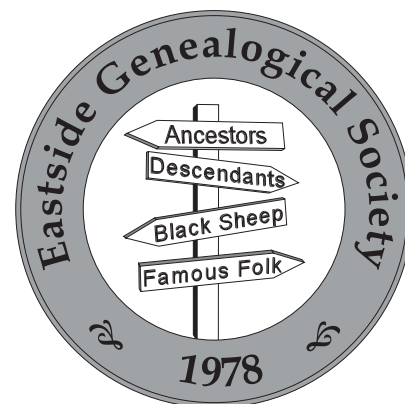


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### NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Next Meeting:  
 Thursday, April 8, 2010  
 Bellevue Regional Library

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### EGS MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Thursday, March 11, 2010  
**Time:** Welcome New Members 6:30 PM  
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Bellevue Regional Library  
**Topic:** *I found my Italian relatives! Does anyone speak Abruzzese?*  
**Speaker:** Mary Sangalang, EGS Member

#### About The Program:

The program for the March general meeting will be: *I found my Italian relatives! Does anyone speak Abruzzese?* Mary Sangalang, EGS member, past EGS president, founder and chair of the Italian Special Interest Group, will tell us about her amazing trip to Italy and the wonderful things she found.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month I would like to focus on a couple of Society issues that the membership will have the opportunity to vote on or otherwise express their opinions. First, after several months of discussion, the board has drafted a proposed change to the EGS Bylaws to split the Library Committee into two separate standing committees. Under the Bylaws the chair of each standing committee is a member of the EGS Board with the vote so approval of this proposal will enlarge the Board by an additional member but because we are proposing to delete the now defunct Supply Table committee at the same time, the Board's size will remain the same.

Currently Section 1 of Article VII. Committees, reads as follows:

Section 1. The Society shall have the following Standing Committees and any others deemed necessary to carry out the business of the Society: Nominating, Education, Library, Membership, Program, Supply Table, Sunshine, Historian, Webmaster, Newsletter, Publicity and Special Interest Groups. Chairs of the Standing Committees shall have a vote and must be members of the Society. The President of the Board of Directors, with the approval of the other elected officers, may appoint other committees deemed necessary.

The EGS Board has voted to change Section 1 to read as follows:

**Section 1. The Society shall have the following Standing committees and any others deemed necessary to carry out the business of the Society: Nominating, Education, Library, Acquisitions, Membership, Program, Sunshine, Historian, Webmaster, Newsletter, Publicity, and Special Interest Groups. Chairs of the Standing Committees shall have a vote and must be members of the Society as described in Article III.**

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Consistent with Article XI, this proposed Amendment must be approved by a 2/3rds vote of the members present at any General Membership, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been mailed or given to all members prior to the meeting. The above text constitutes such required written notice so this proposed amendment will be voted on at the April meeting.

My second item of business concerns both the chairs and the membership of our standing committees. The EGS currently has Committee Chair positions open on the Education and Special Interest Groups and we need a co-chair on the Publicity Committee to cover for Dorothy Pretare when she is out of town. Moreover, we need members to serve on these committees. Committees of one just don't make it. Only the Library Committee and the Acquisitions Committee have more than one member at the present time. Sign-up sheets will be at the door for the next several meetings to raise member's awareness and hopefully gain some new committee members. Much of the committee work can be done from the comforts of one's home via e-mail, snail mail or telephone so please consider signing up. If you have any questions about any of the positions please contact the committee chair or one of the EGS officers or board members.

