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ON THE ROAD AGAIN: RESEARCHING IN NEW ENGLAND

By Pat Harper, Program Chair

March 9, 2006 at the Thurston County Court House, Olympia Genealogical Society members **Jerri McCoy** and **Barbara Houtenbrink** will share their experiences pursuing information about ancestors in New England. This travelogue will spotlight the groundwork needed; the pitfalls and joys of getting up close and personal with homes, towns, records, and all the other things that are left to mark the lives of our forbearers.

Almost everyone who does genealogy looks forward to the time they can visit the actual places mentioned in the records, see the books and walk on the ground. Members should come away from this meeting with the tools they need to create their own successful genealogical travel experience, whether it takes you to the next town or around the world.

The Olympia Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, September through June, at the Thurston County Court House in Building 1, Room 152. The exceptions are September and June when the meeting is held in Building 2 Room 129. Also, in October our annual dinner takes place at another location. General meetings are free and open to the public.

At this month's meeting we will hear of taking time off to do dedicated family history research (ummm, sounds really nice!). We should be planning our upcoming summer research trips, perhaps even for this spring. We'll get great ideas during the WSGS Spring seminar for research trips, perhaps to the Family History Library in SLC, or going abroad to the British Isles. At the last Board of Directors meeting this month, Pat Harper was already getting a jump on next year's programs. You'll have a chance to share your summer vacation story at the September meeting, so take lots of notes and pictures to share!

At our Board of Directors meeting this month we discussed the success of the Beginner's Workshop sponsored by the Olympia Timberland Library. Members of our society, Ann Olson, Kathleen Newcomer and others worked with 14 attendees to teach the basics of Genealogy and what the Olympia Timberland Library offers in our Genealogy section. Participants came from as far away as Centralia and Yelm. This is the second workshop this year. This outreach to the community, discussing Genealogy, is what our organization is really about--it is the heart of what we do. We teach each other as well as bring in experts from around the region. We need to always be outreaching to potential new members. There is so much available to us with new technology taking over all the time, as we heard at our last meeting with Lee James discussing DNA and Genealogy. Ann Olson recommended that next year we need to get back to our interest groups. So after we settle down from the WSGS conference, plans will begin for a Beginner's Interest Group.

If you haven't done so yet, check our website for registration information on the WSGS Conference 2006, just around the bend now! Also, volunteers are needed before, during and after. See Dick Johnson if you can help with anything! <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waogs/seminars.htm>

Happy Tree Climbing

Kerry McHugh Upton, OGS President

Message from Fran Anderson, Outgoing Membership Chairman:

Welcome to new and previous members, and renewals:

New: **DEVINE**, Kathryn (MCDONALD), 4514 16th Ave SE, Lacey, WA, 98503-2630, 360-456-8520, katmcdonald25@hotmail.com

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Announcement: **Alma Dever**, lifetime member of OGS, is celebrating her 99th birthday with a party on Sunday, April 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 at the Schmidt Mansion, 330 Schmidt Pl. (across from the brewery in Tumwater). All are invited to help her celebrate the beginning of her 100th year.

March 2006 OGS Calendar			
OGS General Meeting	Thursday, March 9, 2006 Program: Barbara Houtenbrink & Jerri McCoy, "A New England Research Trip Travelogue"	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse, Building 1, Room 152
Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 21, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Kerry's Store (Ken Schoenfeld Furniture) 403 Capitol Way S., Olympia
YVGS Library Open House	March 23-25, 2006	10:00 a.m.	YVGS Library (2609 River Road, Yakima, WA
April 2006 OGS Calendar			
WSGS Annual Conf.	Friday, April 7, 2006 John Kitzmiller, Lecturer	7:30 p.m.	Olympia High School, Performing Arts Center, 1302 North St., SE Olympia, WA
	Saturday, April 8, 2006 24 Sessions on various topics	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
OGS General Meeting	Thursday, April 13, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 18, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Kerry's Store



Welcome Spring