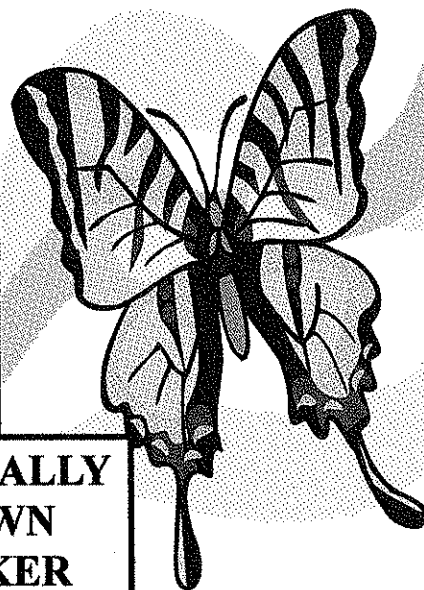


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## SHARING OLD HOUSE PHOTOS

By Lyleth Winther

Have you thought of sharing some of your photo history with the current owners of your childhood home?

I noticed that for some reason during my years of research, that we didn't take a lot of photos of the houses we lived in...mostly the pictures were of family or friends with parts of the houses in the background.

After years of driving periodically past one of those houses of my childhood, I took some current pictures of the house and put a particular one as my desktop background. When I fire up my computer, just looking at the house and missing foliage in the background--the fruit trees and lilac bushes--evokes memories of the first cherry pies I made at age ten or eleven when my brother and I were left to entertain ourselves an hour before school and afterwards because our mom was at work. Or picking bouquets of lilacs to surprise my mom when she returned from work.

After a divorce from my father, my mom bought the house in 1950, where we attended Arleta Grade School for four years. My brother and I were in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades at that time. After she was re-married, she and our step-dad bought a Mom and Pop style small store. Then, they bought a larger store in the Jefferson High School area, and we moved to that neighborhood to shorten the drive time (and to allow for Mom to keep an eye on her growing teenagers, as well as her new toddler). For several years, Mom rented out the Holgate house before selling it in 1967.



While living in the Holgate house, we had even more time to entertain ourselves during the summer-time. Mom signed us up for eight weeks of day camp through the Portland Parks and Recreation Department--we traveled by bus from 52<sup>nd</sup> & Southeast Holgate down to Lair Hill Park for days of organized activities and swimming lessons. But there would be a week or two for my brother and myself to be on our own before school would start..

Kids were drawn to my brother like a magnet, and the rule was if I was home in the house, he and his friends weren't playing inside. "Neighbors will talk" was probably Mom's theory. Since I was quite shy after several moves during my grade school years--4 different schools at that point--and my one good friend from day camp days lived 30 blocks away or more, I was often left to my own devices. Of course, Mom left us a list of chores to do to "keep us from killing each other" (her words). In my spare time, I taught myself to bake goodies as I had seen my one friend's older sister do--using her 3 ring binder of collected recipes cut out of magazines.

Recently, I found a picture of my mom standing in front of the front porch with the cherry tree and lilac bushes (now gone) peeking through the archway of the porch. As she was dressed up, and wearing a corsage, I would surmise she was going to Mother's Day services at the Laurelwood Methodist Church on Holgate where my brother and I attended Sunday School. In another picture, it showed a little more of the house, a small craftsman style, which was painted in two colors--mossy green and cream, maybe that was the style of the day--and some of the shrubs planted next to the house at that time.

Thinking that the current owners of the house might like to have seen earlier pictures of their home that they have taken such loving care of, I made some copies, and shared some memories in a recent letter to them, addressing the envelope as "To our friends at ??? SE Holgate".

Back came this reply: "We were delighted and surprised to receive your letter and the photos. We bought the house in 1970, and Mrs. Cowley next door was like another grandparent for our son" the letter read in part. Out fell six recent photos. I was astonished to find out that these folks had moved into the house three years after my mom sold it to other folks, and KNEW at least one of the sweet neighbor ladies I had described.

