

Washington State Genealogical Society

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COMING SOON! NEW Website for WSGS

WSGS is moving to a new web server and we hope you like the new design and available information.

The address is: **wasgs.org**. Bookmark this for future reference.

All the web pages you are used to seeing and accessing will be available at the new site.

In addition, there will be a Members Only section that will include all the current WSGS members. This information will be available to current members using a log in name and password that consists of the first initial of their given name and surname. Your password will be your zip code. For example: Jane Taylor's login name will be jtaylor and her password would be 98906.

The program has glitches, so, if this login doesn't work, please e-mail me and I will get it fixed. You will have the ability to change your password and log in name.

Members will be emailed as soon as the new website is up and running.

Questions, comments, problems contact
Sue Ericksen: ericksen@wabroadband.com

Outstanding Volunteer Awards Write ups Due May 15!

Organizations honoring one or more of their hard-working volunteers through this year's WSGS Outstanding Volunteers Award program are asked to submit the narrative (about 150 words) describing the honoree's accomplishments, along with a digital photograph, to Bob Witherspoon at rgwspoon@aol.com by **May 15, 2013**.

The resulting award certificates will be presented at the WSGS Annual Meeting during the conference lunch in Yakima on June 29th.

Details about this program and the narratives for all honorees recognized since 2003 are available on the WSGS website at

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/volawards.htm

Next WSGS Board Meeting

Will be held in Yakima

On June 28, 2013

At the YVGS Library

1901 S. 12th Ave, Union Gap.

Time 10 am

The Public is Welcome!

Registration is open for the WSGS Conference <http://www.yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=25>

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>

**Friday Afternoon Bonus Seminar at the
Washington State Genealogical Society Conference June 28, 2013**
Presented by Eric Stroschein, President of the Puget Sound Chapter of
The Association of Professional Genealogists
www.psapg.org



1:00-2:00: The discussion and instruction will center on basic research, record keeping, documentation, terms, and evidence evaluation. What constitutes a reasonably exhaustive search and what is its value will be explored. The different levels of documentation will be discussed from the needs of the home hobbyist to someone publishing in scholarly journals. Census records exercise.

2:00-3:00: This will be a combination of open discussion, research and lecture, building upon the first session by examining basic genealogical problems and reinforcing the critical role of good fundamental skills to solve genealogical issues. Basic methods like the F.A.N. Method and Inferential Genealogy will be examined as well as instruction on using basic hypotheses and theories to resolve genealogical problems. The students will use published sources from an array of different repositories as well as online resources to answer genealogical questions.

3:00-4:00: This section of the class will delve deeper into intermediate and advanced techniques to resolve genealogical questions. Using programs like a spreadsheet to put a different spin on evidence evaluation and correlation. The session will highlight the need for furthering ones education to learn more advanced research techniques, evidence evaluation, and evidence correlation.

4:00-5:00: This session examines a case study relating to the previous evidence presented in the class. The case study will employ different advanced techniques and evidence correlation bolstering what was learned in the previous sessions while pushing the envelope for the students. This session will incorporate some of the work they completed in the previous sessions and highlight the lessons learned like a reasonably exhaustive search, evidence evaluation, documentation, persistency in research, and advanced evidence correlation.

Eric Stroschein is a professional forensic genealogist and owns an heir tracing firm in Mount Vernon, WA. He speaks nationally on the subject of genealogy and has dedicated himself to learning different techniques to resolve difficult genealogical questions. He has learned from some of the best genealogists in the United States and enjoys passing this knowledge to others.

This seminar will be held at the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society library on June 28, 2013. Contact YVGS for information on registration for this special seminar. <http://www.yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=25>

Lodging Tips for the WSGS Conference in Yakima which is held on June 28-29, 2013 at the Howard Johnson Plaza in Yakima. There are reserved rooms for attendees planning on spending the night at the Howard Johnson: \$93.18 for single (tax included) and \$98.75 for a Double (Tax Included). Contact the Howard Johnson direct and mention the WSGS Conference to book your room. <http://www.hoyo.com/hotels/washington/yakima/howard-johnson-plaza/hotel-overview> Please be advised that some events will be held at the YVGS Library.

For other hotel possibilities in Yakima: <http://www.google.com/hotels/> Just type into the search box Yakima, WA and it will show a map and a list of other hotel choices.

Nominations are open for the annual WSGS Best Website of the Year Award for 2013!