Bob Barnes, EGS President

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

- ◆ Terry ANDERSON is researching STRIDSBERG and JOHNSON in Sweden and STEIN in Germany
- ◆ Barbara I BAXTER is researching BAXTER, BUCHANAN, ELFREICH, KNOBELOCH, MAIER, BLOHM, HENDERSHOT, HENESCHIED, PANNETT, and TAYLOR in Scotland, Ireland, England, Germany, Bavaria and Ohio and the USA
- ◆ Russell COAD is researching COAD, HOLLOWAY, ALLCHURCH, DUNN, and O'NEIL
- ◆ Susan and Harold COOK are researching BORNEMEIER, ACHENBACH, STARKE, CORYELL, KRAFT, WILLIS COOK, HOUSLEY, BERTILSON, WYMORE and BEELER in Germany, Ontario, Canada and Norway
- ◆ Elke STONE

## FREE ONLINE GENEALOGY CLASSES

Did you know that there are free online self-paced genealogy research classes available? These classes are provided by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. You can learn the basic methods and key resources to start your family history. Subjects include Germany Research, Italy Research, Russia Research and many others. Find out what's available at

[http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/education/frameset\\_education.asp?PAGE=education\\_research\\_series\\_online.asp%3FActiveTab=2](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/education/frameset_education.asp?PAGE=education_research_series_online.asp%3FActiveTab=2)



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Could you donate a few hours a week (or a month) to the Eastside Genealogy Society to help keep our operation running smoothly? EGS is only as strong as our volunteers. None of these jobs are full-time, serious commitment-type jobs.

- **Research Assistants**— We need an additional volunteer to help researchers at our afternoon or evening help sessions at the library. And Winnie could use an assistant Library Chair.
- **Education Chair**—To coordinate classes and educational opportunities.

If you can help, please contact Bob Barnes at 425-747-4863 or [rstithbarnes@hotmail.com](mailto:rstithbarnes@hotmail.com).

**EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY - 7 JANUARY 2010**

**Present:** Bob Barnes, Sharron Filer, Ed Schultz, Dorothy Pretare, Dorothy Mehrer, Norb Ziegler, and Judy Meredith

**Mapping Program:** Ed told of a historical European mapping program called Centennia. A group of 5 or more can apply for a code for the group price of \$39.50 per copy. A motion passed for Ed to act as our contact person to apply for the code.

**Treasurer's Report:** See Ed's corrected report emailed to the board. Bob will review the budget with an eye to balancing it. Ed will contact Jack Newman about cutting the number of copies left after mailing to members to see if we can cut printing costs.

**Program Report:** February - Joe Townsend, who owns a business retouching and repairing old photos. He is inviting members to bring old photos for consultation. Suggestions for future programs included a brickwall panel, managing email, and preparing for a trip to Salt Lake.

**Membership:** Dorothy M. distributed the new rosters. Declining membership was discussed (see "Publicity" below).

**Library/EGS Project:** Norb sent a link to the Belleville, IL library website. They have a good genealogy page, in cooperation with the local genealogical society. He thinks something with BRL would be a good idea and is willing to talk to Lisa Fraser about it. A motion was made for Norb to follow up.

**Newsletter Update:** We still need a person to take program notes at the general meeting so Kim can include them in the newsletter. Bob will use the president's message to solicit research experiences, book reviews and so forth from members.

**Library Committee:** Bob will write up the library committee reorganization for the by-laws.

**SIG Report:** There was no formal report, but Ed said he'd attended both the Irish SIG and the Legacy SIG on January 6th and both were well attended.

**Open Positions:** Walta has agreed to stay on as secretary and Judy has agreed to run for president. Norb needs ideas for VP and we need an education chair and program chair.

**Outreach Schedule:** Bob will be doing a class on city directories at the library January 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

**State Library:** We received an email from the state genealogical society regarding funding for the state library, asking us to ask members to contact their state representatives regarding cuts in funding. Bob will ask Kim to send an email blast.

**Publicity:** See Dorothy P's handout. She suggested we promote gift memberships and sponsorships for friends as a way to increase membership.

*(A complete copy of the minutes can be made available upon request.)*

**FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP**

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located at NE 12<sup>th</sup> St. and 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE in Bellevue. Eastside Genealogical Society volunteers are waiting to help you with problems and questions. They are available in room 6 on the second floor of the library, to the left of the reference desk. Hours are Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 PM.

## NEW ON THE BOOKSHELF

The following books, purchased by the Eastside Genealogical Society, have been added to the genealogy collection at the Bellevue Regional Library. Look for these books in the Genealogy Collection on the second floor.

