

Washington State Genealogical Society

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*Next WSGS Board Meeting
has been moved up a week!*

January 26, 2012

At the

*Yakima Valley Genealogical
Society Library*

1901 S. 12th Ave, Union Gap.

10 am to 3 pm

The Public is Welcome!

Message from the Board...

This is the time of year when we have family gatherings and reach out to our friends and neighbors we care about. Remember your genealogy friends this holiday season. Send them a card of thanks for helping you with research projects, organizing, teaching or mentoring. It will mean so much to them to know they have helped someone. If you are in the seasonal giving mood, don't forget a donation to your local Society. Many Societies run on a shoestring budget and are dependent on your volunteerism and donations to keep the doors open. If you have a few extra dollars, see how they can best be put to work. Maybe your society needs something as simple as coffee or tea to serve at meetings or some office supplies or equipment. I know my local society needs a vacuum cleaner! Would you put in a word to Santa for us?

From the Desk of the Vice-President Virginia Majewski

Access to Vital Records Report

Hello, I'm glad to report that all of your letter writing efforts have paid off. Thank you!



I have learned that we have achieved a measure of success. The State Archivist and the Department of Health (DOH) met last Friday. The DOH has agreed to the State Archives request and will be settling a 10 year battle over the transfer of original birth & death records to the Archives for safe storage and accessibility.

Also, the DOH will not be pursuing a legislative effort to limit access to vital records in the upcoming session of the State Legislature. DOH still believes that access should have greater regulation and in all likelihood will begin the effort again at some future time.

The genealogical community must keep informed about any future threat. WSGS is a member of the [Washington Coalition for Open Government](#) and one of our members serves on their [Sunshine Committee](#). We will try to keep WSGS members informed of any future action by DOH or any other group who attempts to limit access to records that we find valuable to our family research. (submitted 12/5/2012 by email).

Sincerely,
Sue Ericksen, President
WSGS

Presents



Bret Petersen

BYU Graduate

**Board Member Utah
Genealogical Society**

**Graduate National
Institute of
Genealogical
Research**

**Member
Genealogical
Speakers Guild**

**June 28, 29, 2013
In Yakima, WA**

**Howard Johnson Hotel
9 North 9th Street**

Washington State Genealogical Society

2013 Conference



Researching Rare Apples on Your Family Tree

Highlights

- **Using Newspapers in Research: You sNEWS you Lose**
- **Are You My Mother?—Finding the Maiden Name in Your Tree**
- **The “Shady” Side of the Family Tree—Prison, Criminal, Asylum Records and More**
- **Nine Mini-Classes to Choose From**

Hosted By:

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

For Information:

Patrick Bundy Publicity Chair 509 952-3322

Or <http://yvgs.net>

RESEARCHING RARE APPLES ON YOUR FAMILY TREE!

The 2013 WSGS Genealogical Conference will be held in Yakima, June 28 and 29th, 2013 and hosted by the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. The conference will begin Friday afternoon from 3 pm to 7 pm. There will be a hospitality session held at the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Library located at

1901 S. 12th Ave, Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256



No Snow in June!



On Saturday June 29th, 2013 Registration will begin at 7:30 and followed by the Welcome!

Lectures will begin with Bret Petersen Guest Speaker: *“Using Newspaper Research: You sNEWS you Lose.”* Bret will be presenting other topics throughout the day such as *“Are you My Mother? — Finding the Maiden Name in Your Tree.”* and the *“Shady Side of the Family Tree — Prison, Criminal, Asylum Records and More.”*

Breakout sessions cover topics like: *“Illustrating Family History When you Have No Photos,”* and *“Family Tradition: The Search for Truth,”* by Connie Lenzen, CG; *“12 Tips and 10 Topics in 45 Minutes,”* and *“Brothers: William & David,”* by Shirley Penna-Oakes; *“Unearthing John Done - A Plymouth Colony Late Comer,”* by Steven Morrison; *“Pulling It Together - Creative Ways to Capture the Stories Behind the Data,”* by Wendy Warren; and *“Conducting Oral History Interviews,”* by Steven Baylor. More classes will be forthcoming as they firm up the schedule.