Qualifications:

- * The Society must be a current member of WSGS.
- * The Website must contain an active link to the WSGS website.
- * Any member may submit a nomination.
- * Nominations must be submitted by **May 15th, 2013.**

This annual award was established in 2011 to encourage Genealogy Societies to put their best foot forward on the World Wide Web. A traveling plaque with the winner's name engraved on it is awarded at our annual WSGS Conference on June 29, 2013 during the annual board meeting held after lunch.

The winning Society can display the plaque for the following year. Bragging rights included! Previous winners were; Jefferson County Genealogical Society, 2011 and the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island, 2012.

Any society meeting the qualifications may be nominated. All websites are judged on: being user friendly; general appearance; if links are working; and whether your website reflects your locality and members. Bonus points can be earned by having any indexes to your holdings online.

So let us hear about your website!

Please send nominations online to ginnym51@msn.com (please put website nomination in the subject). Nomination may also be submitted by snail mail to: Virginia Majewski, VP WSGS, 425 N. Brown Rd., Sequim, WA, 98382.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD....

WSGS is changing its web site host, moving from the free Ancestry/Rootsweb site to a low cost host, that has been our home since 1998. The new site will give WSGS more options and ability to expand its offerings.

This site is called [EasyNetSites](http://EasyNetSites.com). They host many Historical and Genealogical Societies. They offer professional help designing the web site for our needs and at the heart of this application is the full featured membership management system. For samples from around Washington of what other societies have done with EasyNetSites check [Yakima Valley Genealogical Society](#), [Eastern Washington Genealogical Society](#) and [Northeast Washington Genealogical Society](#).

Our new web site will be up and running soon, we hope you like it.

Roger Newman, WSGS Secretary

All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is June 15, 2013 for the July-August 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>

May 4, 2013 "I Am Norsk," Genealogy Seminar will be held at the Bremerton Oslo Lodge 2-35, 1018 18th St., Bremerton, WA. Here is there brochure: <http://www.bremertonsonsofnorway.org/pdf/iamnorsk13.pdf#view=fit>

May 11 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society will present a Genealogical Workshop featuring Mary Katherine Kozy. Time: 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Location: Aberdeen Museum of History, 111 East 3rd St., Aberdeen, WA. <http://www.graysharborgenealogy.com/forms/KozyFlyer2013.pdf>

May 18, 2013 The Seattle Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar, "The Legal Genealogist," by Judy G. Russell. Go here for more details and registration: <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/seminars>

May 18, 2013 Clallam County Genealogical Society will hold an all day seminar at the Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church, 935 Sequim Avenue, Sequim, WA. "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," by Mary Kathryn Kozy. Here is a link: <http://www.olympen.com/ccgs/page88.html>

Clallam County Genealogical Society Held their GRAND OPENING April 6, 2013

CCGS had a wonderful turnout for their open house, with about 150 members and guests attending. Representatives from the Port Angeles and Sequim Chambers of Commerce helped with the ribbon cutting ceremony. County commissioner Mike Doherty gave some opening comments. Representatives from the local Native American communities attended as well. CCGS President



Virginia Majewski gave a brief speech, giving credit to Lee MacQueen, who bequeathed our society a substantial sum of money in 1992. The CCGS Board of Directors invested that money and it grew over 20 years. CCGS is very grateful to Lee MacQueen for helping make the dream of having a home of our own possible.

Address: 402 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles, WA 98362

Website: <http://www.olympen.com/ccgs/>

In the picture to the right a member digs into the new stacks.



National Conference Spotlight



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/> Also try their blog at this link: <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/>

June 9-14, 2013 The Samford Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR) will hold their classes at the Samford University Library, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35229. This is an intense course of genealogical study and fills up fast: <http://www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr/index.html>

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 brochure is at: http://www.fgs.org/upload/files/FGS2013_Conference_Flyer.pdf

October 7-11, 2013 The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History will present their 2013 British Institute at the Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City. For more information go here: <http://www.isbgfh.org/>

Special offer: [Harold Henderson CG](#) has a booklet: *Finding Ancestors in Fort Wayne: The Genealogist's Unofficial One-Stop Guide to the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center*. Here is the link: <http://www.midwestroots.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/ACPLGC-April-2013.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 lodging as soon as you can.

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.

May 18 The Seattle Public Library Mahina Oshie teaches Beginning Your Family History Research. 10:00 – 12:00 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) or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.



May 27 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Memorial Day.

Jun 4 The Seattle Public Library John LaMont gives a tour of the Genealogy Section. 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Meet at the level 9 desk. 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.

June 29 The Seattle Public Library Mahina Oshie teaches Beginning Your Family History Research. 10:00 – 12:00 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) or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.