◆ *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635*. New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2009. Vol. VI, R-S. 769 pp. R929.374 AND

The sixth volume in this series covers surnames R-S. Some of the names included in this volume: Thomas Rawlins, Thurstan Raynor, William Read, Joseph Redknap, Robert Reynolds, Richard Rice, Nicholas Robbins, James Rogers, Thomas Rogers, Robert Rose, John Ruggles, William Ruscoe, John Russell, Michael Sallowes, Thomas Sanford, John Saunders, Martin Saunders, Thomas Savage, William Scadlock, Richard Scott, Thomas Scott, Thomasine Scottow, Thomas Scruggs, John Scudder, Matthew Sension, Henry Sewall, Ralph Shepard, Thomas Shepard, Edmund Sherman, Richard Sherman, Thomas Sherwood, Francis Smith, James Smith, Samuel Smith, Jared Spencer, Thomas Stanton, Comfort Starr, Henry Stevens, John Stockbridge, George Stocking, Gregory Stone, Simon Stone, John Stream, John Strong, William Sumner, Richard Swain, William Swain, Thomas Swift, William Swift, Zachariah Symmes

◆ *Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1751-1858*. Terrence M. Punch. GPC, 2009. Vol. III. 192 pp. R929.3715 PUN

Volume III extends the period of coverage to 1858 and lists approximately 7,000 additional Irish-born residents of Atlantic Canada. Like the other volumes in the series, it is based on a wide variety of genealogical sources, including church records, cemetery inscriptions, marriage and burial records, and ships' passenger lists.

◆ *Scottish Highlanders on the Eve of the Great Migration, 1725-1775: The People of the Northern Isles*. David Dobson. GPC, 2008. 98 pp. R929.34113 DOB

The Northern Isles are the Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands.

If you have a suggestion for a genealogy-related reference book to add to our collection at the Bellevue Regional Library, or if you have one to donate, please contact Sarah Fleming at [sarahrosefleming@earthlink.net](mailto:sarahrosefleming@earthlink.net) or 425-957-1134.

## TWO NEW GENEALOGY-RELATED TELEVISION PROGRAMS



There are two new television shows (in the U.S.) dealing with genealogy. Both programs use famous people as their subjects. You will have to check your local television guides for channels and times.

This first program is televised on Public Television Stations (PBS). *Faces of America with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* looks at what made America and what made us. These two questions are at the heart of the new PBS series. The Harvard scholar turns to the latest tools of genealogy and genetics to explore the family histories of 12 renowned Americans.

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/facesofamerica/video/episode-1-our-american-stories/190/>

The second program, *Who Do You Think You Are?* begins Friday, March 5, 2010 at 8/7 Central on NBC. The family-history focused series will lead seven celebrities on a heart-warming journey back in time as they discover more about ancestors that came before them.

[http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/video/clips/message-from-lisa/1200391/?sssdmh=dm13.234680&o\\_iid=42513&o\\_lid=42513](http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/video/clips/message-from-lisa/1200391/?sssdmh=dm13.234680&o_iid=42513&o_lid=42513)

## THE SUSPICIONS OF MR. WHICHER – A BOOK REPORT BY BOB BARNES

It is seldom that a book that makes extensive use of genealogical and historical research techniques makes waves in the popular press. Kate Summerscale's book, *The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher* (Walker, 2008) is an exception. One of *Time's* Top 10 Nonfiction Books of the Year as well as being a *New York Times* Bestseller, Summerscale's new book re-examines one of the most sensational murder mysteries of 19th Century England, involving the brutal murder of the four-year-old son of the government's sub-inspector of woolen mills.

So what is the great attraction of such an event 150 years later? This 1860 criminal investigation provided the inspiration for some of Charles Dickens's later detective stories as well as the masterful detective novels of Wilkie Collins such as "The Moonstone" (1868), ultimately setting the stage for Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes some thirty years later. So for lovers of mysteries this story is of literary significance. For the genealogist it demonstrates that the tools of logic and scientific deduction that we use in our genealogical research are virtually identical to those employed in detective work.

