

# Tri-City Genealogical Society

March 2010 Monthly Update

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## Upcoming Presentations

**7:00 pm April 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **Cemetery Sisters**

Pauline Dawes and Pat Ramsey

These Cemetery Sisters have photographed over 50,000 tombstones and made these photographs available online. Come and hear about their struggles and successes.

**7:00 pm May 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Heritage Quest Website – Hidden Treasures**

Charlotte Bradshaw Baker Kennedy

Computer Analyst/Seasoned Genealogist will share her electronic prowess in this fast paced presentation.

**7:00 pm June 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **“Listen Up” – Oral History Basics**

Susan Davis Faulkner

Before you travel for this summer’s family get-togethers, attend this meeting and collect some important tools.

## Focus Groups

### **Genie Potpourri Focus Group**

11:30 am, Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Old Country Buffet (Columbia Center Mall)  
Champion: Susan Faulkner  
554-1050 or [denmother4@hotmail.com](mailto:denmother4@hotmail.com)

### **Colonial New England Focus Group**

4:00 pm, Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Richland FHC  
Champion: Carolyn Oster  
946-8127 or [coster@dslextrreme.com](mailto:coster@dslextrreme.com)

### **Great Britain Focus Group**

Next meetings will be May 25<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Champion: Richard Allen  
946-6020 or [rp\\_allen@charter.net](mailto:rp_allen@charter.net)

### **Preservation Focus Group**

For more information contact  
Champion: Phyllis Andresen  
371-0715 or [pk618@charter.net](mailto:pk618@charter.net)

## **Upcoming classes at the Richland Family History Center at 1314 Goethals, Richland**

The following free classes will be taught at the Richland Family History Center. Please register (we will contact you if the class is rescheduled) by calling 946-6637.

**Beginning PAF** – 7:00 pm, March 11

**Introduction to Internet Research** – 7:00 pm, March 24

**Using US Census Records** – 7:00 pm, April 8



## More Census Information

As genealogists, we always want more and more census information. They provide us statistics and personal information about our ancestors and their lives. The US Census Population Schedules are released 72 years after the data has been collected, but statistics from many censuses are available earlier – much earlier. Here are just a few highlights available at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) suggested by Janis Littlefield.

- "Through the Decades" find information on the questionnaires used for each census.
- "Teaching Resources" statistical atlases including those for 1870, 1880 and 1890. Also hidden in this page is a link to the "Census Atlas of the United States" which was produced in the 1920s.
- "Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000" which is a large PDF file that contains all the questionnaires and instructions.
- "1930 Census" link and several maps of how the US has changed from 1930 to 2000. Every wonder why your recent family moved? Check this out for possible answers.
- And much more. A site worth spending some time exploring.

Some of these titles are embedded under other links, so you may have to hunt around a little for them. You will not be disappointed with the wealth of information available and will find much of it extremely interesting.



## Mark your Calendars

The Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will hold their Spring Seminar at the Useless Bay Country Club on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Their speaker is Stephen Morse, Ph.D., creator of the "One Step Search Method". Download a registration form at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wagsswi](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wagsswi)

Barbara Hovorka is the guest speaker for Clark County Genealogical Society's seminar to be held May 1<sup>st</sup> at the CCGS Annex on 715 Grand Boulevard, Vancouver. For more information go to [www.ccgswa.org](http://www.ccgswa.org)

TCGS Salt Lake City Field Trip is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Lee Smith for more information.

Journey of Discovery, the 2010 Washington State Genealogical Society Conference, will be September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Chehalis. For more information go to [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/seminar.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/seminar.htm)



## Kennewick MidColumbia Library Volunteer Schedule

All schedules are from 10:00 to 1:00 on the day listed. Contact Sharon Vaughn to get involved.  
March 13th Sandra - March 17th Nancy - March 19th Susan - March 22nd Sharon