In addition there will be door prizes, vendors and more to come...

Check the WSGS Website home page for more details as the conferences takes shape:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/index.htm> Scroll down for conference info.

Check the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Website as well: <http://yvgs.net/>



WSGS 2012 Election Results are IN!!!

Thank you for voting!!

The following Board Members will serve from Jan 2013 to December 2015.

Biographies of these individuals were featured in the [November/December 2012](#) Issue.



President: Mikal McKinnon

Secretary: Roger Newman

Region 2 Rep: Stephen Baylor

Region 3 Rep - Vacant

Region 5 Rep - Opal Myhres

Region 7 Rep - Shirley Penna-Oakes

Stephanie Sherwood has been appointed Region 8 Rep (Chelan, Douglas, Grant & Okanogan) & Janet McKinnon has been appointed Region 6 Rep ((Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Walla Walla, Whitman). Stephanie has been a past secretary for WSGS.

Clallam County Genealogical Society Gets a New Home!



After many years of freezing in the winter, being too hot in the summer and being crammed into less than 600 square feet, Clallam County Genealogical Society has packed up and moved to a new home. Many years of planning, scrimping and saving have gone into this long dreamed of move. With the purchase of an 1800 sq. ft. building we will finally have some elbow room, privacy for researchers and room to conduct classes.

Our Research Center is closed during December for remodeling, but we will be ready to open our doors by mid-January. A Grand Opening celebration is planned for this spring and you are all invited!

Our new location is
402 E. Lauridsen Blvd.,
Port Angeles, WA.

Our CCGS headquarters and Research Center are located right across the street from the [North Olympic Public Library](#). We are easy to find, have on-site parking and easy access to our building. Come see us soon!

Grand Opening is April 6, 2013, 1 to 4 pm, check their website for more information: <http://www.olympen.com/ccgs/>



Submitted by Virginia Majewski, President of
Clallam Co. Genealogical Society

All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is February 15, 2013 for the March-April 2013 issue.



Contact the Editor Bonnie Jean MacDonald: 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>

February 16, 2013, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will hold their Winter Seminar: *Methodology Matters*. Keynote speaker is Washington State Archivist, Jerry Handfield. Also, amazing programs to choose from, presented by Jim Johnson, Mary Kozy, Steve Morrison and Eric Stroschein. More Info to follow! Also find them on Facebook and on the web at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/

March 2, 2013 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present their Spring Seminar from 1 to 3 pm at the Church on Wall and Country Homes Blvd. in Spokane. Presented by Maureen MacDonald. More information: <http://www.ewgsi.org/events.php?ecid=4&tf=12>

April 27, 2013 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar featuring Leland Meitzler & William Dollaride. Location is at the La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1425 East 27th St., Tacoma, WA. Go here for more information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

Check the South King County Genealogical Website for more Events coming up around Washington State and more...<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/natlcal.html>



Association of Professional
GENEALOGISTS
Puget Sound Chapter

PS-APG Celebrates 10 years in the Puget Sound Area!



PS-APG stands for the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. This organization was founded in August of 2002 by a group of active genealogists who wanted to share their expertise and provide further education. They held their first meeting in October and a second meeting in December of 2002 and have not stopped yet. Currently PS-APG is about 18 members. Membership is open to anyone who has genealogical experience and expertise and is willing to abide by the Association of Professional Genealogists [Code of Ethics](#).

PS-APG Chapter website - <http://www.psapg.org/>
APG National website - <http://www.apgen.org/>



Come join us in
2013!



Starting in 2013 Eric Stroschein will be President. Past Presidents are: Trish Hackett-Nicola CG, Bonnie Jean MacDonald, Alan McCool.

National Conference Spotlight

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 are here: <http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html>

March 21-23, 2013 Rootstech 2013 will hold their conference in Salt Lake City, UT. Registration is now open for Rootstech. <http://rootstech.org/> Theme: Family History & Technology.

