nicknames used whenever there were two men in the community with the same name. John Smith, Jr., wasn't always the son of someone named John Smith. The older John Smith might have been an uncle, cousin, or completely unrelated. Moreover, John Smith Jr. would become known as John Sr. after the older John's death, and any younger John Smith in the area could now be John Jr.
- **Misspelled Names.** Spelling is very inconsistent in old records. Many names were spelled phonetically, sometimes with strange results, like 'Rauzy' for Rosa, 'Tiller' for Tillie (Matilda), or 'Luzanner' for Louisiana.

Lost & Found @ Richland Family History Center
Keyless entry fob with Ilco silver key

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Benton County PUD
Beginner Class — City Directories
by Margie Beldin
from 6:15 to 6:45 PM

General Meeting – 7:00 PM
Probate Records by John Covey

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- 11 Oct 2017 — Franklin County Historical Society with **Eva Klos** on Pasco Settlement
- 14 Oct 2017 Saturday – TCGS-sponsored DNA Seminar with **Diahan Southard** in Richland WA
- 8 Nov 2017 — Annual Business Meeting
- 13 Dec 2017 — TCGS members sharing exhibits of antiques and/or vintage items, family history displays, or personal collections or hobbies

Confederate Soldiers Buried in Arlington

Arlington National Cemetery is running out of space. Some space could be made in Section 16, where 462 Confederate dead are buried and a memorial is there to honor those who fell trying to form a separate union. This hallowed ground was carved from the plantation of the most famous of all Confederates, General Robert E Lee. Those interred in Section 16 are an eclectic bunch, including not only soldiers who gave their lives for what they called “the Cause,” but also wives and civilians and unknowns. Marking the spot is a sizable memorial statue of a woman with her hand stretched out to her beloved South. The memorial is the work of a Confederate veteran, Moses Ezekiel, who is buried at the base. The headstones in this portion are pointed, with a common explanation being they were designed this way to keep Unionists from sitting on them in disrespect. The cemetery’s official explanation is that the aesthetic was chosen simply to set these graves apart from those belonging to the 400,000 other individuals buried under Arlington’s manicured sod. The cemetery began accepting these rebels in 1901, 3 years after the end of the Spanish-American War, during which time, public animosity began to subside against Confederates with the recognition that both Southern and Union veterans fought together.



Welcome New TCGS Member
Kurt and Dolly Ammann
Debra and Brad Hudson
Harley Leigh
Heather Murphy
Mariann Watson
Membership Total = 119

Wildcard Searching

If you have never heard of wildcard searching, this is a must-have weapon for your genealogy arsenal. And even if you have, most people don't use this tactic as often as they could. See why wildcard searching is such a worthy tool.

What is a wildcard?

A wildcard serves a similar function in genealogy searches as it does in card games - essentially, it can count as anything you (or the search engine) wants. A wildcard character placed in a name tells the search engine to count any letter as a match and will return a diversity of search results. Wildcards are designed to help get around some very common genealogical problems - names that were misheard or misspelled at the time the record was made, or mistakes resulting from faulty transcription or poor handwriting on original documents. For example, searching the last name Folkes with a deployed wildcard character in place of the letter L (Fo*kes) will return results that include last names Foakes, Fokes, Folks, Fookes, Forkes, Foukes, Foulkes and Fowkes.

Two varieties of wildcards

Keep in mind that each search engine such as Google handles wildcards a little differently, and some do not have this ability at all. When you want to use a wildcard, select a character in the word you're searching and replace it with either an **asterisk *** or a **question mark ?**. By using an asterisk, you're telling the computer that the * can represent more than one letter. Going back to the previous example, entering **Fo*kes** sometimes returns results where there is more than one character in place of the *, such as Foulkes. On the other hand, using a question mark instead limits the wildcard to just one character. It's best to use the * in most cases, but if you're sure that only one letter may be mistaken, you can narrow your results down a little bit by using the ? instead. For instance, if we think one of our Smith family members may have been recorded as a Smyth, we can use **Sm?th** instead of **Sm*th**.

Wildcards for more than just names

It's important to consider that you can use wildcard searches for more than just names—they'll also work for keywords. When placed at the end or beginning of a word, a wildcard search can return some really interesting results. For instance, if you're searching occupations in the 1911 census for England and Wales and you enter the search term **piano*** you will receive all occupations with the word piano in them. We see results for pianoforte (piano is short for pianoforte) tuner, pianoforte teacher, pianoforte stringer and more. Next time you're getting frustrated with a lack of results, try using a wildcard for either the name or keyword and things may open up for you.

NE Washington Genealogical Society Seminar

The Northeast Washington Genealogical Society is hosting a seminar on Saturday, 16 Sep 2017, in Colville, Washington. The featured presenter will be **William Dollarhide**, who was the seminar speaker for the Sep 2015 TCGS Seminar. He is a very popular lecturer and author. Workshop topics include:

- American Migration Routes, 1750-1800
- Using Deeds to Trace the Trails of Your Ancestors
- You Know About Census Records but What About Census Substitutes?
- Civil War Genealogy

Find registration form at newgs.org by scrolling down the homepage for the NeWGS 2017 Fall Seminar announcement.

Microfilm Not Available for Rent at FHL

Thanks to **Heather Murphy**, our new TCGS Blog Editor, she says that the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City will no longer be renting microfilm as of 7 Sep 2017. The reason for this is due to the fact that since 2000, the FHL has been digitizing their collection of 2.4 million rolls of microfilm. Instead of taking decades to finish, thanks to technology advances, the process was accelerated; and the FHL currently has more than 1.5 million rolls digitized with plans to finish the project by 2020. Because of contractual restrictions, there are some microfilm that will not be made available digitally.