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## What's Happening . . .

### NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES ON CD ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP

By the time you receive this issue of The Forum Insider, the new Membership Directories on CD should be available at the Reception Desk in the Gen. Forum's Library reading room.

Our thanks to volunteer Larry Sullivan for making them current and available.

### LEASE RENEWAL TIME

As we go to press, the GFO Board was still in negotiations with the owners of the building regarding our space lease for the next five years. More parking was of concern, new carpet was an issue, etc.

Another database is being added to the library computers which are connected to the Internet: WorldVital. The GFO has been offered a chance to become affiliated with WorldVital Records, a subscription based database site. Members that take out a subscription through our website will get a 15% discount on their 1<sup>st</sup> year price, plus GFO would also receive a 15% rebate for each person that signs up. The database would be offered free on our library computers. Board members have a free trial period beginning 12/11/07 and ending 12/17/07 to explore the site and make a decision.

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CLOSED—on seminar days (2 a year)

CLOSED TO RESEARCH

—after 2 pm on 2nd Saturdays  
when the Monthly Program is held  
in the GFO Reading Room

All guests and members are welcomed to stay  
and hear the monthly speaker

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**Jan 12, 2008, 2 pm**

Speaker: Gwen Newborg  
PSU- Gov't Documents

**Feb 9, 2008, 2 pm**

Speaker: Janet Irwin:  
"Multnomah County Library  
—Genealogical Materials"

# Famous Ancestors

## FAMOUS ANCESTORS

*Do you have a famous ancestor whose name your ancestors passed down? E-mail the editor at [lylaw@pacifier.com](mailto:lylaw@pacifier.com) or drop a note in care of the editor at the GFO's address on back cover.)*

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE GENEALOGY BOOK?????

Below is a patron's recommendation, to be found on the GFO shelves. I didn't catch his name but this was a good book to share with our readers. He found a reference to this book while reading a novel by Wallace Stegner and was surprised to find a copy in our GFO library:

"Names on the Land" by George R Stewart. Subtitle "The famous classic of placenaming in the United States."

An example from CHAPTER XXIV: (entitled) How they took over the French names.

In 1803 a Corsican adventurer signed away a province, and put an end at last to La Salles's old dream of a French empire along the Mississippi. The Americans swept across the river. They kept the spelling of St. Louis, but pronounced it in their own way. Nouvelle Orleans they half translated as New

Orleans. From Louisiane of the French and Luisiana of the Spanish they made a strange mingling to produce Louisiana. From V. Dahlgren:

"My favorite genealogical book is "The Handy Book for Genealogists", published by The Everton Publishers Inc. of Logan, Utah.

It is one of the first books I purchased, I have a note that says March 1977. It's the 7th Edition, and was recommended at a Morman genealogical books store. It has pictures of all the states and their counties and lists county seats to write to for information. Also, it lists what is available in each county—Census, birth & death dates times. Also some foreign country info is listed."

*Editor's Note: Do you have a favorite genealogy book you "can't live without" and would recommend to new genealogists? If so, mail the book name and author, and a couple of facts why you like it to the "Editor" in care of GFO (address on back cover) or email to [lylaw@pacifier.com](mailto:lylaw@pacifier.com)*

### LIBRARY CLOSURE DATES FOR YEAR 2008

Spring & Fall Seminar Days—closed	Friday, July 4, 2008—Fourth of July
Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008—New Year's Day	Monday, Sept. 1, 2008—Labor Day
Sunday, Mar 23, 2008—Easter	Thursday, Nov. 27 2008—Thanksgiving
Monday, May 26, 2008—Memorial Day	Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008—Christmas

### FORUM ALL-NIGHTER Sat., Feb 16, 6 PM to 6 AM

Snacks provided with Pizza party at midnight!