April 17-21, 2013 New England Regional Genealogy Conference will be held in Manchester, N.H. at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. Theme: Woven in History—The Fabric of New England. <http://www.nergc.org/>



May 8-11, 2013 the National Genealogical Society will present “Building New Bridges” in Las Vegas, Nevada. http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info Here is the announcement brochure: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2013_Announcement_Brochure_27_April.pdf

June 7-9, 2013 Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree will be held in Burbank, California. Go here for more information: <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/> Try their blog: <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/>

August 21 to 24, 2013 Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold their annual conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Here is their conference website: <http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43> and the preliminary brochure is at: http://www.fgs.org/upload/files/FGS2013_Conference_Flyer.pdf

NOTE: Fort Wayne has the [Allen County Public Library](#) which is 2nd to the Family History Library. Past conferences were very popular, so book as soon as registration opens.

Don't forget to check out Facebook and Twitter for the conferences listed above to get more up-to-date information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY!!!



Genealogy Librarians are available at the Level 9 Desk:

Tuesday-Saturday: 11 am to noon; 1 to 3 pm.

Sunday: 1 to 3 pm.

30-minute appointments with a Genealogy Librarian are available as follows:

Tuesday-Friday: 3 pm & 4 pm.

Jan 1 The Seattle Public Library Closed for New Year's Day.

Jan 21 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Feb 18 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Presidents Day.

Feb 19 The Seattle Public Library Mahina Oshie teaches Beginning Your Family History Research. 5:00 – 7:30 pm at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Level 4, Room 2. Registration is required. Send an email using the library's Ask-A-Librarian service (www.spl.org) or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.

Mar 5 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) or call 386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.

JERRY HANDFIELD, WASHINGTON STATE ARCHIVIST TO RETIRE IN JANUARY 2013.



It is with sad feelings that we report to you that Jerry Handfield, Washington State Archivist will be retiring January 15, 2013. It was scheduled for the end of 2013 but moved up by the newly elected Secretary of State Kim Wyman, currently Thurston County auditor. Jerry will be succeeded by Steve Excell, outgoing Secretary of State Sam Reed's assistant. Jerry has served in the State Archivist position since 2001.

Steve Excell has been in the Secretary of State office for 12 years. According to Jerry he is an avid genealogist and shepherded the project management of the digital archives. Steve says he has a background in archives having filled in after the last State Archivist died and until Jerry was hired.

Source: *The Olympian Newspaper*, "Secretary of State-elect goes local for aides," by Brand Shannon, published December 8, 2012.

Jerry Handfield was honored by the Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) at last years conference in Richland, in 2011, with a Special Recognition Award.

Jerry accepted the award in person.

Here is the text of the Special Recognition award:

***F. Gerald "Jerry" Handfield** of Olympia, Washington, is given special recognition for outstanding leadership and efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to family history researchers interested in the families of Washington State. Jerry Handfield was appointed Washington State Archivist by Secretary of State Sam Reed in 2001. He hit the ground running, and has not slowed down since. He immediately immersed himself in the newly approved program to establish a digital archives to manage the ever-expanding collection of electronic government records. He is a strong proponent of open government and public access to the records of government at all levels. He supports the work of the State's Sunshine Committee which is working to review and eliminate unnecessary exemptions to the Public Records Act. Jerry has spoken to genealogical and historical organizations in all regions of Washington State, pressing the need to safeguard historical records and maintain awareness of government actions, past and present, and future plans. He encourages individuals and groups to help with indexing older records which are being scanned into the Digital Archives for safekeeping and easier public access. Jerry's talents, vision and professionalism have inspired many to get involved, and his tireless efforts and leadership are greatly appreciated.*

A retirement party has been scheduled, invitation only for sometime in January 2013.

We at WSGS send our best wishes to Jerry for a happy retirement. Hopefully we have not heard the last from Jerry who has been a great supporter of WSGS. Thank you Jerry!

On behalf of The Washington State Genealogical Society Board and Members



UPCOMING EVENTS In Washington State

To list an event in this newsletter contact your [regional representative](#). Please feel free to contact the newsletter editor, Bonnie who can be reached at BON_MAC@msn.com. Please indicate the name of your organization in the subject line.

Next deadline is February 15, 2013 for the March-April 2013 issue.

JANUARY 2013

Check before you leave home, with bad weather events might be cancelled.

