



Genealogical Forum of Oregon 2009 Writing Contest

"Relics"

Why enter?

You may never get around to writing down your family stories!

The GFO Writing Contest encourages you to:

- * Write an engaging story that future generations will enjoy, and
- * Base your story on good, sound research.

Requirements

- * Piece must be written to the theme: "Relics" — weave a story around an object your ancestor made or used that was passed down through the family.
- * Your story must be factual, with suppositions clearly indicated.
- * Documentation in the form of endnotes or footnotes is **required**.
- * Length — 750 to 5000 words
- * Story must be submitted in electronic form — Word or RTF file, submitted as an email attachment or burned to a CD or floppy disk.
- * Submitted from January 1, 2009 to April 1, 2009. **Please do not submit before January 1st.**
- * Plan ahead and make a concerted effort to attend the award presentation at the GFO Monthly meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Judging Criteria

- * A factual story built around the theme.
- * A story that engages the reader.
- * Good use of language, including smoothness of the writing.
- * Convincing research — genealogical and background.
- * Well documented — all facts are supported by evidence.

Questions?

E-mail Peggy Baldwin at peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com or visit the GFO web site at http://www.gfo.org/writing_contest.htm

Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Title of your story _____

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(Yes) Membership No. _____

(No) Please enclose check for \$10 made out to Genealogical Forum of Oregon or GFO

Instructions

By e-mail: Give the information requested in the form above and submit your story as an email attachment to peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com and if you are a non-member mail your \$10 check to Peggy Baldwin, GFO Writing Contest, at the address given below.

or

By Mail: Submit this form along with your story in Microsoft Word or RTF (enriched text file) format on a floppy disk or burned to a CD. Remember to enclose a check for \$10 if you are not a member of GFO. Send to Peggy Baldwin, GFO Contest, at the address given below

Need Help?

- * Attend GFO's Writers' Forum or other writing group, for feedback on your writing; or form your own group.
- * Read Sharon Carmack's *You Can Write Your Family History* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 2003).
- * For citing sources: Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence: Analysis for the Family Historian* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997) and Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence Explained* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, (2007).

Writing Contest Awards

- * Winners will be announced at the GFO's Annual Membership Meeting on June 13, 2009. Please plan to attend.
- * Winning articles will be published in the GFO's *The Bulletin* and on the GFO Web site.
- * Winners will receive gift certificates to Portland's Powell's Bookstore

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DEDUCTIBLE IN KEEPING WITH OUR 501 c (3) NONPROFIT
EDUCATION STATUS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Fall Seminar was a great success, attracting more than 120 people. Please put the Spring Seminar on your must-do list, and watch the *Insider* and web site for details. The topic will be German resources for genealogical information presented by a national expert on the topic, Larry Jensen.

I will need the help of several of you to look ahead to the next year and decide who should be put forward to the membership for positions on the Board of Directors.

There are three ways to help: one is to join the nominating committee to identify good candidates; the second is to recommend someone you know would do a good job; and the third is to step forward as a candidate yourself. We will need to elect a Director-at-Large, a Treasurer, and a President. The Board is a collegial, friendly and cooperative group to be a part of, and you are guaranteed to learn a lot about genealogy in the process and to be rewarded with a great feeling of accomplishment. Please let me know if you can assist on the committee or run for a Board position.

Our annual Fall capital appeal has been mailed and I encourage you who are able to contribute above the amount of your dues. Receipts from dues and the endowment barely cover our lease costs, so we rely on contributions to accomplish all the other activities of the Forum. Please help keep our services available to the community.

Remember, check the *Insider Extra* on our Web site for late news in between issues of the regular *Insider*!

Don Holznagel

Watch for the next All-Nighter in the *Insider Extra*, which can be found by clicking the link on the gfo.org web site



NEWS YOU CAN USE
From a Seattle Times Article

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service is allowing access to historical records documenting the arrival and naturalization of millions of immigrants.

The program has begun offering access to available records of those who arrived between September 27, 1906 and April 1, 1956.

Before this past August, people requesting such records had to submit a Freedom of Information Act request, which lengthened the process and complicated the retrieval of information for deceased family members.