In 1860 the City of London's constabulary of thousands had fewer than a dozen detective inspectors, Jake Whicher perhaps being the best of them. Forensic science at the time was in its infancy. Fortunately for the successful resolution of this case, one of the people outside of the family who was closest to the case was a physician, who apparently had both the time and inclination to share his observations and thoughts during inquests as well as in the popular press and later in book form.

It is also evident that the animosity between local constables and those who, like Whicher, were dispatched from Scotland Yard, is not just a creation of the mystery writer. In this case the animosity took the unfortunate form of the destruction of critical evidence and a cover up by the local constables before the London detective arrived on the scene. The class structure of the British society provided its own set of challenges. At the time, detectives like Whicher were viewed suspiciously as products of the lower class who, despite their official status, simply had no business investigating the activities of the middle and upper classes even when those activities had led to a murder most foul.

So what makes this book one of genealogical interest? The story is drawn from the official accounts in the contemporary police files coupled with contemporary newspaper accounts drawn from all over Britain. To this are added notes from diaries, letters and legal documents and proceedings and books of the time. City directories and censuses are used to identify the occupations, names, and relationships of many of the participants. Church and probate records are used to provide additional color and background information. Summerscale also gives a superb example of how to date an old photograph that came to her after the hardbound edition of her book was first printed. She was able to date to within a month or two of when it was taken. Not to be missed are the over 300 footnotes that document how and where certain information was mined.

Summerscale has such a masterful way of leading us through her window and into the everyday life of 19th Century England that I was thoroughly mesmerized. By the end which extends well into the 20th Century, one has almost forgotten the lamentable tragedy that occurred on that June day in 1860.

## ONE MORE BRICK WALL CRUMBLES—KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES BY BOB BARNES

I confess that I have been a bibliophile since childhood and, as a result, I am used to processing information out of books which, except for a new edition now and again, do not change their content over time. Relying on this type of stationary database does little to prepare one to get the most out of current genealogical databases that, in direct contrast to books, are changing as fast as older materials are being digitized or are being added to existing databases. One of my longer standing brick walls came crashing down recently due to the simple expedient of revisiting a readily accessible database.

My McGinnis and Cary lines converged, literally, on Cincinnati, Ohio, in the early 1800s. The family stories had it that Lucy Cary, formerly of Lyme, NH, had arrived in Cincinnati as the oldest child in the family of a revolutionary war veteran who was taking up his bounty land claim in Ohio. She married one James McGinnis who it was believed was of Irish extraction but nothing was known about his antecedents. They lived on a farm near Cincinnati and, according to the family oral history, lived there the remainder of their days, raising a family, (*continued next page*)

and eventually dying there and being buried on the farm. Lucy's genealogy was well known as the Cary's were of some prominence in New England and are easily traced.

As for James, well he was an enigma. Despite many years of research nothing had been learned of his antecedents. Oh, there were some positives. The story of the farm near Cincinnati had been confirmed from land records from which it was also possible to determine that the couple were married by November 1804. These records, coupled with county histories, provided enough information to establish that there had been at least 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls, in the family. Obituary and census information confirmed that the family had spent some time in Kentucky, where the two youngest daughters were born. Examination of Cincinnati city directories and the census strongly suggested that James had died between late 1818 and 1820 and that Lucy had passed in 1840.

So as I was visiting [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) I decided to again enter James McGinnis' data and see what turned up—nothing other than limited census data had heretofore. Imagine my surprise to find that there was an immediate hit in the database called U.S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900. Even more surprising was the fact that it correctly identified his wife as Lucy Cary so this was the real thing. This particular database is an index of materials held by one William Yates of Melba, ID. This collection was amassed over many years when he was actively involved in the genealogical publishing business. The materials covered by the index number in excess of 1,400,000 items, and, contrary to the title, contains relatively few plain marriage, birth or death records, rather, as in my case, it contains a number of family group sheets and related materials from serious family researchers. For \$7.50 a copy of the information was returned via e-mail, with the statement that the money was refundable if the copies were not helpful! (Since finding this hit I have found at least one more in this database!)