Can you believe it! The Washington State Genealogical Society Conference is just two months away! June 28 to 29th, 2013

Events will take place at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel in downtown Yakima at 9 North 9th Street, Yakima, WA 98901 and also at the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Library 1901 S. 12th Ave, Union Gap, WA.



The Program details are at the YVGS Website:
<http://www.yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=28>

Here is a summary of the events.

Friday afternoon, June 28, 2013, there will be a special seminar provided from 1 pm to 5 pm, presented by Eric Stroschein. See page 2 of this newsletter for more details or go to this link:
<http://www.yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=26>

This will be followed on Friday evening with a **Hospitality** Session at the
YVGS Library
from 6 pm to 8 pm.

The main conference will kick off on **Saturday**, June 29, 2013 at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel.

Registration begins at 7:30 am to 8:30 am
The Welcome will begin at 8:30 am.



Bret Petersen guest speaker will follow with "*Using Newspapers in Research, You sNews you Lose.*" Mr. Petersen will lecture later on "*Are You My Mother? – Finding the Maiden Name in Your Tree,*" at 10:55 am. He will close the conference with "*The Shady Side of the Family Tree...*" at 3:45 pm.

Breakout sessions will begin at 10 am. There will be three sessions with three choices of lectures.

Lunch is from about 12:15 to 1:30 with the WSGS Annual Board meeting and the presentation of the Volunteer Awards along with the WSGS Website Award for 2013. See pages 1 and 4 for more info.

The afternoon breakout sessions will start about 1:35 pm. There will be door prizes, vendors and more to explore. To register go here: <http://www.yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=26>

Other presenters will be: Connie Lenizen, Steven W. Morrison, Barbara Bengel, Wendy Warren, Susan Faulkner, Shirley Penna-Oakes, Jerry Hanfield.

If you have not registered go to the YVGS website for the registration flyer or you can try Paypal.
<http://yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=26>

Hope to see you there!



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 June 15, 2013 for the July-August issue.

A great many genealogical societies in Washington State take a summer hiatus and so it is very important that you check the schedules for meetings in June, July and August.

MAY 2013

May 1 Fiske Genealogical Library will continue with their Spring Class schedule. They will present "*County Land Record Archives*," by Phil Stairs. This will be followed by a tour of the Puget Sound Regional Archives in Bellevue, WA. Call them for details on location. Time 10 am. Go to this link for the remaining spring classes: <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/2013Springclasses.htm>

May 1 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society will hold their meeting at 6:30 pm. Location: Heritage Cottage, 19903 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA. Topic: "*A Survey of Resources for Scandinavian Research*," by Gary Zimmerman.

May 2 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts Dr., Longview, WA. Topic: "*DNA*" by Barbara Lockard and Judy Whipple.

May 4 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 12:30 pm. Location: Spokane Public Library Auditorium in Downtown Spokane. Topic: "*Methodology Matters*," by Kathy Gold from the Puget Sound Chapter of the APG.

May 4 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 10:15 am. Location is their library at 1901 So. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA. Topic: "*Genealogical Records available at the Public Library*," by Richard Kyle.

May 6 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 pm. Location: The library in Ellensburg. Topic: "*Rambling Searches of an Amateur Genealogist*," by Dr. Dale Comstock, Professor at CWU.

May 7 Heritage Quest Research Library will start at 10 am at their library in Sumner, WA. Topic is "*Military Records*" by Jim Johnson. Classes will be held throughout May on Saturdays at 10 am. Go here for more info: <http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html>

May 8 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 1:30 pm at the LDS Family History Library. Topic: "*Probate Records*," by Karen Struve.

May 9 and June 13 Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their meetings. See their [newsletter May/June 2013](#).

May 8 Tri-Cities Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Parkview Estates 7820 W. Sixth Ave., Kennewick. Topic: "*Becoming a Better Genealogist, Part 2*," by Margie Belden, Past President of TCGS.

May 9 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 pm at the Orchards United Methodist Church 123 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, Idaho. Topic: "*The Making of Idaho Territory*," by Betty Meloy.

May 11 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will have a field trip to the "*Klickitat County Museum*," in Ellensburg, WA.

May 13 the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington will hold their monthly meeting at 7 pm. Location: Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA. Topic: "*My Grandfather Came from Poison and Who the Heck is Ida Gerskill: Some Challenges of Researching Jewish Names*," by Meredith Hoffman.

May 13 the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will hold their Education classes at 11:45 am. The main program starts at 1 pm. Topic: "*Tearing Down Brick Walls: Broadening your Research Sources to include Acquaintances, Neighbors and Extended Family*," by Ginny Sommarstrom. Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland.