COME JOIN IN THE FUN! Cost: \$15

Questions? e-mail Julie at ["rathernut@cs.com"](mailto:rathernut@cs.com) or check with Forum desk (503-963-1932)



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## Favorite

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[www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)  
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[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)  
[www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov)  
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/>  
[www.multcolib.org](http://www.multcolib.org)  
[www.ohs.org](http://www.ohs.org)  
[www.cgs-wa.org](http://www.cgs-wa.org)  
 (Clark Co Gen Soc)  
[www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html](http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html)  
[www.genealogy.az.gov/index.htm](http://www.genealogy.az.gov/index.htm)  
[www.funstuff.org/genealogists.com](http://www.funstuff.org/genealogists.com)  
[www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org)  
[www.theshipslist.com](http://www.theshipslist.com)  
**Western States Marriages to 1928**  
<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm>  
[www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org) (Kansas)

## SOUNDEX CODE

Example: w350..  
 1st letter of surname plus three numbers (zeroes if you run out of consonants)

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- 2 c,s,k,g,j,q,x,z
- 3 d,t
- 4 l
- 5 m,n
- 6 r

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1903

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[www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/oregon.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/oregon.html)

(check out the Oregon State Archives for Death certificates older than 50 years—see margin of page 8)

**WILLAMETTE NAT'L CEMETERY INDEX**

Veterans-OR/ID/WA  
[www.interment.net/data/us/or/multnomah/willanat.index](http://www.interment.net/data/us/or/multnomah/willanat.index)

*Around GFO ...*

*Interested members of the following may write to Don Holznagel, [dholznag@pacifier.com](mailto:dholznag@pacifier.com), or phone Jan Robinson at the GFO on Wednesday afternoons. e-mail her at [desdemona@centurytel.net](mailto:desdemona@centurytel.net).*

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you looking for a way to make a difference for the GFO by volunteering a few hours a month? Our current Membership Chairperson has decided that it is time for a change for her. She is leaving some big shoes to fill! Thinking of the old adage that “many hands make light work” it is thought that it might be easier if a couple of people worked together to fill the position. Maybe you have a friend or buddy that you research with, or maybe you just need an excuse to meet once a month to catch up on the happenings in your lives. If so, volunteering together would help you do that. It is also a good way to make some new friends, too.

What are some of things that membership is responsible for? One of the things that they do is to man the membership recruitment table at GFO events, like our seminars. Another thing that needs to be done is to process the membership applications and renewals. They also keep the membership database accurate and current. Also, they work with another group to create the membership CD's. Another aspect of membership is to promote GFO membership to the public. The membership committee also would be the “live person” who the members interface with and they also respond in a timely manner to member needs and concerns.

**EDITORS NEEDED**

GFO has been fortunate to have had Lyleth Winther as our Editorial Director but she has decided to take a well-earned rest. For three years she has edited the

**Library Collection News**

Ready for another opportunity to influence the content of our library collection? Vote for new additions!!

How do we decide what is added to the library shelves? We don't have much space left. We need to be sure that each item we add to the collection serves the needs of our patrons. Items that help many patrons will be chosen over items that help few patrons.

Here's what you can do: the long shelves outside the Library Workroom hold items that can be added to our collection if they meet our needs. There are more books than we have space to shelve. Some are old, some beautiful, some unusual, some commonly found resources. Which should we keep for our shelves?

The next time you are in the Library, take some time to browse these books. If you see something you think we should keep, mark with a colored dot.

Be involved in your library!

*Sandi Whiteman,  
Library Director,  
[genforum@gmail.com](mailto:genforum@gmail.com)*

Insider and for two years, she has taken responsibility for both the Insider and the Bulletin, a heavy load. We honor her service and her request.