The USCIS said that in the last four years it received more than 49,000 Freedom of Information requests for historical records, and it expects interest in genealogy to continue to grow.

The agency charges a fee for the search and for copies of requested information. Individuals may submit records' requests by using forms available at its genealogy page:

<http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>

LIBRARY CLOSURE DATES FOR YEAR 2008

Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008—Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008—Christmas

Thursday, January 1, 2009—New Year's Day

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Subscribe to **World Vital Record** or **Footnote.com**. These must be ordered through the Web Site for GFO to earn a commission.

If, when making purchases at **Office Depot**, you give our phone number (503-963-1932), GFO will earn a 5% commission.

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**MARRIAGE RECORDS,
OBITS,
LOOKUPS**

**Check the GFO
records index online**

Request a photocopy
of the original record
from:

**Multnomah County
Marriage Records**

Years currently available
online:
1855 - 1904

**NW Oregon Obit Index
of area clippings
collected by**

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is now online! Find your
ancestor
and request a photocopy
of the obit.

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Isn't it the truth?

"When you have the Energy and
the Time — You haven't got the
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*Opinions expressed in this
Newsletter are not necessarily
those of the Genealogical Forum
of Oregon.*

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our recent fall seminar pointed out the
great contribution we have from our many
volunteers who make such events happen.
Thanks, Volunteers! We couldn't do it
without you.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE FALL
SEMINAR**

By Lyleth Winther

**FALL SEMINAR FEATURES ANN
CARTER FLEMING**

The recent successful fall seminar, with
speaker Ann Carter Fleming, drew about
125 registrants. Her first topic was Serial
Sets and how to understand their coding
so one could access government docu-
ments, which could be gleaned for infor-
mation about one's ancestors. Examples
are items and statements placed into the
Congressional record.

Although, the information isn't easily
indexed if you have a common-named
ancestor, the information can be narrowed
down to mutual pages that include the
name of the person, the event, and the
locality.

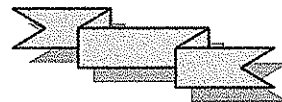
When Carter Fleming discussed the topic
"When Your Ancestor Speaks, Are You
Listening?", I found her analysis of a fam-
ily picture of a just-married couple in-
triguing. She is from St. Louis, Missouri
area, so we knew the picture she used as
an example featured the famous archway
"Gateway to the West" in the background.
In addition, she pointed out the court-
house in the background where the fa-
mous Dred Scott Decision was rendered.

She had the audience help her "discover"
other clues in the picture, such as the fact
it must have been warm weather since the
bride was in a short-sleeved wedding
dress. Also, in the closest background was
a pool with jets of splashing water colored
red. She said those folks from St. Louis
would recognize what the red colored wa-
ter meant. Evidently, and only then, when
the home baseball team of the St. Louis
Cardinals gets into the finals for the
World Series, the water jets are colored
red, the color of cardinals. Since it was

determined to be World Series playoff
time, evidence that suggested the month
was September. The current year of the
wedding could be determined from a clue
in the name on the hotel signage in the
background. What had been another hotel
chain name's shown in the picture was
changed to the Hiatt in a certain year. By
researching that hotel chain takeover of
that particular hotel, one might narrow
down the range of years. In concluding,
she said, "If you still can't determine who
got married in that month in your family,
then it's time to make copies and pull out
the picture at family gatherings to play
Who Can Recognize the Couple?"

On the topic "Squeezing the Records
Until They Talk", in one instance she sug-
gested checking the records prior to a
known marriage, as well as events follow-
ing the known marriage dates (for death
or divorce?). On her husband's side, she
found that one ancestor, information for-
merly unknown, had been married a cou-
ple of times before the actual marriage
that produced her husband's grandfather.
Prior marriages included one ending in
death, another in divorce, all listed in the
public records.

