

Tri-City Genealogical Society

December 2010 Monthly Update

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Upcoming Presentations

7:00 pm December 8th

Journey of Discovery, the Adventure and Tools

Back home at Parkview Estates

Ed Revell, Richland Mayor Pro Tem, has many interests. Genealogy is just one of them. Come and hear about his family history journey of discovery.

7:00 pm January 12th

Research Wiki – Swedish Records

Wayne Ross

Wayne will share his experiences of being involved with the development of the LDS Research Wiki, especially as it relates to Wayne's interest in Swedish research.

7:00 pm February 9th

Computer Age Tools

Janis Littlefield

TCGS's own Webmaster will share tools to use in this computer age. Who best to learn from? Don't miss this!

Shirley Dickson is our NEW Membership Chairperson. Shirley has been a member of TCGS for many years and we are so excited that she has taken on this position. It is time to pay your 2011 dues, and Shirley is ready to renew your membership.

Individual dues are \$20.00

Family dues are \$25.00

Dual WSGS dues are

Individual \$10.00

Family \$11.00

Upcoming Meetings and Classes

December 9 at 7 pm – 2011 Conference Planning Meeting at the Richland Public Library

December 11 from 10 am to 1 pm – TCGS Volunteer available at MidColumbia Library on Union

December 16 at 1 pm – Advanced PAF class at Richland Family History Center

December 20 – Richland Family History Center closes for the holidays

January 3 – Richland Family History Center opens after holiday closure

January 5 at 1 pm – Beginning PAF class at Richland Family History Center

January 5 at 7 pm – Board Meeting at Jadwin LDS Church Hospitality Room

January 8 from 10 am to 1 pm – TCGS Volunteer available at MidColumbia Library on Union

January 11 at 1 pm – Introduction to Internet Research at the Richland Family History Center

January 12 at 7 pm – Regular Meeting at Parkview Estates

January 17 from 10 am to 1 pm – TCGS Volunteer available at MidColumbia Library on Union

January 19 at 1 pm – Introduction to Family History Research at Richland Family History Center

January 19 at 4 pm – Publications Committee Meeting at Richland Family History Center

January 27 at 7 pm – 2011 Conference Planning Meeting at Richland Public Library

The Bulletin – Now Online!

The first all-digital Bulletin is now available on the TCGS website. If you have not accessed it, you should. It is beautiful. Go to www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org and click on “Members Only” in the toolbar to the left. You will need a password to access this area. See Shirley Dickson, Membership Chairperson, if you need to obtain a password. Just some of the interesting information that you will find in this first edition of the online Bulletin include:

- Franklin County, Washington births, 1918 – 1939
- District Court Judges, Judges, Prosecutors, and Clerks, 1883- 1947
- Franklin County, Washington Postmasters, 1879 – 2007
- Natural Disasters (including The Great Flood of 1927)
- Benton County, Washington School Census, District 17, 1915
- Franklin County, Washington Sheriffs and Coroners, 1883 – 2008
- Various interesting articles relating to genealogy



Home for the Holidays. We enjoyed our Annual Meeting at Chefs Family

Restaurant, but it is good to be back home at Parkview Estates.

Tracing My Tree

I started out calmly, tracing my tree,
To find if I could find the makings of me.
And all that I had was Great-grandfather's name,
not knowing his wife or from where he came.
I chased him across a long line of states,
And came up with pages and pages of dates.
When all put together, it made me forlorn,
Proved poor Great-grandpa had never been born.
One day I was sure the truth I had found,
Determined to turn this whole thing upside down.
I looked up the record of one Uncle John,
But then I found the old man to be younger than his son.
Then when my hopes were fast growing dim,
I came across records that must have been him.
The facts I collected made me quite sad,
Dear old Great grandfather was never a Dad.
I think someone is pulling my leg,
I am not at all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg.
After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree,
I can't help but wonder if I'm really me..

Found on Roots-I

A note from Richard Allen – Director of the Richland Family History Center
*“During the winter months the Richland Family History Center may be closed occasionally because of hazardous weather conditions.
Please call the Family History Center at 946-6637 before coming. If there is no answer, assume that it is closed, or check with me at 946-6020.”*