

# Washington State Genealogical Society

## NEWSLETTER



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### Message from the Board...

The release of the 1940 census is a reality. The indexing is done by FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com. A great job was performed by many volunteers around the country.

This year is the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. There were many heroes from this war but one that can't be overlooked is Dolly Madison, the president's wife. She had nerves of steel. The British were closing in on Washington, D. C. but Dolly went about collecting important documents and finally the George Washington painting before she fled. She barely escaped before the British torched the White House. How many War of 1812 soldiers do you have in your family tree?

<http://www.visit1812.com/>

Some of you went off on some kind of adventure this summer; to reunions, some to research projects, some to nowhere, and some to somewhere. For me I guess it is to somewhere. It has been 50 years since I graduated from high school in Kodiak, Alaska, no reunion that I know of but will stop and see the old school, yes it is still in use. It has been 36 years since I left Alaska and about 18 years since I visited last. I lived in Alaska 30 years so all that is left is to visit the memories. Time has changed things. Alaska is now crowded with tourist, hunters, and sport fishermen. I'm not going to pack a gun so I need to purchase bear repellent and bear bells before I go into the back country. If I don't show up at the WSGS Conference in Port Angeles, you will know that the repellent and bells didn't work!

Roger Newman, WSGS Secretary

### Next WSGS Board Meeting

September 7, 2012

2-3 pm

At the WSGS Conference

In Port Angeles

The public is welcome!

### Expanded Auburn Library Opening Celebration

Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 9:30 am

1102 Auburn Way S., Auburn, WA 98002

Questions: 425-369-3275

<http://www.kcls.org/>

Home to the South King County

Genealogical Society Collection



<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskegs/library.html>

ATTENTION!!!

There is still time to attend the  
Washington State Genealogy Society  
2012 Conference

Hosted by Clallam Co. Genealogical Society

Armchair Genealogy from the  
Pacific NW



September 7-8, 2012

Elks Naval Lodge, 131 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Port Angeles, Washington

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Brian W. Hutchison

For Conference Details and Registration go to the WSGS Home page.

Scroll down to find registration information. [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/) or at this late date, call them to let them know you are coming: <http://www.olympen.com/ccgs/index.html>

## October is Family History Month!

The coming month of October is designated as Family History Month and it will be a world-wide event.

Here is a checklist of ideas you could participate in to celebrate this important month:

1. Take time to check with your local genealogical society to see what they have planned to celebrate Family history month. Come join the fun!



<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgssocs.htm>

2. Attend a seminar or workshop. Check page 5 of this WSGS Newsletter for all day seminars and workshops in Washington State.
3. Visit a cemetery by going in person or virtually using [Google Earth](#), and [Find A Grave](#).
4. Pick an ancestor and clean up your [sources](#) for that individual. This means pull out your copy of Evidence Explained.
5. Prepare a [timeline](#) for an ancestor that is being difficult to find. Just Google genealogical timeline and you will get some great information.

Note: Some genealogical databases have timelines as part of the software such as Legacy: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/>

5. Visit the 1940 Census and search for your ancestors either at Ancestry.com or [Family Search](#). It is now indexed by name.

6. Take time to organize your genealogical files and research:

[http://www.genealogy.com/27\\_smith.html](http://www.genealogy.com/27_smith.html)

7. Have you been putting off doing a genealogical research task, well take time and do it, such as filling out that order form for school records. You will feel so much better.
8. Check pages 8 to 10, of this newsletter, for Events in Washington State, pick one and attend that lecture.
9. Create a family history [scrapbook](#) and give to your family for Christmas. It is easy, just pick a theme like Christmas, a birthday, or a specific event. If you choose a person to feature you can make it a review of their life or a time period of their life, or what they mean to you.
10. Take time to do some genealogical research at a local [genealogical society](#), library or archive. Puget Sound has many choices like:

The Washington State Archives and its branches: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/>

The Washington State Library: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/>

The Seattle Public Library: <http://www.spl.org/> See page 7 of this newsletter.