Among the special features of the Semi-
nar, the Genealogical Treasures offerings
brought many buyers of raffle tickets, tak-
ing chances on winning a seat at the
speaker's lunch table, a free consultation
with "Ask the Expert" Connie Lenzen, a
year's membership in GFO, free admit-
tance to the GFO's Spring Seminar, etc.
Surplus Books "flew off the shelf" at one
table, other participants found some new
books in the room set aside for our book
vendor, The Genealogical Shelf. Tables of
information were also provided for the
Welsh Society of Portland, the Scandina-
vian Genealogical Society, the Sons and
Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, the GFO's
DNA interest group, plus a forthcoming
financial planning event which is spon-
sored by the GFO Endowment Fund. And
genealogists did what genealogists do—
finding others to share their success and
brick wall stories with.



Connie's Corner

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS By Connie Lenzen, CG

Were your ancestors in California, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Utah, or Virginia? If so, check out *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress. The project goal is to digitize newspapers and place them on the Library of Congress website, <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/index.html>.

The first step is the digitizing of newspaper pages from 1890 to 1910, and over 600,000 pages from the above ten states have been done. Eventually newspapers from 1836 to 1922 in all U.S. states and territories will be digitized and placed online.

Searches are easy. You select a state or a specific newspaper and enter search terms. If an obituary was published, you can find it. Other articles can be found, as illustrated by this article about John Skaggs in the 29 June 1906 *Amador Ledger*.

“John Skaggs, a pioneer miner around here in early days, but who has been for many years a resident of the eastern states, is here on a visit to the scenes of his early gold hunting. He mined in 1853 in Jackson Creek, and also around Volcano, and visited the latter town the first part of the week.”

Even if you don't have someone in one of the digitized states, look anyway. The 22 July 1906 issue of the *San Francisco Call* included a Portland article:

“Gem Sticks to Gum on End of Pencil”

Clever Scheme Enables Thief to Steal Valuable Diamond From Portland Store.

Portland, July 21.- By an ingenious method entirely new to the local authorities one of the cleverest diamond thieves in the country is alleged to have secured a gem worth several hundred dollars from G. Heitkemper. A man known as G. M. Myers, but representing himself to be K. Reber of San Diego, Cal., called at Heitkemper's store and after presenting his card asked to be shown some unset diamonds. A tray of stones was set on the counter for his inspection. He was exceedingly careful not to handle any of the gems with his hands, but used a lead pencil to segregate the diamonds. After looking over the contents of the tray he returned the pencil to his pocket and stated that none of the stones suited him. The fellow then took his departure and a gem went with him. He did the trick with the aid of gum on the end of the pencil.”



MEMBERS' Favorite Websites:

- www.gfo.org
- www.archives.gov/aad/
- www.usgenweb.com
- www.rootsweb.com
- www.cyndislist.com
- www.familysearch.org
- www.ancestry.com
- www.nara.gov
- www.sos.mo.gov/archives/
- www.multicolib.org
- www.ohs.org
- www.ccg-s-wa.org
(Clark Co Gen Soc)
- www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html
- www.genealogy.az.gov/index.htm
www.DAR.org
- www.theshipslist.com
[http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm\(Western States Marriages to 1928\)](http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm(Western%20States%20Marriages%20to%201928))
- www.kshs.org (Kansas)
- www.ellisland.org
HeritageQuestOnline
(through multicolib.org)
- www.findagrave.com
- www.footnote.com \$
(free for 1st week)
- www.genuki.org.uk
- www.genealogy.com \$
- www.GenealogyToday.com
- www.interment.net (cemetery
Inscriptions)
- www.ObitCentral.com
- <http://genealogy.az.gov/index.htm>
- <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>
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HAWORTHS OF OREGON

by Dale Haworth Keller

On December 30, 1862, my grandfather, Eli Joseph Haworth, was born on a farm in Iowa and on June 3, 1883, he married Mary Etta Stanbrough in Marcus, Iowa. Sometime between 1886 and 1892 they moved to Newberg Oregon where on February 16, 1892, my mother, Grace May Haworth Keller, was born.

A few years ago, while looking through some of my deceased mother's personal papers, I found old letters, pictures from the 1800's and family information that she had written down in her Bible and on scraps of paper. I immediately became intrigued with what I was seeing and decided I would try locating my ancestors.