Jan 2 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society will hold their Business meeting and program at 1:00 pm at Alderwood Manor Heritage Association, 19921 Poplar Way, in Lynnwood's Heritage Park. Program: *How to Write Your Story*. (This meeting may be canceled.) Guests are always welcome.

Jan 3 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will present "*County Coroner*," by Time Davidson, Cowlitz County Coroner. Time 7 pm. Location: 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA.

Jan 3 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time 7 pm. Topic TBA. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA.

Thursdays in January - Comeford Genealogical Group Meets Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am at the Ken Baxter Community Center, 514 Delta Ave., Marysville, WA, in Comeford Park. The group meets informally to assist one another in genealogical research. <http://comefordgroup.wordpress.com/category/class-times-schedule/>

Jan 5 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will have a luncheon at the Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division, Spokane, WA. No Reservations needed. Time: 11:45 am to 2 pm. Jennilyn Wright will be telling "*The Whole Story*."

Jan 7 Camwood Genealogical Group Meets first Mondays at 1 pm at Stanwood Historical Society Museum, 27108 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood, WA.

Jan 8 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will present "*Ask the Panel*." Time 1 pm. Location is at the Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington.

Jan 8, 2013 - Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers - Meeting at 2720 Heller Rd, the fire station #25, just north of Crosby Road in Oak Harbor. Program: 1 pm. Topic to be announced. Contact Ruth Hancock 675-4086 at randr.hancock@frontier.com for more information; also, Gordon Garnhart garnhart@whidbey.net

Jan 5 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present "*The Rest of the Story....*," by Jennilyn Wright, at 12 pm Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division, Spokane, WA. This is the annual luncheon event, no reservations, pay at the door.

Jan 7 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will present "*Perils of DNA*," by Candace Hooper. Time 7 pm. Location: KCGS Library in Ellensburg, WA.

Jan 9 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will present a "*Demo of 'Story Book'*" by Creative Memories at 10:30 am, Basement of the Colville Public Library. General meeting will be held at 1:30 pm in the LDS Family History Library. "*Organize Your Research and More*," by Karen Struve.

Jan 9 Tri-City Genealogical Society will present "*Becoming a Better Genealogist*," by Margie Beldin. Time 7 pm. Location Parkview Estates, 7820 W. Sixth Ave., Kennewick, WA.

Jan 10 Eastside Genealogical Society will present "*Ancestry.com Revisited*," by Bob Barnes. Time 7 pm, Redmond Library in Redmond, WA.

Jan 10 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society will present Alexa Eccles, Lewiston Librarian. Time 7 pm. Location: Orchards United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, ID.

Jan 10 Olympia Genealogical Society will present "*Breaking Down Your Brick Walls*," by Eileen Dodge. Time 7 pm. Location: Thurston County Courthouse Bldg. 1, Room 152 in Olympia, WA. On Feb 14, 2013 they will hold their Annual Dinner. Go to their website for more details: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/index.html>

Jan 12 Clallam County Genealogical Society will present "*Organizing Your Genealogy in the New Year*," by CCGS panel. Time 9:45 am. Locations: NOLS 2210 S. Peabody, Port Angeles—Raymond Carver Room.

Jan 12 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will present "*Family Secrets and Other Interesting Discoveries*," by Andrew, the Anderson House Mouse. Time 1 pm. Location: Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, downstairs meeting room.

Jan 14 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will hold Education classes at 11:45 am. Beginning class: Before this class please read pages 53-70 in the Desmond Walls Allen book. Topic: *Repositories—what are they and why do I want to go there?* Intermediate class: *Just the facts, please. Is that really enough? What would you like to know about an event?* Program at 1:00 pm. Speaker: Doreen Johnson who will present "*Tax Records in Genealogical Research*." Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland.

Jan 14 Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will hold their meeting, weather permitting. "Google Power Search for Genealogists," with members Robin Aamodt and Susan Rumble. Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 171 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee. Time 7 pm.

Jan 14 Jewish Genealogical Society will present "Using the Internet for Genealogical Research," by Mary Kozy. Time: 7:00 pm. Location: Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Jan 15 Lewis County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 pm at the PUD Auditorium at 345 NW Pacific Ave., Chehalis, WA. Topic to be announced.