When I opened my e-mail from Bill Yates, here was a copy of a family group record submitted by one of my fourth cousins in 1985. (While I suspected that I had extant cousins along this line this was the first confirmation that any were genealogically inclined.) Some of the information I already knew but this gave dates of birth and marriage and the married names of the daughters, somewhat amusingly, neglecting to even mention my 3ggrandmother. But the crown jewel was the statement that based on family records James McGinnis' father was 2LT John W. McGinnis, who had served in the PA militia, Cumberland County 2nd Battalion, 6th Co. during the Revolution. Since one of the county histories had indicated that James had immigrated from Ireland this came as very welcome information. Now, how to best follow up on it? Since my fourth cousin who submitted this material 25 years ago very likely has passed, I decided to search the Cumberland County Genweb site to see if anybody had submitted a query on the this family. Again a direct hit for a 1996 query seeking information on the John W. McGinnis line. After confirming that this researcher had been active on message boards as recently as 2007, I dropped him an e-mail and the rest, as they say, is history. I now have all of James McGinnis' siblings, his parents (my 4ggrandparents), one of my 5ggrandparents and the benefit of 40 years of genealogical research on this particular line. And I have found a very helpful fifth cousin as well.

So what are the lessons to be learned from this exercise? Periodically search all databases for new information. Don't necessarily believe that the database title reflects the true contents. Do not hesitate to drill down as deeply as possible into the database(s) to see what it really contains—you may be pleasantly surprised. Lastly, it may take years for someone to respond to your query, in this case fourteen years, but don't let that stop you from submitting a query. The only sure thing is that if you do not submit a query no one will know that you were looking!

When I wrote my note in last month's newsletter on "Serendipity rides again," I little realized that serendipity would be riding with me again so soon!

## REPORT FROM USING CITY DIRECTORIES CLASS AT THE BRL

On Saturday, January 16th, EGS President Bob Barnes gave a two hour presentation at the Bellevue Regional Library on using city directories in genealogical research. Two dozen attendees, split about 50-50 between current EGS members and non-members, provided a very active and engaged audience. To facilitate getting the most out of using directories, Bob started with a detailed history of their origins starting in 1665 with a guide for the British in New Amsterdam (New York) to the Baltimore broadside of the 1750s on to the more standard directories of the late 1700s for the eastern seaboard cities that rapidly spread inland, reaching the Pacific Coast just before the California gold rush. While genealogists typically use city directories to trace individuals, their original purpose was (*continued next page*)

to provide an advertising medium and business directory that could connect potential customers with the goods and services that they needed.

Bob walked the group through the typical contents of early nineteenth century city directories from Cincinnati, Ohio (1819-1840). With this background the class then explored the use of city directories to help determine the street addresses and occupations that permit the detailed tracking of one's ancestors and their neighbors in order to gain insight into familial relationships and find clues to deaths and marriages. The class was also shown how to use city directories to date photographs, verify other genealogical information and importantly, to develop new leads for further research.

The class concluded with a discussion of where and how to find city directories starting with the general sources such as libraries, historical societies and National Archives and then progressed to general on-line resources such as Worldcat, USCitydirectories, Cindy's List and Rootsweb and finished up with a discussion of digitized online resources that are expanding very rapidly (Zimmerman, Gary A. Making the Most of City Directories. The Fiske Foundation Newsletter. Volume 16, Number 4, page 8. June 2009.).

The class ended with Lisa Fraser, Research Librarian and resident genealogist at the BRL, introducing the group to some of the city directory holdings in the BRL. (*Submitted by Bob Barnes, EGS President*)

(As a footnote, after the class I took time to look over the volumes that Lisa had shared with us. It was then that I first realized that while city directories are unique and valuable genealogical resources for the 1785-1840 and 1881-1899 time periods, they are also, along with their cognate, the twentieth century telephone directory, one of the few sources of compiled individual information after the 1930 census. Genealogical epiphanies are certainly better late than never! BB)

## TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED IN FAMILY HISTORY

Oftentimes beginners can feel overwhelmed by the research process involved in family history and knowing exactly where to begin. The following simple "getting started in family history" tips may be useful to provide direction to a newbie or someone unfamiliar with family history. Starting Your Family History: It's as easy as 1-2-3!