There are three major task areas to fulfill, including editing the Insider, editing the Bulletin and coordinating the overall effort to obtain content for both. We are now searching for members to take on these tasks. Although Lyleth has taken on all three, it is important to spread the level of effort to at least two people if not three. Ability to write well is a desired skill, and

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as we move more in the direction of electronic publishing, it will be important for members of the editorial team to be users of e-mail, word processing, and the Internet. This is also an opportunity for interested individuals to help us identify a new perspective on the role of such publications in conjunction with the new opportunities afforded us by our redesigned presence on the World Wide Web. These positions will offer exciting and challenging opportunities. (Contact Don or Jan—see below)

### ASSISTANT WEBMASTER

GFO is in the process of expanding its Web presence. To handle the increase in content and updates, we need a person to assist the Webmaster in a variety of tasks. Minimum qualifications are knowledge and experience in the use of a computer, word processing, e-mail and a Web browser. Additional experience and knowledge would be useful in the use of blogs, html and other Web-related skills. Some on-the-job training can be provided.

### READING ROOM RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We need a second person to work with a seasoned research assistant on the desk on the 5th Saturday of every month. We need a second person on some of the shifts...it could be once a week, twice a month?? We also need volunteers to help on the desk by being substitutes or for even just one shift a month. So, you think that you don't know enough to help others? Remember when you first started your research? Just being there to keep the doors open and to offer a kind smile and welcoming hand to help others locate materials is a real gift to the organization. It is also a great way to learn about some of the lesser used materials in our collection. Of course, there are plenty of other ways to volunteer, too,

that will improve your skills.

Contact Don or Jan.....  
dholznag@pacifier.com or desdemona@centurytel.net

### BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Leslie Lawson has suggested that we take part in the Partner Program for the Oregon Sesquicentennial to be held in 2009. This would be an opportunity to contribute and get some recognition of our presence and our resources. The Board is in favor of participating, and Jan will form a committee to explore ideas of how we can contribute.

### FOOTNOTE DATABASE

If you have an LDS Family History Center near you they may have FootNote as well as FamilyLink, Godfrey Memorial Library, Heritage Quest Online and World Vital Records available for free but need to be accessed from one of the FHC computers.

### CIVIL WAR DAYS

**During the civil war, bands were a must in a regiment. Some commanders led their charges with full out music.**

"Most Confederate bands had but three or four pieces, usually played by Germans, and though they got no such handsome treatment as Federal musicians, the Southerners adapted themselves readily. Bandsmen learned to serenade the more prosperous houses in a neighborhood, in return for food. The piano player would walk uninvited into the house, play at the instrument until the family gathered, and charm the hosts as his comrades joined him singly."

(The Federal band members usually numbered about 22 and each received more pay than the privates in their units)

From the book "The Civil War—Strange & Fascinating Facts by Burke Davis

## PORTLAND . . .

### OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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1200 SW Park Ave  
Portland Oregon  
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**-To visit museum & library:**

- \$8 a day (\$7 seniors)

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Features: unpublished journals, diaries, manuscripts of the Oregon Trail (by year) Also, cemetery listings by D.A.R. in 1940's, including River View Cemetery

Also, Oregon Pioneers' registration cards (those folks who arrived prior to statehood (1859). Also, newspapers of Oregon area small towns on microfilm.

- Vertical files: view some unpublished bios, apps for historic landmark status.

- View the Street by Street house photos project of Portland.

- Huge photo collection of Portland people and city scenes.

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**WILLAMETTE VLY GEN. SOC.**

**SALEM**

—collection is at the Oregon State Library in Capitol Mall. They hold meetings, create a newsletter and quarterly.

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Wed 6-9  
Fri—Closed  
Sat-9am - 1 pm

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*We as a society couldn't exist without our many volunteers. In this continuing series, we salute them!*

**BEHIND THE SCENES WITH OUR VOLUNTEERS**  
by Janis Bailey

**-EILEEN CHAMBERLIN**

Eileen's interest in genealogy began in earnest when, at her sister's urging, she began researching obituaries in the Portland Metro area newspapers to find out about her father's family. Her parents were divorced when Eileen was small, so she didn't know much about his family, and a cousin was already researching her mother's Czech family.

While reading area obituaries, she happened upon a fascinating story about the car bomb murder of a distant cousin of hers; the story had been written by Perry Mason author, Erle Stanly Gardner. Then indeed she was hooked.