The National Archives—Seattle branch, See page 9 of this newsletter for info.

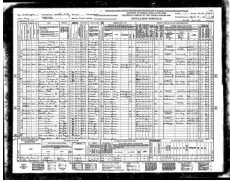
<http://www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/seattle/>

**Most of all have fun and enjoy the celebration!**

Photo: The Peach Orchard Cemetery near Kelowna, BC—April 2012.

## **The 1940 U.S. Federal Census is now fully searchable by name!!**

Call me lazy or just patient, whatever you like. but I finally went to Ancestry.com and searched for my family using the link to the 1940 census.



I pulled 14 census in about 45 minutes. I am not done yet. I might have gone faster if they had spelled the names correctly. The name Amos was spelled "Amer." The name Hilary was spelled "Hilaey." They really messed up the name Roscoe and spelled it "Roseve." My mom was spelled "Marjory" instead of with an "ie." She was listed as a "partner" with three of her friends. That made me laugh. They were nurses sharing lodging. It would not let me find several relatives till I used other family names.

These challenges are, of course, not unusual in searching in the census. Oh, now I have to source them. HA! FamilySearch.org at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgssocs.htm>

I gave my mother a try again at Family Search and she came right up with a full listing of the source. Give it a try if you have not already done so. It gets the juices flowing!

Your Editor

## **Genealogy Society Spotlight!**

### **Clallam County Genealogical Society**

This year's sponsor of the WSGS Conference!

Visit their new website at this link

<http://www.olympen.com/ccgs/index.html>

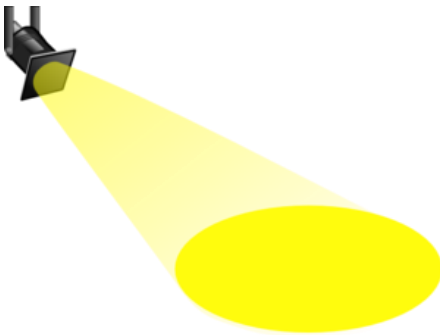
Clallam County Genealogical Society is situated  
nicely in Port Angeles.

Their library is located at 931 W 9th St,  
Port Angeles, Washington

They have great programs at each of their meetings.

Some of the links at their website are: Clallam County Research Descriptions,  
Library Services, Library Catalog on Librarything, Meetings, Links, Obituaries, and more.

Give them a visit!



## All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is October 15, 2012 for the November-December 2012 issue.



Contact the Editor Bonnie Jean MacDonald: [BON\\_MAC@msn.com](mailto:BON_MAC@msn.com).

Please indicate the name of your organization in the subject line of your email, thank you!

Another option for sharing your happenings is the Events Calendar listings at the WSGS website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgscal.htm>

**September 22, 2012 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society** will host “*Remembering Our Civil War Ancestors.*” Time: 10 am to 3 pm at the Greenwood Memorial Terrace, N. 211 Government Way, Spokane, WA. The link to more information: <http://www.ewgsi.org/events.php?ecid=8&tf=12>

**October 6, 2012 Puget Sound Genealogical Society** will host a Genealogy Seminar “*Finding Our Female Ancestors, Digging up Granny.*” Time: 8 am to 4 pm at the First Christian Church, 4885 SW Hovde, Port Orchard. Seminar flyer: [http://www.pusogensoc.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2012\\_seminar.pdf](http://www.pusogensoc.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2012_seminar.pdf)

**October 6, 2012 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society** will host their Annual Fall Workshop. Time: 9 am to 4 pm at the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Library. The workshop will be presented by Susan Faulkner and Gerry Shepard. Check their website for more details: <http://yvgs.net/events.php?ecid=1&tf=12>

**October 13, 2012 Heritage Quest Research Library** will host Autumn Quest 2012 featuring Lisa Louise Cooke. Location: The Faith Covenant Church, 1915 Washington St., Sumner, WA. Go here for more information: <http://hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html>