So how do you get started in family history? It's easy. Follow these simple steps to begin:

1. Start with what you know. The best place to start your family history journey is with information you already have. Create an online family tree and enter names, places and dates of birth for yourself, parents and grandparents. Don't worry if you don't have all the facts. This is just the beginning.

2. Search historical records. There has never been a better time to search for your ancestors than right now. With the advancement of technology, a simple online search on Ancestry.com can help you find family members in historical censuses, military and immigration records, newspaper articles and more. Use these records to continue tracing your family history back through time.

3. Ask your family for more. Family history can be a wonderful excuse to pick up the phone or pay a visit to parents, grandparents or other loved ones. Ask your relatives for stories, photos and other knowledge about your heritage.

4. Add context to your family story. Attach favorite photos, stories and other important documents to people in your online family tree. Create timelines for their lives. Record interviews with relatives by phone and save them to your family tree using tools like the Ancestry Storytelling Service available on Ancestry.com.

5. Share your family history. Share the rich heritage you've discovered with your family by creating a family history book, calendar, poster or other items as a way to document your family history journey. (*From Ancestry.com email about upcoming TV show Who Do You Think You Are?*)



**WHAT'S IN A NAME? BY BILL DILLON****DE LEON TO DILLON - FROM FRANCE TO IRELAND & BACK**

We all are closely related to our family names, though we may be able to prove lineal connections to only a few others who share those names. Looking beyond the documented relationships can lead to greater appreciation for the lives and times of our forebears. The following account was written with that expanded view in mind.

The history of Ireland includes centuries of conquest, confiscation and subjugation. Many of our ancestors were part of that history, on both winning and losing sides.

There is a traditional Irish story that "All the Dillons descended from Henry de Leon." He helped lead the Anglo-Norman conquest of Ireland, and in 1185 was awarded huge tracts of land - a common practice of conquerors. The de Leon name, from a place-name in Brittany, France, was later "Hibernicized" (made Irish) to Dillon. The family grew over many generations, and settled throughout Ireland. Counties Westmeath, Longford & Kilkenny were once called "Dillon Country." In 1649 Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan army brutally put down an Irish rebellion, killing all the captured Catholic priests and soldiers. The best properties were, as usual, given to Cromwell's soldiers and supporters. An attempt led by James II to reclaim the land and Catholic rights included Theobald Viscount Dillon who had raised an Irish regiment in 1688. William of Orange defeated them at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. Viscount Dillon then followed James II to France and entered service there. That's how some Dillons, formerly de Leons, came back to France. Some were very successful and held prominent positions in France. Their names are displayed on the Arc de Triomphe and Great Hall of d'Orsay Museum.

A cousin told me about *Dancing to the Precipice*, a biography of Lucie Dillon de la Tour du Pin, 1770-1853, who descended from Viscount Dillon. This fascinating account of Lucie's life and times is based mostly on her detailed and insightful memoirs. She is called the "chronicler of her age." Lucie and her family were among the aristocrats and landed nobility in France. Sometimes called "The Irish Dillons," they associated with all the movers and shakers of the era, including King Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette, Napoleon & Josephine, Talleyrand, Lafayette, the Duke of Wellington and Alexander Hamilton. Lucie's great-uncle, Richard Arthur Dillon, was the Archbishop of Toulouse & Narbonne. Her father, Arthur Dillon, commanded the Dillon Regiment, which was led by a Dillon for over 100 years. He became a general in the French army.