Jan 16 Fiske Genealogical Library will begin their Winter 2013 Classes starting with "Finding your Gold with Google," by Gary Zimmerman. Time 10 am. Location: Fiske Genealogical Library. Go here for a full line up of their class schedule: <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/2013Winterclasses.htm> Fee of \$5.00 for non-members to use their library after the presentation.

Jan 18 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present "A Road to Anywhere is a Road to No Where: Setting Goals for 2013," by the members. Time 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Island Library.

Jan 19 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time 9:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum. There next will be a meeting on Feb 16, 2013. Topics to be announced.

Jan 19 South King County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time 9:30 am. Location: First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th St., Kent, WA. "Timeline & Chornologies," by Janet Camarata. They will also have a February general meeting on the 16th same time and location, "DAR in Washington State."

Jan 22 Clark County Genealogical Society will present "My Grand Adventure," by Lethene Dennis Parks. Time 10 am. CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA.

Jan 23 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "What's New with Family Search," by Carol Johnson, Director of the Bremerton Family History Center. Time 12:30 pm. Location: Sylvan Way Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA.

Jan 26 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society 1-3 pm: Program: "Brick Walls/Genealogy Challenges." Meeting is at the Burlington Library, 820 East Washington Avenue, Burlington.

FEBRUARY 2013

Feb 2 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present "Digital Archives," by Debbie Bahn & Lee Pierce. Time 12:30 pm for cookies and coffee followed at 1 pm with the program. Held at the Spokane Public Library Auditorium in Downtown Spokane.

Feb 2 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will present "Navigating Family Trees at familysearch.org" by Barbara Beede. Time 10 am. Location YVGS Library.

Feb 4 Camwood Genealogical Group - - Meets first Mondays at 1 pm at Stanwood Historical Society Museum, 27108 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood, WA.

Feb 4 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will go on a field trip at the Kittitas County Historical Museum, presented by Sadie Thayer, Director. Time 7 pm. Location: KCGS Library in Ellensburg, WA.

February 6 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society Business meeting and program at 1:00 pm at Alderwood Manor Heritage Association, 19921 Poplar Way, in Lynnwood's Heritage Park. Program: "Immigration and Naturalization," by Carol Buswell. Guests are always welcome.

Feb 7 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time 7 pm. Topic "A Stroll Through Time in Fashions," by Becky Molt. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA.

Thursdays in February - Comeford Genealogical Group - - Meets Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am at the Ken Baxter Community Center, 514 Delta Ave., Marysville, WA, in Comeford Park. The group meets informally to assist one another in genealogical research. See <http://comefordgroup.wordpress.com/category/class-times-schedule/>

Feb 9 Clallam County Genealogical Society will present A talk by Rod Fleck. Time 10:30 am. Locations: Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church, 935 Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA.

Feb 9 PS-APG will hold their meeting at the National Archives in Seattle, WA at 10 am. The topic to be announced. There is a new Program Coordinator for PS-APG Chapter. Her name is Winona Laird. Details can be found soon at: <http://www.psapg.org/meetings.html>

Feb 11 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island - Education classes at 11:45 am. Beginning class: Topic: *The importance of history in your ancestors' lives!* Prepared by R. Ann (Ingram) Wright, Blank Time Line for My Ancestor. Intermediate class: *When marketing becomes fun and educational.* Program at 1:00 pm: Speaker: Nancy Adelson will present: "Jewish Genealogy for Non-Jewish Researchers."

Feb 11 Jewish Genealogical Society will present "We are Here: Memories of the Lithuanian Holocaust," by Ellen Cassedy. Time: 7:00 pm. Location: Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Feb 11 Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. "Members Helping Members," with Anne Livingston. Instructor and Library Specialist at Wenatchee Valley College. Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 171 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee. Time 7 pm.

Feb 11 Whatcom Genealogical Society Program and meeting time and location to be announced. Go here: <http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/wgs.htm>

Feb 12 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society 1 pm: Program: "Arlington Cemetery Database." Former city employee, Lynne Bridges shares information about the database she compiled for the Arlington City Cemetery. Meeting at the Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington.