**October 20, 2012 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society** will present their Fall Workshop “*BLM Land Records,*” Time: 8:30 am to 4 pm. Location: Ambulance Shack at North Roundabout, Colville, WA. Presented by Richard Bailey, Sandra Gourdin and Miriam Robbins. Here is the link for more information: <http://www.newgs.org/events.php?ecid=2&tf=12>

**October 20, 2012 Seattle Genealogical Society** will present their Fall Seminar “*(Re) Search and Prove.*” Location: North Seattle Alliance Church just north of Northgate Shopping Center. Check the website for more details: <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/>

**October 20, 2012 Whitman County Genealogical Society** will present their annual seminar. “*A Brickwall Seminar,*” featured speakers are Donna Potter Philips and Barbara Petura. Time: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Location: Gladish Community Center in Pullman, WA. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wawcgs/October%202012%20WCGS%20Seminar.pdf>

**November 3, 2012 Whatcom Genealogical Society** will present their Fall Seminar with Jim Johnson and Mary K. Kozy. Watch their website for more details: <http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/wgs.htm>

**November 10, 2012 Family History Expo** to be held at the Redmond Stake Center, 10115 172nd Ave NE in Redmond. More information to follow. Here is a link to past Expos: <http://www.wafamilyhistory.net/>

## This Fall NARA Opens a New Location In New York City...

This news was reported by UpFront with NGS, which is their newsletter that you sign up for at the NGS website. The location is the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House at One Bowling Green in Lower Manhattan. This is a move from the old Greenwich Village site.

There will be a Welcome Center, Research Center, a Learning Center and of course more. Here is the link at NARA’s website describing more about this new facility:

<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2012/nr12-122.html>



## National Conference Spotlight

**September 21-22, 2012 The Utah Genealogical Association** will host "*Climbing Your Family Tree*." Location: the Larry H. Miller Salt Lake Community College in Sandy, Utah. <http://www.infouga.org/>



**October 8-12, 2012 The International Society for British Genealogy & Family History** will sponsor their 2012 British Institute. <http://www.isbgfh.org/cpage.php?pt=7>

**October, 2012 the Allen County Public Library** in Fort Wayne will be hosting Family History Month Classes from October 1 to October 31, 2012. [http://www.genealogycenter.org/Libraries/2012\\_Brochures/FHM.sflb.ashx](http://www.genealogycenter.org/Libraries/2012_Brochures/FHM.sflb.ashx)

**March 20, 2013 The Association of Professional Genealogists** will present their 2013 APG Professional Management Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown, Salt Lake City. More details to come. . <http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html>

**March 21-23-2013 Rootstech 2013** will hold their conference in Salt Lake City, UT. They are just gearin gup for the coming conference. More details to come: <http://rootstech.org/>

## **OUR NEIGHBORS: Montana, Idaho, British Columbia, and Oregon** **Check these conferences out!**

**September 21-22, 2012 Montana State Genealogical Society**, 23rd Annual State Conference. Keynote Speaker: D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS. Location: Big Horn Resort, Billings, MT. Hosted by the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum. For more information and a registration form:

<http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

**September 28-30, 2012 Kelowna & District Genealogical Society** will present "Harvest Your Family Tree 2012. Time: 8 am. <http://www.kdgs.ca/p/conference-2012.html> There will be a tour of the Pioneer Cemetery in Kelowna by the editor's cousin. Kelowna is in British Columbia.

**September 29, 2012 The Genealogical Forum of Oregon** will present "NARA," by Carol Buswell. <http://www.gfo.org/edu/nara.pdf> Location: Portland, OR.

**September 29, 2012 The Idaho Genealogical Society** will present its Annual Meeting Seminar in Hayden, Idaho. It is sponsored by the IGS and the Kootenai County Genealogical Society and will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 151 West Orchard, Hayden. Registration for KCGS and IGS members is \$25; all others, \$30. Fee includes lunch. Lunch cannot be guaranteed for late registrants and at-the-door, so register now. For more information or to register, call Waneva Maymon at (208) 772-6618 or email [wmaymon@icehouse.net](mailto:wmaymon@icehouse.net). This event is open to the public--bring a guest. Deadline for registration is September 15, 2012, so send it in soon!