Arthur's friend, Lafayette, was the first French man to offer his military services to George Washington. Soon thereafter, on April 5, 1777, Arthur Dillon embarked for America, leading 1,400 men of his regiment. Seven Dillon officers were in the expedition. During the French revolution and "Terror" Arthur, accused of being a "Royalist," followed Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette to the guillotine. Lucie and her husband, Frederick, whose father suffered the same fate, escaped to America, but later returned when things began to settle down. Upon reading her story, I now claim Lucie Dillon as a cousin. In my expanded view of the name, she's part of my Irish, French, American and Dillon family history!

**HOW MANY PEOPLE KNOW THE CENSUS IS REQUIRED BY LAW?**

Only 31 percent, according to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press. 18 percent of those surveyed said they may not participate in the 2010 Census.

Though 90 percent of respondents said the census was very or somewhat important, the survey underscored the public's lack of knowledge about the decennial count. Only 31 percent knew census participation is required by law. Answers about the census' purpose fared somewhat better: 59 percent knew that the census is used to appropriate government funds and 64 percent knew the census determines congressional representation.

It seems the Census Bureau's \$133-million advertising campaign that began this week is sorely needed.

Details may be found at the My Two Census blog at <http://www.mytwocensus.com/2010/01/20/poll-just-31-percent-know-census-is-required-by-law/>. (The previous article is from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>)

## EGS MARCH 2010 MEETING CALENDAR

EGS Board Meeting (First Thursday, 10:00 AM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on <b>Thursday, March 4, 10:00 AM—Noon</b> at the <b>Bellevue Regional Library, Room 6.</b>
EGS General Meeting (Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)	The Eastside Genealogical Society will meet on <b>Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library.</b> Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.
Canadian Interest Group (First Thursday, 1:00 PM)	The Canadian Interest Group will take a field trip to <b>NARA, the National Archives</b> on Sand Point Way in Seattle, to research St Albans Border Crossings. These are the border crossing records for all people traveling from Canada into the U. S. from 1895 to 1956. If your Canadian ancestor came to the U. S. during these years, you will be interested. We will <b>meet at the Bellevue LDS Stake</b> parking lot at <b>9:15 AM</b> to car pool. The LDS Stake is located on NE 20th Street between 104th (Bellevue Way) and 106th Avenue. Call John Howell on (206) 817-7516 if there are any questions.
Computer Interest Group (Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)	Let Joe Flint show you how to get the most out of a census record when he presents his new computer program, "Census Extract: A New Genealogical Tool," on <b>Saturday, March 27, at 9:30 AM</b> in the <b>Community Room at Crossroads Bellevue.</b> (Margery Perdue, <a href="mailto:m.perdue@comcast.net">m.perdue@comcast.net</a> )
Czech/Slovak Interest Group (Check Bulletin for meeting information)	Our next meeting will be on <b>Saturday, March 6. 9:30 AM to Noon at Fire Station #22 in Kirkland.</b> See website for more information: <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/">www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/</a> (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or <a href="mailto:rosie@bodien.org">rosie@bodien.org</a> .)
EGS Lunch Bunch (Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)	Meets every fourth <b>Thursday, 11:30 AM, at Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court.</b>
German Interest Group (First Friday, 1:00 PM)	The EGS German Interest Group will meet on <b>Friday, March 5 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b> at the <b>Community Meeting Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue.</b> Our topic this month will be "Familienbucher" or family registers. Visitors are always welcome. (Ann <a href="mailto:annp42@comcast.net">annp42@comcast.net</a> or 206-232-1104)
Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group (First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)	Irish Interest Group's speaker for the <b>March 3</b> meeting at the <b>Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue at 10:00 AM</b> is Bob Smading, who will show us the way to get "Irish Citizenship by Descent." (Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or <a href="mailto:AnnL7777@aol.com">AnnL7777@aol.com</a> )
Italian Interest Group (Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)	Please contact Mary for meeting information. (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or <a href="mailto:collectingroots@msn.com">collectingroots@msn.com</a> )
Legacy Interest Group (First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)	The Legacy Interest Group will meet in the <b>Crossroads Community Room at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue on Wednesday, March 3 from 12:30 – 2:30 PM.</b> We'll cover sourcing your data in Legacy some more and answer questions about other topics. (Sherry Holthe, <a href="mailto:sherdh@centurytel.net">sherdh@centurytel.net</a> or 425-880-4407)
Scandinavian Interest Group (Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)	The DVD "Cool and Crazy," a docu-musical starring the Berlevag Male Choir from the tippy-top of Norway will be shown at the March meeting of the Scandinavian Interest Group on <b>Tuesday, March 9, 10:00 AM - Noon in the Puget Sound Archive Building at Bellevue Community College.</b> Both funny and informative, the DVD which is in Norwegian with English subtitles is about a group of men who find purpose, companionship, and even fame, as members of a choir in the remote Arctic. Please see the website for more information <a href="http://eastsidesig.spaces.live.com">eastsidesig.spaces.live.com</a> (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or <a href="mailto:sarildson@yahoo.com">sarildson@yahoo.com</a> )
Shore to Shore Interest Group (Changes monthly, call Shirley)	The Shore to Shore group will be going to <b>Seattle Genealogical Society and NARA on Tuesday, March 9.</b> We will carpool and visitors are welcome. Please call Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078, for information.