Feb 12 Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers Meeting at 2720 Heller Rd, the fire station #25, just north of Crosby Road in Oak Harbor. Program: 1 pm until about 3. Topic to be announced. Contact Ruth Hancock 675-4086 at randr.hancock@frontier.com for more information; also, Gordon Garnhart garnhart@whidbey.net

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, 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/>

PS-APG will be forming a Speakers Forum

The first meeting will be on January 12th, 2013 at the National Archives in Seattle, WA. Time 10 am.

This meeting will start tapping into the knowledge of genealogists in the area and provide training in speaking skills. For more information contact the new President of (Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists) at:

Eric Stroschein

Eric@generationsdetective.com

(360)770-9509

SPOKANE PUBLIC LIBRARY PUTS OBITS ONLINE

The Obituary Database of the Spokane Public Library has finally gone online and is ready to be searched! It currently includes over 17,000 records and is complete from January 1, 2008 on. Earlier records are included and are one's that I have done look ups for and added to the database. It is search able by name. Check it out and let us know what you think!

www.spokanepubliclibrary.org/

Submitted by: Shirley Penna-Oakes,
WSGS Region Representative #7

Note: Having trouble with the SPL link at publication.

Society Officers

across Washington State

As of December 2012

REGION 1

Genealogical Society of So. Whidbey Island

President: Bob Richardson

Vice President: Dulca Baxter

Secretary: Sue Fessenden

Treasurer: Sally Bomar

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

President: Dottie Chandler

Vice President: Barbara Johnson

Treasurer: Lois LeBlonde

Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

President: Phylis Jorgenson

Vice President: Tim Foss

Secretary: Margaret Summitt

Treasurer: Nick Konikson

Whatcom Genealogical Society

President: Sharon Neem

Vice-President: Beth Brownfield

Secretary: Barbara Lynch

Treasurer: Carol Signet

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers

President: Marjorie Kott

Vice-Pres.: Betty Leitch

Secretary: Earl Reep

Treasurer: Mitzi Mielke

For more information about genealogical society officers for an individual society please go to their website. Our genealogical societies are vital and the life blood of genealogy. Please consider being an officer?

The David Library of the American Revolution

<http://www.dlar.org/index.htm>



Back in 2008, I traveled to Pennsylvania to attend the Federation of Genealogical Society convention in Philadelphia and then travel the state in search of my family history. One of my stops was the David Library of the American Revolution.

I walked in the door and gasped. I had not expected to find this treasure. It is south of New Hope and south of the Washington Crossing Historic Park along the boundary of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, northeast of Philly.



The American Revolution is of major importance to me in my family research. The librarian was very kind, helpful and eager to help me locate information that would help me in my quest. You can visit them in person, sign up for their email, search their online listings and ask for assistance via their rules under the research tab at their website. I wanted to take this archive home with me, but that was not possible. To be able to attend one of the lectures they present would so be nice but it is a bit of a commute. Go explore and I think you will be surprised. Check out their Facebook and Twitter.

B.J. MacDonald, WSGS Editor



STAYING AHEAD OF SANDY, October 31, 2012

As reported on the NARA Blog, AOTUS National Archives “None of our records were damaged as a result of Hurricane Sandy, thanks to our staffs’ careful preparation.”

Go here to read more:

<http://blogs.archives.gov/aotus/?m=201210>

Once you finish reading that article do a little investigating of this really interesting blog and all the information it contains. Have fun! Have you taken measures to safeguard your family history???

Your WSGS Editor



WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Membership for WSGS for 2013 was due at the end of December 2012

*Get your Membership in by going to the website to pay with your credit card via
PayPal and sign up online at:*

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

The membership year for WSGS is January to December.

This will be your last issue for 2012 if you have not renewed your dues!

WSGS Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs>

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL!

Extra funds will be considered a DONATION and will go toward valuable services of the society

NAME _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Membership	_____ Single Membership	\$12.00 per year	Indicate Status:	_____ New Membership
Type:	_____ Organization	\$12.00 per year		_____ Renewal
	_____ Family	\$13.00 per year (one newsletter for household)		_____ Reinstatement
	_____ Mailed Copy	\$ 8.00 per year in addition to above membership		

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