Eileen's sister found the GFO in the phone book and encouraged Eileen to visit. It seems that on her first visit she was recruited as a volunteer receptionist by Mary Ann Latham and later as a fill-in researcher responding to requests. Because she felt quite inadequate to the task everyone pointed out Connie Lenzen for help.

From there, she was asked to serve on the Board as a vice president. She was elected (the only one running, she adds). She must have impressed the members, as two years later she was elected president of the Board. It wasn't an easy job, because the library was moving from the Neighbors of Woodcraft building. She did have tremendous volunteer help for the move from Forum members.

Eileen has been involved on and off with extraction projects. The first large project was to help Judy Goldmann to finish the soundex for the 1910 Oregon census. The extraction group followed this task with indexing the World War I

draft registrations, which were on rolls of microfilm purchased for the GFO by Julie Kidd. To accomplish this task the group worked with the Family History Center at SE 30<sup>th</sup> and Harrison on their microfilm readers.

In the meantime the volunteer extraction group indexed Multnomah County marriage records, read cemetery records and began inputting the Spencer Leonard manuscript collection of Civil War soldiers with Oregon connections. While her husband, Gene, played fast-pitch softball on Sunday afternoons, she worked at the library on the manuscript.

Next, the group undertook the indexing of the State's marriage records for the Vital Records office. The state has had the money to accomplish this and is happy to have the GFO's help every Friday at the State Office for going on four years now.

Eileen would love to see more volunteers for the many projects waiting to be done. Having a laptop would be nice but not necessary, because the group has extras, and there are two desktop computers at the State Office.

Cemetery work will stop for the winter soon but will resume in the spring. The group is presently working at Multnomah Park Cemetery at SE 82<sup>nd</sup> and Holgate.

Eileen has found working on extraction projects has helped to improve her research skills. When researching her family she has learned what to look for such as family tombstones, census records, and land records, etc. Moreover, sharing this information with others outside Oregon may lead to others to sharing information with us.

Eileen has researched the Chamberlin line from her husband back to William Chamberlain of Woburn, Massachusetts, who came from England in the early 1600s. Gene, agreed to DNA testing, and this, to Eileen's delight, confirmed her research. The Chamberlains (Chamberlin) migrated

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from Massachusetts to New York, Ontario, Canada, Michigan, Colorado, Washington State and finally to Oregon.

Eileen presently is researching the Davis and Rush lines for her two grandchildren. The Davis family is from Maine originally, and the Rush family migrated from Virginia to Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Her new daughter-in-law is teaching her more about research in the south, since her father, a Harper, was born in Georgia and the family lived there for a number of years. In addition to the above surnames Eileen is researching the Hoopers from Wales and Colorado.

Eileen and her two sisters from their parents' first marriage were raised in the Portland area and she has a number of half siblings, since both of her biological parents remarried and had children. Her half-sisters are interested in researching their mother's family, who immigrated from Castille, Spain to New Mexico in the 1700's. These women were able to research Catholic Church records in New Mexico and determined that their Great Grandfather's surname was Gomez and their Great Grandmother's was Silva

Leisure time is at a premium, because in addition to pursuits in genealogy Eileen spends at least one day a week with her four year-old twin grandchildren doing fun things like going to the Dollar Store and riding the tram. She enjoys both adult children also, so altogether family and travel for genealogy make up her leisure time. She tries to travel to Salt Lake City for library research three or four times a year.

## *Another Volunteer*

### **-LESLIE LAWSON**

Leslie was born in San Francisco and raised in Truckee, California (by Lake Tahoe). She has one sibling, her brother Lawrence (Larry Brinkley). They both say that Truckee was a great place to be from, but they wouldn't want to live there now.

Leslie became interested in genealogy as a girl listening to her grandmother, Esther Durfee Fitzwater, tell family stories. Every summer she spent with her grandmother, and she and Leslie visited all the cemeteries in Shasta County, California where family members were buried. Her grandmother told her never to forget them. There are five generations of family buried in Shasta County, the earliest of which traveled west in a wagon train from Missouri. Leslie has documented all the burials. Every few years she returns to the cemeteries to check on the maintenance and examine the stones.