Photograph: The City of Kelowna looking out on Lake Okanagan April 2012 visit by your Editor.



## Come and Join the Local Speakers Directory at the WSGS website.

It very is easy to do!



Do you lecture and teach classes in genealogy?

Why not share your expertise and knowledge with others.

Follow these 5 simple steps to get listed on the WSGS Local Speakers Directory.

**Step 1:** Fill in the easy form that you can download or print from the WSGS website

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgssocres.htm>

**Step 2** Consider the counties or areas in this state you are willing to travel to:

Region 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8

**Step 3:** Consider your Fee Range A, B, C, or D

Fees range from \$0 to \$300 and some travel too.

**Step 4** Consider your speakers narrative. Describe your experience, background, fee requirements, equipment needs and travel preferences.

**Step 5** About once a year check your entry to make sure it is up-to-date!

Mail the form or email your information to [BON\\_MAC@msn.com](mailto:BON_MAC@msn.com).

## Seattle Public Library Happenings:

**Aug 27-Sep 2 The Seattle Public Library** Closed due to budget cuts

**Sep 3 The Seattle Public Library** Closed for Labor Day

**Sep 18 The Seattle Public Library** Mahina Oshie teaches Beginning Your Family History Research. 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Level 4, Large Computer Lab. Registration is required. Send an email using the library's Ask-A-Librarian service ([www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org)) or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.

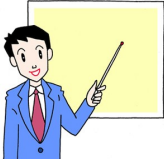
**Sep 27 The Seattle Public Library** Closed due to staff in-service day

**Oct 30 The Seattle Public Library** John LaMont teaches Ancestry Library Edition. 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Level 4, Large Computer Lab. Registration is required. Send an e-mail using the library's Ask-A-Librarian service ([www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org)) or call 386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.

**They are also offering 30 minute one-on-one appointments with a Genealogy Librarian at the following times:**

Tuesday – Friday: 3 p.m. & 4 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled in person at the Level 9 Desk during library hours, by phone 206-386-4636 (ask to be transferred to the History Desk), or by using the “Ask a Librarian” service on the Library's home page [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org)





## UPCOMING EVENTS In Washington State

Did your event get listed? To list an event in this newsletter contact your [regional representative](#) or please feel free to contact the newsletter editor, Bonnie who can be reached at [BON\\_MAC@msn.com](mailto:BON_MAC@msn.com). Please indicate the name of your organization in the subject line.

Next deadline is October 15, 2012 for the Nov-Dec 2012 issue.

Not all societies have updated their websites for their fall presentations. Please check their schedules or call before venturing out!

### SEPTEMBER

**Sept 5, 2012 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society** will have their business meeting and program at 6:30 pm at Heritage Cottage, (next door to Humble House) 19903 Poplar Way, in Lynnwood's Heritage Park. Program: *"How to Get the Most Out of Ancestry.com,"* by Stephen Eric Baylor. Guests are always welcome.

**Sept 6, 2012 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting. Program: *"Immigration,"* by Barbara Lockard. Time: 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts Dr., Longview, WA.

**Sept 8, 2012 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society** will present *"Researching City Directories,"* by Loma Elliott and Sandy Bisset. Time: 1 pm. Location: Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon.

**Sept 8, 2012 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society** will present *"Integrating photos into publishing and Family Histories,"* by Martha Goudey. Time: 10:15 am. Location: 1901 So. 12th Ave, Union Gap, WA.

**Sept 10, 2012 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island** - will have Education classes at 11:45 am. Program at 1:00 pm. Program: *"Jewish Genealogy for Non-Jewish Researchers,"* by Nancy Adelson. Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland.