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Bellevue Regional Library NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE Bellevue, WA 425-450-1760	Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Community Meeting Room NE 8th and 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA	FHC - Bellevue 10675 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 425-454-2690	FHC - Kirkland 7910 NE 132nd St. Kirkland, WA 425-821-8781
Issaquah Public Library 140 East Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 425-392-5430	Lake Hills Library 15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE Bellevue, WA 425-747-3350	National Archives and Records Admin. 6125 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115-7999 206-336-5115	Fiske Genealogical Library 1644 43rd Ave E/ Seattle, WA 98122 206-328-2716
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **South King County Genealogical Society** would like to announce its spring mini-seminar, *Seattle's Pioneer Women: More Than Pretty Petticoats*, March 20, 2010 ~ 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, The First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th St., Kent, WA 98030. Full details can be found on our website <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/>
- ◆ The **2010 NGS Family History Conference** will be in Salt Lake City from April 28 – May 1. As you know, the National Genealogical Society (NGS) is a non-profit organization that has been providing education and resources for genealogists and family history enthusiasts for over 100 years. Each year, NGS holds a national conference to share the latest ideas, trends, and information. This year's conference will be particularly unique and exciting in many ways. Some of the special activities include free one-on-one research consultations with accredited genealogists, extended Family History Library hours and extra staffing, free same-day access to millions of rolls of microfilm from over 100 countries, dozens of special international presentations and hands-on workshops, free admission to an evening celebration of family history featuring special speakers and a concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, free access to over 250 genealogy and technology exhibitors—the largest-ever gathering under one roof. More details about the conference can be found online at [www.familysearch.org/ngs2010](http://www.familysearch.org/ngs2010).
- ◆ History is happening in the Redmond area and we welcome you to our meeting. **The Redmond Historical Society** will meet on Saturday, March 13, 2010, 10:30 AM to Noon, at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Auditorium, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Che oke ten of the Vancouver Island Saanich Tribe will be sharing traditional and contemporary songs and stories of the Coast Salish peoples. He has lived in Redmond most of his life, traveling often to visit relatives in his tribal homeland in Canada. Don't miss this meeting. To receive the monthly newsletter, contact the Society office at 425-885-2919, or email your request to [info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org). Books, note cards, free historic walking tour brochures, and the book, *Redmond Reflections*, are available in our office, which is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and by appointment. Visit our website: [www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org).
- ◆ **Old Redmond Historic Walking Tour.** If you live in Redmond, you probably drive along Leary Way daily. But do you know the histories of our oldest buildings? Like, which one was both an undertaker's premises and a bordello? Tom Hitroth will educate and entertain folks with walking tours that explore those histories. This year's dates are April 18, May 16, June 20, and September 19, 2010. Tours run from 1:00 to 2:30 PM., and walkers meet on the front steps of the Justice White House, 7730 Leary Way. A tour will not be held if it rains. An \$8 fee helps fund Society research. Pre-registration is required. To register, phone or email the Redmond Historical Society office at 425-885-2919 or [info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org)

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