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Program Chairperson: Peggy Cooley presents:
“Holiday Treats and Traditions”

Do you and your family have a holiday or Christmas tradition? Is it a particular food or a story or an activity--something that warms your insides? Do you have traditions brought by your ancestors to this new country that you continue to observe? As for my family, our tradition was simply to be together and give of ourselves. Now that my parents are gone, my sisters keep that tradition alive, and I join them on the East Coast when I'm able. At our December meeting we'll have a Show and Tell to celebrate the season--bring a food, an ornament, picture or a story--all are welcome.

In January, Karen Purtee will talk about Denmark. Since that's one of my ancestral homes, I'm excited to learn more about it.

OGS President's Message from Norman Dodge:

Every one has a unique story and it needs to be written down and preserved for future generations. When you are gone who will get your records? Who will preserve and take up where you leave off? Leave clues for others to follow. I have many folks in my files who share my same surname and I cannot link with them. This month I was poking around in New York and had a small genealogy of about 23 names. I looked at the top name in the list and discovered this person was born in about 1808 in a small town in upper New York near Batavia. I had looked at that file many times and never saw the connection. I looked in my Data base and nothing stood out. I looked in the census and I had a head of household, born 1788, listed with a wife and 5 children. I had a William and a wife with two males in my connected database that went to Wisconsin. The unknown family fit for they were said to be born in the same county and also went to Wisconsin. And in the Wisconsin Census, the known family and the mystery family were living next to each other and the dates fit in the 1850 and 1860 censuses. I don't have absolute positive proof but there is no other family living in the small town of New York with the surname of Dodge, who also moves to Wisconsin and lives on an adjacent farm.

Message from Kathleen Newcomer, Membership Chairman:

Thank you to everyone for renewing your membership. We have 85 members this year. The new directories are being printed and should be available at the December meeting. I will bring them to the next several meetings so you can pick them up. I can mail them if you won't be coming to a meeting but they are heavier than a normal letter and require 2 stamps on the SASE.

What's Happening:

The **Celtic Christmas Fair** is **December 14, 2008**, at the Thurston County Fair Grounds. James MacDuff is the OGS member to contact if you have questions.

The **Olympia Library** is scheduled for a soft opening on Monday, **December 15, 2008**. The gala grand opening will be **January 16, 2009**.

The **Genealogy Cafe** will reopen at 1-3 pm and 7-8:30 pm on **December 18, 2008**. Everyone is invited to participate in the Cafe either to help others or to get help with their own brick walls.

December 2008 OGS Calendar

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, December 11, 2008 Program: "Holiday Treats and Traditions" by Society Members	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
Board Meeting	Cancelled – enjoy your holidays		
Genealogy Café	Thursday, December 18, 2008 Hosted by David Purtee	1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library 313 - 8 th Avenue, SE, Olympia

January 2009 OGS Calendar

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, January 8, 2009 Program: "Denmark" by Karen Purtee	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
Genealogy Café	Thursday, January 15, 2009	1-3 p.m. 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 20, 2009	7:00 p.m.	TBA



Enjoy your holidays