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Isla Bonita Restaurant
Richland, Washington

Dinner – 6:00 PM

Annual Business Meeting –
7:00 PM



Welcome New TCGS Members!

Shirley Carlisle
Debbie Gieszler
Kurt and Nancy Johnson
Susan Karnesky
Charlotte Kennedy
Art and Cheryl Klym
Sylvia Lowery
Helen Lujan
Jennifer Ovink
Karolyn and Patrick Sand

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No DNA Test for Relatives?

If some of your family members are reluctant to get their DNA tested, it might be because they are concerned about privacy. Let them know about GINA—the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008. This federal statute is designed to prohibit the use of genetic information in health insurance and employment. This may alleviate some of their concerns. If price is a factor, consider whether you can pay some or all of the costs.

Role as TCGS Social Media Manager

Heather Murphy spoke to the TCGS Board on 2 Nov 2017, about her plans as Social Media Manager. She is building a following for Facebook which is at 170, and blog readership is up. She would like to start a closed Facebook group for society members as a way to better facilitate cooperation and connection. **Margie Beldin** suggested having a class on how to use Facebook and how it benefits the society. For you Facebook users, TCGS will promote the Facebook page here in the monthly bulletin.



2018 TCGS & FHC Opportunities

- **President (elected Board member)**
- **Secretary (elected Board member)**
- **Historian (committee Chairperson)**
- ***TCGS Bulletin* Editor Assistant**

If being on the Board or a Chairperson is too much for you at this time, how about helping on a committee? Log into the TCGS website at: <http://tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/q/members-only/govdocs/>. Next year, the Library Committee will need volunteers to re-label and re-shelve all the library books in the Family History Center. Another distant library project includes scanning all the periodicals so that digitized copies can be created for future researching online. Note also that volunteers are needed at the **Richland Family History Center (FHC)** in 2- to 4-hour shifts. Call the new FHC director, Wayne Ross, at 509.531.2728.

RootsTech 2018 registration is open!

RootsTech 2018 registration is open, and for the first time, it begins 1 day earlier than prior events! Register online <https://www.rootstech.org>.

Theme — “Connect. Belong”

Salt Lake City, Utah

Wed-Sat — 28 Feb 2018 -3 Mar 2018

Hosted by FamilySearch.org

Class sessions begin Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM MST. Classes will also be offered at 11:00 AM, 1:30 PM, and 3:00 PM. The General Session will begin at 4:30 PM, featuring popular speaker Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch International. There will be over 300 official RootsTech classes, and world-class evening entertainment. Registration options include a free Family Discovery Day experience on Saturday to a budget-friendly “Getting Started” 4-day pass (\$69 early-bird price) to the full RootsTech Pass (\$169 early-bird price). Make your hotel reservations early because downtown hotels fill up quickly. Going to RootsTech for the first time? Click here for Q&A with Lisa Louise Cooke <https://lisalouisecooke.com/2016/10/rootstech-questions/>.



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Richland FHC Closed for 13 Days

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FREE CLASSES AND WEBINARS

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, has announced its free family history classes and webinars. A new schedule is announced each month. Online classes are noted on the schedule as webinars. Webinar attendees need to click the link next to the class title at the scheduled date and time to attend the class online. Those attending in person simply go to the room noted. Invite your family and friends. All class times are in Mountain Standard Time (MST). If you are unable to attend classes in person or online, most sessions are recorded and can be viewed later online at your convenience. Go to: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars.

NEED MORE TCGS VOLUNTEERS!

Jim Macica has volunteered to be our 2018 TCGS President, so now we need a replacement Membership Chairman as well as Membership Chairman Assistant. Thank you, **Dan Metzger**, for volunteering to be our 2018 Secretary! And many thanks to **Mary Kay Walker** for her special dedication as our outgoing TCGS Secretary! **Heather Murphy** will begin helping **Margie Beldin** with the education classes. But TCGS still needs backups for all committee positions, because; e.g., if our Webmaster, **Janis Littlefield**, were unable to continue, we have no Assistant.



Community Lecture Series

Dupus Boomer's PREFABulous Richland
Presentation by Terry Andre & **Connie Estep**

Thursday, 21 Dec 2017, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Richland Public Library at 955 Northgate Drive

Hosted by Friends of the Richland Public Library

What happens when you take a secret WWII project, add a booming population, and build a city in the desert? Join Terry and our own **Connie Estep** as they use Dupus (a blue-collar Dilbert cartoon of the 1940s) to introduce the people and the places of the atomic pioneers in Richland, Washington. Interwoven with Dupus' irreverent commentary on life in the prefab houses are stories from real people who came from all over the country to live and work in Richland. For more info, contact Lisa Adams at her email ladams@richland.lib.wa.us or ☎ 509.942.7678.

Other NW Genealogical Societies

- Clallam County Genealogical Society
Port Angeles WA, <https://clallamcogs.org/>
- Clark County Genealogical Society
Vancouver WA, <http://www.ccg-wa.org/>
- Eastern Washington Genealogical Society
Spokane WA, <https://ewgsi.org/>
- Grays Harbor Genealogical Society, Aberdeen WA
<http://www.graysharborgenealogy.com/>
- Jefferson County Genealogical Society
Port Townsend WA, <http://waicgs.org/>
- Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State
Bellevue WA, <http://www.jgsws.org/>
- Lewis County Genealogical Society
Chehalis WA, <http://www.walcgs.org/>
- Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
Colville WA, <https://NeWGS.org/>
- Oregon Genealogical Society
Eugene OR, <https://oregongs.org/>
- Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society
Arlington WA, <https://stillygen.org>
- Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society
Tacoma WA
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/>
- Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Wenatchee WA, <https://wags-web.org/>

Washington State Census Finder

<http://www.censusfinder.com/washington-genealogy-society.htm>