May 13 Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting. Time 7:00 pm. Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 171 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee. Topic: "*Slektsgransking in Norway*," by Robin Aamodt.

May 13, 2013 Whatcom Genealogical Society will present a meeting at 2 pm. Location: Bellingham Elks Lodge #194, Lower level, 710 So. Samish Way, Bellingham, WA. Topic: "*Truth and Consequences of Genealogical Research*," by Laura Sparr.

May 14, 2013 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will hold their meeting at 12 pm. This will be a Potluck followed by the Annual Society Meeting. Location: Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington, WA.

May 14 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 pm. Location: Bates Technical College, 2201 South 78th St., Tacoma, WA. Topic: "*Evaluating Websites*," by Cyndi Howells.

May 14 the Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers will hold their meeting at 1 pm. Location 2720 Heller Rd, the fire station #25. Topic: "*What's Available at the Library*," by Terry Berk.

May 17 the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present a meeting at 10 am. Location the Bainbridge Public Library. Topic: "*Why Document and Documentation Made Simple*," by Karl Kumm.

May 18 and June 15 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will have their monthly meeting at 9:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum. Topics for both meetings to be announced.

May 18 and June 15 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. Topics to be announced.

May 21 and June 18 Lewis County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Check the website for more details.

May 22 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 pm. Location: Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA. Topic: "*Beg, Borrow or Steal*," by Larry Harden and Sandie Morrison.

May 28 Clark County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 pm. Location: 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. "*The Crazy Quilt of Life*," by Margaret Ann Parker.

May 28 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 pm. Location Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington, WA. Topic: "*Speed Dating for Genealogists—another way to break down Brick Walls*," by a group of expert genealogists.

Thursdays in May and June Comeford Genealogical Group will meet 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/>

JUNE 2013

June 1 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their annual picnic. Time and place to be announced.

June 1 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 12:30 pm. Location: Spokane Public Library Auditorium in Downtown Spokane. Topic: "*Bible Records*," by Susan Faulkner from Tri-Cities Genealogical Society.

June 3 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will have a field trip to an upper Kittitas County site. Their annual picnic is August 10th.

June 5 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society will hold their meeting at 6:30 pm. Location: Heritage Cottage, 19903 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA. Topic: "*Planning a Research Trip*," by Marge Reid.

June 6 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts Dr., Longview, WA. Topic: "*Cowlitz County Historical Museum*," by Bill Watson.

June 8 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 1 pm. Columbia Gorge Center, 500 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon. Topic: "*Dust Bowl*," Glenna McCarger will share her families experience.

June 8 the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will have their meeting at the National Archives in Seattle, WA. Time 10 am. Topic: "*Free and Low Cost Case Law Research*," by, Kim Ositis, Reference Librarian from the Public Law Library of King County.

June 10 the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will hold their Education classes at 11:45 am. The main program starts at 1 pm. Topic: "*War of 1812*," by Gary Zimmerman. Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland.

June 10 Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting. Time 7:00 pm. Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 171 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee. Topic: TBA.

June 10 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 1 pm. Topic: "*Resources of the New Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Library*," by Michele Heiderer. Location: Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington, WA.

June 12 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 1:30 pm. Location: LDS Family History Library "*Using Research Logs*," by Susan Dechant.

June 12 Tri-Cities Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: Location: Parkview Estates. 7820 W. Sixth Ave, Kennewick. Topic: will be presented by Mary Katherine Kozy about information technology and DNA.

June 13 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 pm at the Orchards United Methodist Church 123 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, Idaho. It will the members picnic.

June 21 the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present a meeting at 10 am. Location the Bainbridge Public Library. Topic is "*Problem Solving for your Research*," by the members.

June 22 Clallam County Genealogical Society will present a meeting at 10 am. Location: their new location at 402 East Lauridsen, Port Angeles, WA. Topic: "*Researching German Ancestors*," by Rod Fleck.

[Sno-Isle Genealogical Society](#)

Open House and USED Book Sale

Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 10 am to 4 pm.

At the Sno-Isle Research Library. 19827 Popular Way,
Lynnwood, WA 98036.



PUGET SOUND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

was Featured in the

Weekly Genealogist by NEHGS

Vol. 16, No. 14 Whole #629, April 3, 2013 by
Valerie Beaudrault, Assistant Editor, Lynn Betlock,
Jean Powers.

The article in the NEHGS Online newsletter talks
about PSGS's Cemetery Project, Obituary Project and
school records. Databases for the first two projects
are on their website: <http://www.pusogensoc.org/>

PSGS is located in Washington State's Kitsap County
in the Puget Sound area.