I discovered that George Haworth, who was a devout Quaker and often referred to as "George the Immigrant," arrived in America on the ship Britannia in 1699 and settled in Bucks County PA, married Sarah Scarbourogh, with whom he had six (6) sons, the beginning of the "Haworth Line in America". During the early 1800's, a group of Haworth families and descendants began migrating to the West Coast. Many ended up settling in the Newberg, Oregon area.

In my research I also discovered that a small group of Haworth Family members held a convention in 1899 in North Carolina and formed the "Haworth Association." The primary goal was to locate and document as many extended-family members as possible even though they were scattered all across the United States. Today, that Association still exists and meets every five years at different locations throughout the country, the last was held in 2004 in Virginia, more than 230 attended. The convention committee decided at that time to hold the 2009 Convention in Portland Oregon, because so many Haworths had moved to Oregon at the turn of the century. Newberg is also the location of George Fox University, which has close ties to the Quakers' and the Friends' Church. In my research I discovered many Haworths have either attended or have been associated in some way with the college.

My goal is to locate as many grave sites of the early Haworth settlers and find any documentation that is available regarding those people. Further, I am trying to make contact with anyone who is a descendent of "George the Immigrant", who lives in Oregon and invite them to attend the 2009 "National Haworth Convention." The Convention will be held at the Shilo Inn, located near the Airport, on July 9th thru the 12th, 2009. We already have more than 150 people from different parts of the country who are

planning to attend. We invite any Genealogical Forum members or anyone they know who think they might be related to the Haworth line to attend our Convention. A group has been developing a data base for over 20 years and so far there are over 50,000 Haworths and their descendants on the master list, many living here in Oregon. The Association has developed a great web site, and who knows, some of you who are reading this may be related to a Haworth and not even know it. To find the web site Google "Haworth Association" and have fun searching. You will not find the huge data base on line yet but they hope to have it completed by July of 2009 for the convention. Feel free to contact any of the Haworths that have an email address on the web site or contact me locally through the forum. My email is dajokell@worldnet.att.net

74 MILLION RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE on WASHINGTON'S ARCHIVE—ALL ONLINE

"People can look up marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, census data, military service, election data, property deeds and even old pictures, says State Archivist, Jerry Handfield, who was in Cheney for an open house for the digital archives, which are housed at Eastern Washington University. "Chief Spokane Garry's death certificate is even linked with a photograph. 'That's just the beginning, the first baby steps,' says State Archivist, Jerry Handfield, who was in Cheney for an open house for the digital archives, which are housed at Eastern Washington University.

"The 74 million figure represents about 3% of the historic and contemporary records state officials hope to eventually put online. Coming soon, a database that will allow listeners to search 50,000 cassette tapes of Washington legislative hearings by topic. Microsoft is helping with the project. 'Washington leads other states in its digital archives,' Handfield said..

The center received a \$1 million from a Library of Congress to help seven other states to establish their digital archives. They are currently working with Colorado, its eighth state. Delegations from other countries also visit the center to see how the system is set up.

This article was posted by Dick Eastman on October 8, 2008, and is from the Eastmen Online Genealogy Newsletter. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information from the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Happy Thanksgiving!



THE GFO MAIL
By Sandi Sterling

Each month we get a number of telephone calls regarding missing *Insiders* and *Bulletins*, often with a statement that the person has been dropped from the mailing list. After hearing this month after month, it seemed like a good idea to enlighten you about the reality of our mailing process. First, we have **no** mailing list.

The information for the mailing labels comes directly from the member database. Therefore, the information on the labels is only as good as the information in the database. We try very hard to ensure that we enter the data correctly, but we're only human so mistakes do occur. Not very many and not very often, we're happy to say. When we're tracking down the reason for the problem, we start with verifying that the information regarding street address, city, state and Zip code is correct. The most common problem is that the membership has expired. A member is allowed a month's grace period to get their dues paid after the expiration. If the dues are not paid in that month, the member is marked inactive.