**Sept 10, 2012 - Whatcom Genealogical Society** - 7 pm: Program: Hear a talk about the history and architecture of Northern State Hospital given by Mary J. McGoffin, author of *"Under the Red Roof: One Hundred Years at Northern State Hospital,"* which is available at Bellingham Public Library, Ferndale Public Library, and for purchase at Village Books. (Northern State Hospital now aka North Cascades Gateway Center. See their website at <http://www.ga.wa.gov/res/NCGC.htm>.) Meeting in the Great Hall of St Paul's Episcopal Church, 2117 Walnut St, Bellingham.

**Sept 10, 2012 Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society** will hold their next meeting. Program: TBA. Time 7 pm. Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 171 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee.

**Sept 10, 2012 Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State** will present *"Holocaust Research: Finding the Person Who Saved His Family,"* by Kurt Mayer. Location: Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA. Time: 7 pm. Fee \$5 for nonmembers.

**Sept 11, 2012 - Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society** Begins their program at 1 pm: Loren Kraetz and Sue Walde will present *"A History of Silvana Schools."* Location: the Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive, Arlington.

**Sept 11, 2012 - Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers** - will present their program at 1 pm: Patricia Younie, of SGS, will discuss *"Preparing to archive your research - what to do with all that research?"* All are welcome. Location: Heller Rd, the fire station just north of Crosby Road, Oak Harbor. For more information, contact Ruth Hancock at 675-4086 or [randr.hancock@frontier.com](mailto:randr.hancock@frontier.com); Gordon Garnhart at [garnhart@whidbey.net](mailto:garnhart@whidbey.net) or 360-240-8875.; or Betty Leitch at 675-3722 or [bibele@comcast.net](mailto:bibele@comcast.net).

**Sept 12, 2012 Tri-City Genealogical Society** will present *"Back to School, Time to Learn more Technology,"* by Margie Belden. Time: 7 pm. Location: Parkview Estates, 7820 W. Sixth Ave., Kennewick, WA.

**Sept 13, 2012 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society** holds their meetings (2nd Thursday) at 7 pm at the Orchards United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, Idaho. See them on Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Twin-Rivers-Genealogy-Society/225221577540052?ref=tn\\_tnmn.html](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Twin-Rivers-Genealogy-Society/225221577540052?ref=tn_tnmn.html)

**Sept 15, 2012 South King County Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting at the First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th St. Time: 9:30 am.

**Sept 18, 2012 Lewis County Genealogical Society** will have a meeting. Program: TBA. Next Meeting: Oct. 16, 2012. Go here for more information: <http://www.walogs.org/index.html>

**Sept 21, 2012 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society** will present *"Identifying Ancestors in Old Family Photos Through Photography and Costuming,"* by Carolyn Blount. Time: 10 am at the Bainbridge Public Library.

**Sept 22, 2012 Heritage Quest Research Library** will present a class *"Breaking Through Your Brick Walls,"* by Laura Pemberton-Sparr at the HQRL, 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA. Time 10 am. Fee \$15.00.

**Sept 25, 2012 Clark County Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting at 7 pm at the CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. Topic: TBA.

**Sept 25, 2012 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society** - Holds their meeting at 7 pm: Program: TBA. Location: Burlington Community Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave, Burlington.

**Sept 29, 2012 PS-APG (Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists)** will present “*Genealogists: Access Denied*,” by Jerry Handfield, Washington State Archivist. Time 10 am to 1 pm. Location: Washington State Archives: 1129 Washington Street SE, Olympia. For more info: <http://www.psapg.org/flyer%200912%20Jerry%20Handfield.pdf>

## OCTOBER

**Oct 3, 2012 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society** - Business meeting and program at 6:30 pm at Heritage Cottage, (next door to Humble House) 19903 Poplar Way, in Lynnwood’s Heritage Park. Program: “*DNA*,” with Mary Kathryn Kozy. Guests are always welcome.

**Oct 4, 2012 Kittitas County Genealogical Society** will present Steve Hussman, CWU Archivist. Time: 7 pm. Location: The Kittitas County Genealogical Society Library in Ellensburg, WA.

