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## Newsletter

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### **Program Chairperson, Peggy Cooley presents: "Obituaries" by Gary Foote**

**Gary Foote** will present a program on obituaries this month. I'll admit this is all my doing. When I read my mother's obituary, I found out that she'd chaired the local blood drive for years and she was a member of the National Honor Society. An obituary is possibly the last opportunity for family, friends, and neighbors to hear of all of one's accomplishments. I wanted to know what elements comprise a 'good' obit, and, of course give future researchers a gold mine of information, so I asked for a volunteer! Thanks, Gary.

In February, **Jim Haran** will show us Ireland in "I found My Great-Grandparents' House...I Think!" This is our annual dinner meeting to be held at the River's Edge Restaurant. You will be able to make your choice of dinner at the restaurant. To make your reservation, please copy the flyer included with the newsletter, and bring the bottom portion with your payment to the Jan. 12 meeting. Or you could mail your reservation and payment to the OGS address before the Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> deadline. Hopefully, these two programs will chase the 'SAD' winter blues away!

### **OGS President's Message from Roger Newman:**

Happy New Year! What is your New Year resolution? Get rid of that pile of paper? That is mine. I subtract from it and I add to it, but it never seems to go away. I will have to do better. I don't think the family knew what we were going to talk about this month, but under the Christmas tree was the book, *Where Are They Buried? How Did They Die?*, by Tod Benoit. What a fitting book.

### **OGS Now on Facebook! By Kerry Upton**

Have a brick wall with which you need help? Finally found where Uncle Ned is buried and need to tell someone at 1:00am? Looking for info on a research topic? Going on a research fieldtrip to the archives or library and perhaps you have room in the car for a fellow research buddy? Put a notice out on our Facebook page and you may get some help or find someone with whom to share your road trip.

### **For Newbies to Facebook:**

Go to <http://www.facebook.com/> Create an account with a log in and password. They ask for your birthday, go ahead and give the month and day, but not the year (unless you want everyone to know your age!). You'll at least get a birthday wish from all of us! Then click on the SIGN UP button. Now you're on Facebook! Pretty soon you'll be having family and friends popping out of the woodwork! You'll get notices of friends, but you don't have to accept everyone. You can accept whomever you want. To join the Olympia Genealogical Society group page: in the search box at the top of the page, type in Olympia Genealogical Society. It will bring you to our group page. You'll recognize some of your fellow genies. Click on the box "Ask to Join Group." I'll get a notice that you've asked to join the group. I'll accept you and then you'll be part of the group.

Unless you are into games on Facebook, you may want to block your friends' game request. Personally I'm not into the games; I'm afraid I'll never get off of Facebook! Put your mouse on the friend's name. A box will show up with their name on it. On the lower right corner of the box there is a check mark next to SUBSCRIBE, click on the box, uncheck GAMES and any other thing you don't want to see. This cuts the "traffic" way down on Facebook, especially if you have active gamers for friends. You may also click to join Facebook through our website Home page <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/> Just click on the Facebook logo and it will take you to our page!

**David and Karen Purtee, Genealogy Café and Spring Seminar News:**

The Genealogy Café will be held on Thursday, January 19, and Saturday, January 21, from 1-3 p.m. We continue to get new people with questions. The Cafe is also becoming a good place for members to discuss their research in more detail with others. Perhaps the New Year will bring in more new people acting upon their resolutions to learn more about their family history.

Mark your calendars for April 14th, 2012, the date for the **Annual OGS Spring Seminar** which will be held at The Phoenix Inn in downtown Olympia. Our accommodations at The Phoenix will be much more spacious and more details will be available soon. Our speaker, **James L. Hansen**, will be lecturing on various topics such as tracing your ancestors in the Midwestern states, including Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

**January 2012 OGS Calendar**

<b>OGS General Meeting</b>	Thursday, January 12, 2012 Program: "Obituaries" by Gary Foote	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Rm. 152, Olympia, WA
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, January 17, 2012	6:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
<b>Genealogy Café</b>	Thursday, January 19, 2012 Hosted by David Purtee, et al	1 – 3 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library 313 - 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, SE, Olympia
<b>Genealogy Cafe</b>	Saturday, January 21, 2012 Hosted by David Purtee, et al	1 – 3 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library

**February 2012 OGS Calendar**

<b>OGS Annual Dinner</b>	Thursday, February 9, 2012 Program: "I found My Great- Grandparents' House...I Think!" by Jim Haran	6:00 p.m.	River's Edge Restaurant 4611 Tumwater Valley Dr., SE Tumwater, WA
<b>Genealogy Café</b>	Thursday, February 16, 2012 Hosted by David Purtee, et al	1 – 3 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
<b>Genealogy Café</b>	Saturday, February 18, 2012 Hosted by David Purtee, et al	1 – 3 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
<b>OGS Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	6:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library

**May the New Year bring you  
more happiness than sadness,  
and more answers than questions.**