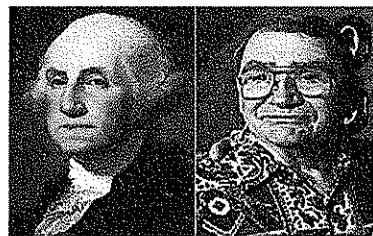
If none of the above apply, then we switch to the mailing itself. After rent, the Forum's biggest expense is postage. To save money, we mail the *Insider*, *Bulletin*, membership renewal notices, ballots and the annual appeal using bulk-mail. In exchange for us doing more of the work, the bulk mail postage rate is much lower. We have to sort the mail in zip-code order, count the pieces, package it according to postal regulations and deliver it to the post office accompanied with the proper paperwork. Bulk mail is not forwarded nor is it returned to us.

We do have the labels and paperwork printed by a mailing company. About the 15th of each month, a data file of active members and their addresses is downloaded from the member database and emailed to the company. We check that your name was included in the file. If it was, then we can only say that the item disappeared into one of the Post Office's black holes.

We include the member number and membership expiration date in that file and it is printed on the label above the member's name. We pick up the labels from the company. The mailing is a very labor intensive process and it's all done by volunteers.

For those who receive their *Insider* or *Bulletin* by email, we thank you for saving us the money in printing and mailing the publications. And, you may want to check with us every so often about your expiration date. If you're a life member, you can forget all about the expiration date information.

In conclusion, you can help by keeping us informed of address changes and checking your expiration date if you don't get a renewal notice, drop a check in the mail or drop by the library and pay in person.



George. Washington Paul Emery Washington

HAD GEORGE WASHINGTON BEEN MADE KING

Excerpt from an article by Kurt Soller (*Newsweek* Web exclusive, October 9, 2008).

"Had George Washington ascended to the throne, Paul Emery Washington (Joe Six-pack, incarnate) could now go by King Paul, the first. Lore has it that President Washington was so well-liked after his Revolutionary victory that a group of citizens frustrated with the Continental Congress floated the idea of a coup-d'etat and the installation of King George and the creation of an American monarchy. But Washington, who believed that anyone (anyone!) might make for a good leader, staunchly stashed the idea and eventually relinquished his power as commander-in-chief.

"Since then, genealogists have been pondering the possibilities had President Washington been a bit more power-hungry. As early as 1908, newspapers published accounts of history buffs who worked their way through the Washington family tree using rules of succession to determine the rightful heir to the theoretical American throne. But without the Internet, branches of the Washington tree would be lost in Ohio, say, or forgotten by lineage sleuths who couldn't quite decipher a family tree made complicated because Washington himself didn't have any children.

"But while brainstorming ideas for their election-themed coverage, Ancestry.com turned to their Chief Family Historian, Megan Smolenyak, for an answer to the historical mystery. Smolenyak first turned to Google where she figured out that, because kinship rules vary by country because Washington was childless, there were four possible kings (or queens) among the nearly 8,000 descendants of Washington who are alive today. Of the 200 men that carry the Washington name, though, Paul Emery is the end result of two lines—a very rare possibility that makes him the likely heir.

"That's a concept that Paul would rather not think about. "I doubt if I'd be a very good king," he says. "We've done so well as a country without a king, so I think George made the best decision."

"His family, which includes three sons and one daughter, are fifth-generation descendants of George's oldest brother, Samuel. But Paul would've been the ninth or tenth king of America depending on which of the lines you follow. "

INTEREST GROUP NEWS

GFO Writers Forum

GFO 2009 Writing Contest

The theme of this next year's writing contest is "Relics." The August issue of the *Insider* explored how you might write for this topic. You can also find this article on the GFO web site (see #1 below)

Take this opportunity to capture a family story that you can pass down for the generations to come. The purpose of this contest is to encourage you do that, using your best genealogy research and writing skills. We do everything we can to help you be successful. Visit the GFO Writing Contest web site (http://www.gfo.org/writing_contest.htm) to find:

1. "Writing for the 2009 GFO Writing Contest Theme,"
2. "The Five Ws" – how to weave a story out of your genealogical research,
3. "Citing Your Sources" – documenting your sources, and how to do that with word processing software,
4. Read winning articles from past years, and
5. The flyer and entry form, which can also be picked up at the GFO and has been included in this issue of the *Insider*.