**Oct 4, 2012 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting. Program: “*Naturalization*,” by Barbara Lockard. Time: 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts, Dr., Longview, WA.

**Oct 6, 2012 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society** will present “*CENSUS: Still a Sure Bet*,” by Donna Potter-Philips. Time: 12:30 pm. Location: Spokane Public Library.

**Oct 8, 2012 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island** - will have present “*Fakes, Frauds and Forgeries*,” by Mahina Oshie. Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland.

**Oct 8, 2012 Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State** will present “*Researching Your Ancestors from Poland & Using JRI Poland*,” presented by Mark Halpern. Location: Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA. Time: 7 pm. Fee \$5 for nonmembers

**Oct 10, 2012 Northeastern Washington Genealogical Society** will present “*Researching WWI & WWII Military Records*” (Computer Meeting), by Susan Dechant. Location: Basement of the Colville Public Library. Time 10:30 am. Their general meeting will be held in the basement of the LDS Church in Colville. Program: “*My Favorite Ancestor*,” moderated by Karen Struve.

**Oct 10, 2012 Tri-City Genealogical Society** will present “*The History of Vital Records in the USA*,” by Susan D. Faulkner. Time: 7 pm. Location: Parkview Estates, 7820 W. Sixth Ave., Kennewick, WA.

**Oct 11, 2012 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society** will present Raquel Lewis of the Nez Perce County Assessor’s Office. Time: 7 pm. Location: Orchards United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, Idaho.

**Oct 13, 2012 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society** will present “*Earthquake Research*,” by Fred Henschell. Time: 1 pm. Location: Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon.

**Oct 19, 2012 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society** will present “*A Collaborative Problem Solving for your Research*,” Time: 10 am at the Bainbridge Public Library.

**Oct 19, 2012 Heritage Quest Research Library** will present a class “*Finding the Maiden Names of your Female Ancestors*,” by Jim Johnson. Location: HQRL, 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA. Time: 6 pm to 8 pm. Fee \$15.00.

**Oct 20, 2012 South King County Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting at the First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th St. Time: 9:30 am.

## National Archives and Records Administration Genealogy Workshops

6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115;  
phone 206-336-5115

Check this link for more information and the schedule:

<http://www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/seattle/public/workshops.html>

**Location:** NARA-Pacific Alaska Region, 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Classes are held either in the upstairs Conference Room or in the new Learning Center.

**Registration:** Advance registration is advised. Classes are held on a first come, first served basis. To register, call 206-336-5115, or e-mail: [seattle.archives@nara.gov](mailto:seattle.archives@nara.gov), or in person during normal business hours, 7:45 am to 4:15 pm., Mon-Fri. and 9-4 on the second Saturday of each month. We reserve the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment or bad weather.

NARA Workshops nationwide:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/events/>

## CELEBRATE THE 100th Anniversary of the Northern State Hospital

**September 13-15, 2012**

AKA: North Cascades Gateway Center, outside of Sedro-Woolley. For travel directions to the facility, see <http://www.ga.wa.gov/res/NCGC.htm>.

**Thursday, September 13, 4:30-7:00 pm: Buffet dinner** prepared by the Job Corps Culinary Arts students, \$25, to raise money for scholarships and work transition grants for Job Corps graduates. **September 14th and 15th: Open house** all day.

## Genealogical Interest Groups!

It is time to revisit interest groups. When you join or visit a genealogical society also check to see if they have interest groups for specific genealogy topics. Computers can be a big topic with all the developments in computer software and upgrades. How do you navigate it all? A software like Legacy, Family Tree Maker (FTM), The Master Genealogist (TMG) is singled out and a group helps users to learn how to put the software to good use in the genealogical research.

These topics can be very overwhelming and cover so much more information than can be handled by the regular monthly meetings of the society.