Leslie's Brother Larry is a history buff and loves to hear what Leslie has turned up about the family. His job takes him around the country, and he is always willing to retrieve documents for her. She calls him her good scout, which also refers to his role as Boy Scout Leader and winner of its highest honor for adults, the Silver Beaver award.

Originally Leslie found the GFO in the Yellow Pages and began volunteering from the onset. She started with transcribing documents. She could make a copy and do the transcription at home, emailing the finished job to the project leader. As a working mother this worked well.

Next, she served on the board for six years holding several offices. In 2001 she volunteered to work on the NGS Conference, which was held in Portland. The fact that it was a great success made all the planning and work worthwhile.

Leslie's major research focus is on tracking the Brinkleys from Delaware to California. Last summer she and her husband, Louis, spent two weeks in August going through Indiana and Ohio taking pictures of headstones and gathering documents.

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Great Northwest collection, huge "other 49 states" books, death indexes for California as well as WA & OR, collection of area obits from Tacoma's main newspaper.

**Library catalog  
and other links:**  
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*People . . . . .*

While in the cemeteries they scrubbed each headstone with water and a soft brush. They cleaned dozens of stones.

Leslie has little leisure time, as she still works outside the home, and has turned her passion for genealogy into a business, which focuses on finding missing heirs. She is also working toward certification. With the time that is left she does her own family research, and visits with their grown children; one lives locally and one lives in Oklahoma. Both are teachers and both enjoy hearing about the discoveries Leslie has made.

The surnames she is researching are: Brinkley (Del & CA); Durfee (R.I. & CA); Fulcher (VA & CA); Fitzwater (PA & CA) and Finley (Ireland & OH).

**GFO WRITING CONTEST:  
SHOW US YOUR RESEARCH**

Documentation, showing where you got your information, is required for the GFO Writing Contest. This documentation will be in the form of endnotes or footnotes, your choice. Every fact that is not common knowledge needs a footnote or endnote. For information about how footnotes and endnotes work in genealogy, get Elizabeth Shown Mill's *Evidence: Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997. The GFO also has this for your use while at the library. The first time you cite a source, you will give the primary citation as given in Mill's book and every subsequent time, you will give a shorter version.

If you have Microsoft Word, you can add footnotes and endnotes easily, once you know how. It is preferable to use software to add footnotes because: 1. the footnotes and endnotes will be formatted correctly, including superscript numbers and 2. if you add or re-

move footnotes and endnotes, Word will automatically renumber your notes.

In Word use the following steps to add footnotes or endnotes:

1. Place cursor in the spot in your text that you want to add a reference number.
2. Click on the "Insert" menu in the toolbar at the top of the screen.
3. Select "Reference" from the drop down menu.
4. Click on "Footnote" to bring up the Footnote formatting screen.
5. Click on "Footnote" and select "bottom of page" in the drop down menu associated with footnotes, or
6. Click "Endnote" and select "end of document" in the drop down menu associated with endnotes.
7. Select the "1,2,3,..." numbering format.
8. Click the "Insert" button.
9. You will now notice a superscript number in the text like this ->1, and
10. A line at the bottom of the text and place to type your citation, as you can see below.

**1 Word help files**

Give it a try, and if you have a software other than Word, consult their help files to find out how to add footnotes and endnotes. It's probably similar to MS Word. Any questions? Contact Peggy Baldwin at [peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com](mailto:peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com) or visit the GFO Writing Contest web site for information about the contest, examples of past winners, and a brochure with an application form - [http://www.gfo.org/writing\\_contest.htm](http://www.gfo.org/writing_contest.htm)

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## INTEREST GROUP NEWS

### BRITISH GROUP

Meets Jan 26th

Duane Funk will speak on the "Ports of Departures" for the Irish, the Scots, the English and Welsh etc, when they came to America...and the ship lines they used.