The biggest stumbling block for contest participants is proper source citation. We do require that you use footnotes or endnotes with your story. Every fact included in your story needs to be documented with a source, even if it is from an interview with someone or something you were told as a child. See Elizabeth Shown Mills' excellent books on this topic – *Evidence* and *Evidence Explained*. Your citations do not have to be perfect, but should include all parts of the citation that would allow others to identify and find your sources.

Another challenge for some of the contest participants has been submission of their stories electronically – floppy disk, CD, or attached to an email message as a Word or RTF file. If you do not have a computer or do not have the skills to do this, enlist a family member or friend to help you.

The challenge of source citations and submitting your story electronically do not need to stand in your way. If you need any help with either e-mail me at peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com or call me at 503-281-0250.

Peggy Baldwin, GFO Writing Contest Coordinator.

Contest requirements, further instructions, awards, suggestions for help and the entry form can be found on the flyer on pages 1-2 of this issue.

**DONATION LAND CLAIMS
INDEX
NOW ON GFO WEBSITE !**

Donation Land Claims were granted to settlers of the Oregon Territory who arrived prior to 1853. 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 can copy the entire claim file for you. Use our index of claim holders found on our web page (www.gfo.org) 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 or phone the GFO at 503-963-1932 (leave a message for Loretta). We need the index information and your phone or email.

Order a copy of a Donation Land Claim by sending your return address, index information, and the total cost (see above) to:

Donation Land Claim Lookup
Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc.
PO Box 42567
Portland, OR 97242-0567

FYI

An announcement: Roots Television "wants to let you know that the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has incorporated a player of RootsTelevision.com videos into their website! Check it out! Oh, and if there are any other societies interested in incorporating video on their own websites, let us know and we'll get that going lickety-split."

GFO MONTHLY PROGRAMS

November 8, 2008: Fr. Richard Rutherford, CSC:
Christian Burial Practices

December 2008: No program

January 10, 2009: Connie Lenzen: Church Records

Monthly Programs are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome.

RESEARCHING IN ILLINOIS
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IRAD?

By Kristy Graylin

The State of Illinois keeps many records and some of them are in DeKalb where you can go to see them.

There are seven areas in our state, and for each the records are gathered at a State University in that area. For example, all of the northern "third" of the counties are a group with the records at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. (Notice that Chicago is not included; it is so large that it has its own section.)

If you are interested in the history or genealogy of a county: for instance, Kendall Count—there are records that you can read to learn more. Some are in books at the Plano Library, some are at the courthouse in Yorkville, and some are archived at NIU's library in a special room.

You can go there to see what they have about Kendall and the other northern Illinois counties.

Or go to Cyberdrive Illinois (<http://tinyurl.com/4g5d9q>) and look at the very long list of what kinds of records might be there for any county. Of course, they only have what a particular county may have sent for their safe-keeping, so no two counties will have the same thing, and no county will have anywhere near everything that is listed. All counties will have some interesting items.

If you cannot go to DeKalb, you can write or call them, tell them (clearly and fully) what you want to find, and they will mail it to you if they have it there. The only charge is for copying, a maximum of \$5 unless they get your permission to copy more pages than that. They will send you a bill with your "answers" letter.

An example of one of their holdings is a list of the first thousand people who died in Kendall County that is on microfilm. We read the whole document and learned that there were two men named Daniel Welsh who lived here at the same time. One was our third cousin—but which one? We discovered that one of them came later than our family. And, unfortunately for him, he had been here only a few days when he had heat stroke and died while working on a construction crew. Now we will not mix them up as we research.

There's far more information than we can give you here. Just search for "IRAD" and it will come up on your computer (or at the library). Learn about it all there by clicking on any of the blue words. Address & Phone Number are there. Hours are based on college schedules. (kg)

New On NewEnglandAncestors.org *
Families of Ancient New Haven, Volumes 1-4

Submitted by Gerald Lenzen

"*Families of Ancient New Haven* is an eight-volume work created by Donald Lines Jacobus between 1923 and 1932. These volumes were originally published as *New Haven Genealogical Magazine*, predecessor of *The American Genealogist*. This work contains over 65,000 names of early Connecticut settlers and their descendants. In the first installment, we present volumes 1-4. From the introduction to Volume 1:

"The following compilation includes the families of the ancient town of New Haven, covering the present towns of New Haven, East Haven, North Haven, Hamden, Bethany, Woodbridge and West Haven. These families are brought down to the heads of families in the First Census (1790), and include the generation born about 1790 to 1800. Descendants in the male line who removed from this region are also given, if obtainable, to about 1800, unless they have been adequately set forth in published genealogies.