South King County Genealogical Society has the following interest groups:

Computer: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskegs/ugroups/computer/cug.html>  
FTM: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskegs/ugroups/ftm/ftmug.html>  
Heritage Photo: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskegs/ugroups/photo/hpug.html>  
Legacy: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskegs/ugroups/legacy/legacyug.html>  
TMG: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskegs/ugroups/tmg/tmgug.html>

Each interest group has a group coordinator, meeting location and times when they meet. Go to the page at the SKCGS website as listed above for more information. SKCGS Website click on Interest Groups:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskegs/index.html>

Other societies have interest groups with special website pages that give more information. They are listed below. They might be called “discussion groups.” This is not a complete list but it is a start.

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| Eastside Genealogical Society             | <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/sigs.html">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/sigs.html</a> |
| Eastern Washington Genealogical Society   | <a href="http://www.ewgsi.org/cpage.php?pt=53">http://www.ewgsi.org/cpage.php?pt=53</a>                                           |
| Northeast Washington Genealogical Society | <a href="http://www.newgs.org/index.php">http://www.newgs.org/index.php</a>                                                       |
| Jefferson County Genealogical Society     | <a href="http://wajcgs.org/interest-groups">http://wajcgs.org/interest-groups</a>                                                 |
| Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society    | <a href="http://www.bigenealogy.org/">http://www.bigenealogy.org/</a>                                                             |

Click on meetings tab at the Seattle Genealogical Society <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/interest-groups>

SGS has:

State Focus Groups  
Canadian Interest Group  
Computer Interest Group  
Mac Users Group  
Irish Interest Group  
German Interest Group

EGS has:

Computer  
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## City Directory Research—Tidbits

City directory research is very important in seeking out our ancestors. It fills in between the federal census, if they are available for an area you are researching. It also gives one an idea of a family and those that live near and with them. There are city directories, suburban directories and cross reference directories. Most city directories started to be published in the late 1800's about 1880 and if you are lucky you can find these early ones. They usually cover a city of a certain size or small cities in one grouping. As you move away from a city center it can get very difficult to find directories that cover outlying areas. The suburban directories were usually published as population grew and can be published at a much later date.



The Seattle Public Library has a great collection of city directories on the 9th floor and on the very top floor in the Special Collections room that spans many cities not just in Washington. The [University of Washington](http://www.uw.edu) also has city directories for the area in their Special Collections room. Most medium to small libraries will have a certain date selection of city directories so you would have to check with them. Genealogical and historical societies for a specific area may have a nice collection of city directories. Of course a state archive and state historical society would most likely have city directories. Do not assume they will be in book form because a great many have been micro-filmed such as the Vancouver BC directories at the Seattle Public Library. As for online, check the major genealogical sites for city directories or just do a Google search and see what comes up.

City Directories of the United States of America is worth a check. Their Resources page has a list of great articles on how to do city directory research and more.

<http://www.uscitydirectories.com/index.html>

Online Historical Directories website is also worth a check. Scroll to the bottom and find the link for the United States and click. <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinehistorysite/>

When you first open a city directory, take time to study it carefully and just look through it to see how it is arranged and organized. Get to know that directory's structure before you dig in. You don't want to miss a section for a small city that you need.

HAVE FUN!

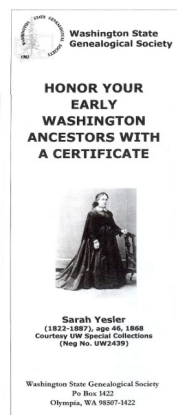
## Washington State Pioneer Certificates

WSGS would like to emphasize our Pioneer Certificates which are available to direct descendants of Washington pioneers who arrived before 11 November 1889 or First Citizen Certificates for those before 31 December 1900. To assist local societies, libraries and applicants, a brochure describing some resources and procedures is available:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/pioneercertbrochure.pdf>

Contact Frank McLean, 3811 McLean Dr., Yakima, WA 98902-3864 or [FL635@yakimavalleynetwork.com](mailto:FL635@yakimavalleynetwork.com) to obtain copies.

Local societies are encouraged to take copies to local libraries, family history centers, genealogical meetings, and more!





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