### ILLINOIS GROUP

Meets Jan 12th

As soon as you get that new Christmas calendar, enter Illinois Interest on January 12th...9:30 a.m at the Higgins Room.

It would be good to have a large meeting so we can all hear about your genealogy successes during December. (per Doreen & Harlene)

### THERE IS AN INTEREST GROUP FOR YOU.....

CHECK THE CALENDAR ON THE BACKPAGE FOR UPCOMING INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS.

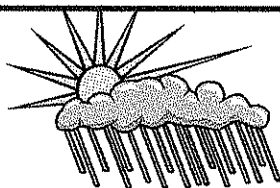
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## DONATION LAND CLAIMS INDEX....



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Links to the right point to the first name on each of 24 index pages. Donation Land Claims were granted to settlers of the Oregon Territory who arrived prior to 1853 (see Wikipedia). The files contain considerable genealogical data. Originals of these are located in the National Archives in Washington DC. The GFO has copies on microfilm and we will copy the entire claim file for you. Use our index of claim holders to determine the office and claim number.

The cost is \$10 for the first ten pages and 50¢ for each additional page. You may request paper copies or a CD. If you'd like paper copies and a CD, please add \$1. To determine the cost for your file, please email [gforesearch@yahoo.com](mailto:gforesearch@yahoo.com) or phone the GFO at (503) 963-1932 (leave a message for Loretta). We need the index information and your phone or email.

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Has Map to choose your state, list to choose your county of interest.

County volunteers around the country maintain these sites, listing bios, cemetery & marriage records that someone in that particular area has abstracted for their own use, and then, generously, shared same.

For instance, I found a listing of my gr-gr-gr-gr grandmother's gravesite with birth/death dates in Dudley, Olive Twp, Noble County, Ohio because someone else copied the tombstone records as he looked for his own kin.

**MORE QUICK TIPS FOR USE.....ON ANCESTRY.COM**



**Passport applications now on Ancestry.com**

I just took a look at the Passport applications on Ancestry and found more than I expected.

I was looking for an application by my great aunt Dorothy Prosser. She traveled to Europe frequently and I have her passport in my collection.

There were three application, apparently in those days you had to get a new passport for every trip or so. Part of the application was to list the birthplace and Immigration for her father. His birth place I had, but was guessing at the exact immigration date and place. In the application she stated that he had left from Liverpool, England on or about 1 April 1880.

Dorothy was single, had she been married she would have had to provide the data for her husband. Not sure what information men had to provide.

Duane Funk, F203

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- 7—Mon FREE MONDAY  
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- 8—Tues 5:30pm GFO Board Meeting
- 12—Sat 9:30am Illinois Interest Group  
—Sat 11:45am Writers' Forum Group  
—Sat. 2pm Monthly Program  
Speaker: Gwen Newborg
- 14 Mon 1pm DNA Interest Group
- 19 Sat 1pm Irish Interest Group
- 21 Mon 7pm Computer Interest Group
- 23—Wed 6:30pm TMG Group (Kidd)
- 24—Thurs 5:30pm DAR Evening Group
- 26—Sat 1pm British Interest Group
- 28—Mon 7pm Round Table Discussion Grp

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### February 2008

- 4—Mon FREE MONDAY
- 8—Sat 9:30am Illinois Interest Group  
—Sat 11:45am Writers' Forum Group  
—Sat. 2pm Monthly Program  
Speaker:
- 11—Mon 1pm DNA Interest Group
- 12—Tues 5:30pm GFO Board Meeting
- 16—Sat 6pm to 6am  
ALL NIGHTER  
RESEARCH PARTY
- 18—Mon 7pm Computer Interest Group
- 23—Sat 10am Intro to Genealogy Class  
(Beginning Genealogy )
- 25—Mon 7pm Round Table Discussion
- 27—Wed 6:30pm TMG Group (Kidd)
- 28—Thur 5:30pm DAR Evening Group