"It is intended to give every record of birth or baptism to 1800, every record of marriage to 1810, and every record of death of individuals born prior to 1800 in the above towns. All dates derived from the public records are followed by an abbreviated reference in italics, indicating their source. A key to these abbreviations is provided. The vital records of six towns, the registers of seven churches, and the inscriptions in twenty-seven graveyards have been copied. The probate, land and court records have been searched, as far as they relate to families that settled in this region prior to 1750. Much material has also been gathered from probate and town records of districts and towns outside of this region. Dates not followed by symbols are usually from printed authorities which, although unverified, are considered trustworthy."

* [http://www.newenglandancestors.org/
database_search/New_Havenasp](http://www.newenglandancestors.org/database_search/New_Havenasp)

BRITISH GROUP NEWS

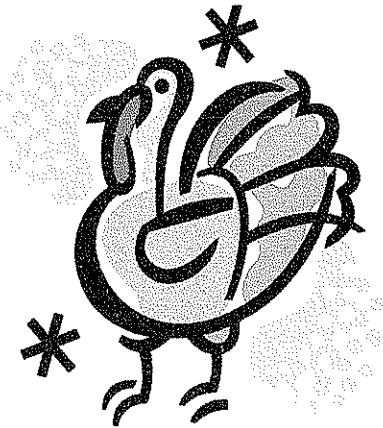
All GFO members are invited to join the group if you have roots in England, Scotland, Wales or -Irish ancestors. We meet on Saturdays of odd months with at least one field trip a year. This is a new group starting its third year. **We skip November due to the Thanksgiving holiday conflict**, but will meet on January 24th next. Contact: Lyleth "Lyla" Winther, 503-658-8018 or lylaw@pacifier.com

Jan 24th--Duane Funk speaks on the origins of "Welsh Names"

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GFO Calendar and Hours

NOVEMBER, 2008
3rd Monday: Free Monday
(bring a friend)
8th Saturday:
9:30 a.m. Illinois Group
11:45 a.m. Writers Forum
2:00 p.m. Monthly Program:
Fr. Richard Rutherford, CSC:
Christian Burial Practices
10th Monday: No Meeting DNA IG
11th Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Board
Meeting
16th Saturday: 9:30 a.m. TMG SUG
1:00p.m. Irish Interest Group
17th Monday: 7:00 p.m. Computer
Interest Group
22nd Saturday: 1:00 p.m. No British
IG due to Thanksgiving
24th Monday: 7:00 p.m. Round
Table Discussion
26th 6:30p.m. TMG Forum
27th Library Closed Thanksgiving

DECEMBER, 2008
1st Monday: Free Monday
(bring a friend)
8th Monday: 1:00 p.m. DNA
Interest Group
13th Saturday: 9:30 a.m.
Illinois Interest Group
11:45: Writers Forum
2:00p.m. No Monthly Program:
15th Monday: 7:00 p.m.
Computer Interest Group
22nd Monday: 7:00 p.m.
Round Table Discussion
24th Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. TMG
Forum
25th Library Closed For
Christmas
27th Saturday: 10:00 a.m.
Introduction to Genealogy-pre-
register, \$15.

JANUARY, 2009
1st Thursday: Library Closed
New Years Day
5th Free Monday (bring a
friend)
10th Saturday: 9:30 a.m.
Illinois Interest Group
11:45 a.m. Writers Forum
2:00 p.m.
Monthly Program:
Connie Lenzen: Church
Records
12th Monday DNA IG 1 p.m.
13th Tuesday: Board Mtg 5:30
17th Saturday 9:30a.m. TMG Sug
1:00 p.m. Irish IG
19th Monday: 7:00 p.m.
Computer IG
24th Saturday: 1:00: British IG
26th Monday: 7 p.m. Round
Table Discussion Group
28th Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. TMG