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](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 busi-
ness 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/>

Society Officers Across Washington State

As of April 2013

Clallam County Genealogical Society

President: Virginia Majewski
Vice President: Jon Kirshbaum
Secretary: Susan Rose
Treasurer: Gail Porter

Jefferson County Genealogical Society

President: Paula McNees
Vice President: Marge Samuelson
Recording Secretary: Bill Conklin
Corresponding Secretary: Mimi Starks
Treasurer: Barb Peterson

Puget Sound Genealogical Society

President: Jean Yager
1st VP: Nyla Walsh, Programs
2nd VP: Terry Mettling, Membership
Treasurer: Larry Harden
Secretary: Ann Northcutt

Olympia, Grays Harbor and Bainbridge Island Genea-
logical Societies do not list their officers on their web-
sites. They do have contact emails if you need to get in
touch with them.

Saturday, May 4, 2013 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

Will hold a Rummage Sale to Benefit the Evergreen
Cemetery

9:00 am to 3:00 pm -
Northeast Washington AG Center - Fairgrounds

NeWGS member, Gordy Struve, is organizing a rummage
sale to benefit the care and maintenance of the Evergreen
Cemetery. Gordy is our current official "caretaker" of this
beautiful Pioneer Cemetery. Our society has been dedicat-
ed to restoring this important part of our area's history
from the very beginnings of our existence some 30 years
ago.

The Rummage Sale will be at the Community Sale &
Swap at the NE WA fairgrounds at the foot of Birch St. in
Colville. Last year over 1400 people attended this fun
community event sponsored by the Colville Food and Re-
source Center. This will take place Saturday, May 4, 9
a.m. to 3 p.m.

We hope to see many of you there.

Your Genealogical Research!

Who will inherit it and who will be the custodian after you are Gone? Part III!

So you have been collecting and researching for years and you have a lot of genealogical research that you have accumulated. Now what?

In the November/December 2012 issue of this newsletter, I brought up the issue of "[*Who Will Control Your Digital Estate after you are Gone*](#)," based on a Dick Eastman Newsletter article.

Have you read the fine print at Facebook, WordPress, Blogger, or any place on the internet that you have a presence. If someone was to cancel your email that would make it all tumble down. They would not be able to access anything. If you have several emails that could get tricky. My friend's Facebook is still there, she died last year.



In the last issue, March/April 2013, I talked about backing up your family history research and gave some ideas about how you could do that depending on what you can afford. Remember a lot of the choices get old fast such as using CD's, DVD's or USB's. You have to update them regularly. Cloud storage may be free unless you have a lot to store. Again, can your family access it when you are gone?

Remember this photo? Is your family history or genealogical research in this state of affairs. If so, you need to get busy...NOW!

Your family won't know what to do and the result may be disaster. Or, maybe they don't value it like you do?

They will **THROW IT OUT** because they can't cope!!!

NGS's UpFront online Newsletter just published on April 25, 2013 "[*Social Media Landscape*](#)," about after death issues, digital assets and ownership and access. It is a very serious problem.

Me, your WSGS newsletter editor is in the middle of a health crisis that will be a cloud over me for the rest of my life. This event has made me rethink and get my family history and genealogy organized. While, I am not in the situation of the photograph above, I did count that I had about 84 binders (including scrapbooks and photobooks) some were 4 inches thick. I am now down to 62 binders. Still not good enough!!! I can see my family look at me with panic or their eyes glaze over.

I do not have children, I married at the age of 57, I am now 65. My siblings are older than me by 5-6 years. My nieces, grand nieces and nephews are either too busy with life, or too young. I do have cousins but they are also too busy to take this on and what would they do with it when they get too old? So I have a BIG Decision to make. At this time I will concentrate on getting organized.

My process currently is to:

1. Grab a binder, empty it, prepare the documents and photos for scanning. On my computer I set up a file folder to put everything into as a holding zone. I use my Epson Workforce for the bulk of the documents and photos and my Flip-Pal to do some of the photographs. This can be a very tedious process depending on the size of the document, are they double sided, legal sized or I have to place it on the document table rather than scan it in bulk.
2. Once done with the scanning, I go to my holding place file folder on my computer and make sure I did a good job and then I distribute the documents and photos to files under that surname and person on my G Drive. The goal is to reduce the paper and decrease the many binders. A very difficult progress and it is not easy.
3. Documents that I wish to preserve in the original like a birth record, go into another binder based on my blogs which were going to be turned into books at some point or a binder that is special like my dad's siblings.
4. Then I intend to burn DVD's to back up this information and make copies of those DVD's and put some in a DVD binder that I can store in a safe place. More to come...

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