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Program Chairperson, Peggy Cooley presents:

Lee James with "What Little I Know About Czech Genealogy"

On April 9 Lee will discuss some of the basics in doing genealogical research on Czech ancestors. Although the talk concentrates on the Czech Republic, some of the information is general enough to apply to other slavic ancestries (e.g., Slovak, Polish, Hungarian, etc.).

According to Lee, his maternal great-grandparents, Tomas and Marie Kohout, emigrated from Bohemia (in the Czech Republic) to America in May 1873. A few of the documents that they brought with them (passports, military discharge papers, baptismal certificates) found their way to Lee through family channels and, as a genealogist, he couldn't let them just sit there. With those documents as a starting point, he has now discovered four additional generations in the "old country" as well as hundreds of relatives.

Lee is an accomplished speaker on genealogical topics and always brings us relevant information for furthering research.

OGS President's Message from Norman Dodge:

When searching for your ancestor, do not forget cemeteries. as they can yield an abundant amount of information. Visit churches and undertakers in the area. Sometimes they hold better records than the Vital Records. Don't forget our own Lee James is presenting Czech Genealogy this month on the Thursday, April 9th, 2009.

Please do not forget to attend our own OGS Spring Seminar: Hank Z Jones presenting "Psychic Roots," and use the enclosed Registration Form. Be sure to register by the April 18 deadline to qualify for the discount.

Members-only web site now available! ~ Jerri McCoy, Web Site Chairman

OGS has a web site on Google Groups that is restricted to members only. It is on this web site that we will publish the *Quarterly* for our members and exchange societies. For a hard copy of the *Quarterly* you will have to print it from the web site or photocopy the one available in the genealogy section of the library. There is also a "discussions" feature on this new web site, where members can "talk" or "discuss" topics of interest. Alma Greenwood has already started the first topic.

You must have a Google Groups account in order to access this new web site, and the email address you use for your account must match what we have on record for you, as each member has been pre-authorized. If you want to use a different email address for your Google Groups account, or you encounter any problems getting in, please let me know. At the web site, it will ask you to sign in with your Google Groups account and password, then it will pass you in. There is a link on our public web site (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/>) on the Publications page, that will take you to the *Quarterly* listing, or you can go to <http://groups.google.com/group/olympiagensoc/web/quarterly>. The home page of the new web site is <http://groups.google.com/group/olympiagensoc>. This is where you will find the "discussions" feature. Those members who do not have a computer at home can access the new web site from the Internet computers at the library, or from any computer that has Internet access.

Message from Kathleen Newcomer, Membership Chairman:

Welcome to these new members who have joined OGS within the last few months: John WEATHERWAX, Dave and Andrea OLSON, Jim and Jan HARAN, and Dennis and Gail BEAVERS.

**OGS wishes Alma Dever a very happy birthday on April 23, 2009!
 Congratulations Alma, enjoy your 102nd year celebration!**

April 2009 OGS Calendar

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, April 9, 2009 Program: "What Little I Know About Czech Genealogy," by Lee James	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152 Olympia, WA
Genealogy Café	Thursday, April 16, 2009 Hosted by David Purtee	1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library 313 - 8 th Avenue, SE, Olympia
Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 21, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
OGS Spring Seminar	Saturday, April 25, 2009 Program: "Psychic Roots," By Henry Z "Hank" Jones, Jr.	8:30 a.m.	Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Dr., SW Bldg. 2, Rm. 129, Olympia, WA

May 2009 OGS Calendar

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, May 14, 2009 Program: "Colonial Records" by Connie Bailey	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 2, Room 129
Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 19, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
Genealogy Café	Thursday, May 21, 2009 Hosted by David Purtee	1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library



Happy Easter