

Washington State Genealogical Society

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Next WSGS Board Meeting

Sept. 21, 2013

Time 10 am

[Halstone Feedstore](#) in

Issaquah, WA

The Public is Welcome!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD....

By the time this newsletter is available; the WSGS conference hosted by the Yakima Genealogical Society will have come and gone. We appreciate the effort they have put into hosting a successful conference. We are also appreciative of those who support their state and local societies. Besides what you contribute through your service, it is refreshing to associate with you who are free with your means and energy to help others find their ancestors. Your service enriches many lives. Finding our roots helps us understand the foundation of our lives.

For those who don't know me, let me introduce myself, my name is Mikal A. McKinnon and I have been the # 6 Region Representative for the last several years.

I am a retired engineer and worked for several years helping with the disposal of commercial nuclear waste. I like the challenge of research and finding new things. Perhaps that is what has drawn me to family history and genealogy. In the context of my ancestor's lives, history has become much more interesting than what I remember in high school and college. It has been rewarding to flesh out the lives of my ancestors. I have found fact and fable in the search. I have some amazing ancestors and a few that were hung for their foul deeds. I have learned to appreciate those who have left glimpses of their lives in journals, notes, and letters. I am grateful for the trips my wife and I made in years past to visit aunts and uncles who shared their stories, pictures and documents otherwise they would not have survived as these aunts and uncles are no longer with us.

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NEW Website for WSGS is HERE!

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. This is only the beginning as the new website will offer more options.

A new feature is the Members Only section that will include all the current WSGS members. Members can access this area using a log in name and password.

Here is how you access this area: login: first letter of first name plus surname all lower case: for example Robert Jones - rjones. Password is first letter of first name + zipcode + first letter of surname: example r99999j. (This process is updated from the last May/June issue of this newsletter.)

After signing in members will have the ability to change their password and log in name. Go and check it out at wasgs.org

Questions, comments, problems contact Sue Ericksen who has taken on the webmaster position from Jerri McCoy: ericksen@wabroadband.com

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As you consider your plans for the remainder of this summer and the next few years, find the ancestral treasures from the past through interviews and visits to those that are still with us and can help bridge the gap. Take time to document lives so those that follow will have more than dates and places to inspire them in their lives. Continue to help those who are starting their quest to learn about their past by sharing your talents and experiences associated with finding ancestors. Show gratitude for what you find and those that help you in your quest. Help make it happen.

Mikal A McKinnon, WSGS President

Congratulations to Yakima Valley Genealogical Society for a Great WSGS Conference 2013!



LtoR: Eric Stroschein talks methodology on Friday afternoon. This was followed by a spaghetti dinner hosted by YVGS at their library in Yakima. Guest Speaker Bret Petersen chats with Mike and Janet McKinnon, WSGS board members. Vendors included: PS-APG, DAR, SAR and Heritage Quest Research Library with Books and the local Family History Center.



The 2013 WSGS conference was held at the Howard Johnson in Yakima. The food was delicious. Go here for more details of this conference: <http://yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=34>

Bret Petersen, guest speaker shares his knowledge of newspaper research.



Steven W. Morrison lectures on the Doane/Done Family in early New England.

Shirley Penna-Oakes shares her research on two brothers, a very sad tale.



Left: The Volunteer Awards were announced at the WSGS Board meeting on Saturday June 29, 2013. More on the awardees in the September/October 2013 issue of the WSGS Newsletter. Past awardees are listed at this link:

<http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=12>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR the 2014 WSGS Conference to be hosted by Skagit Valley (Skagit County) and Stillaguamish Valley (Snohomish County) Genealogical Societies on August 15-16, 2014

"Improved Genealogy Through Better Methodology"

Keynote speaker will be [David Rencher](#), AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA

Location: The Skagit Valley Hotel & Casino Conference Center, 5984 N. Darrk Lane, Bow, WA 98232 Exit 263 off I-5.
Other speakers are all Wash State: Eric Stroshein, Steven W. Morrison, Mary Katherine Kozy & Donna Potter-Phillips.

Who Do You Think You Are? Returns, this time to TLC!



This program will begin an 8 week series of
one hour shows on

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 on TLC

at 9/8c pm.

Some of the celebrities that are featured will be Christina Applegate, Kelly Clarkson, Cindy Crawford, Zooey Dechanel, Chris O'Donnell, Jim Parsons and Trisha Yearwood.

<http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/about-the-show/about-the-show.htm>

The show used to be on NBC but the information seems to have disappeared. You might try YouTube for the episodes to the NBC version.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJmWicb9IT4&list=PLAB5EA870209E5841>

The BBC version is also at YouTube and I did watch Patrick Stewart's episode. Here is the link to the BBC version <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t575>

Earn a Certificate in Genealogy and Family History at UW!

Thursday nights, Sept 2013 – June 2014

Attend an information session on July 18 or August 8 (see website for details)



Learn to do professional-level genealogical research into your family history. Get beyond Ancestry.com and work with an array of resources including cemetery, military and naturalization records to help you uncover fascinating stories about your ancestors. Conduct research that illuminates the political, economic and social context of your family's past. Conserve and interpret documents and photographs. Develop interviewing techniques. Gain problem-solving strategies to overcome investigative roadblocks. Produce a substantial narrative of your family's unique story.

Program Features

- Development and completion of a personal research project
- One-on-one consultation with instructors and written feedback on projects
- Access to databases and interlibrary loan at UW libraries

Instructors: Sarah T. Little, professional genealogist
James Rigali, UW Professor of History

Who Should Apply

- Individuals interested in investigating and preserving their family history
- Teachers, librarians and others involved in genealogy and historical research

More Information: <http://www.pce.uw.edu/certificates/genealogy-family-history.html>

Submitted by Malia L. Morrison, the new Program Manager, Professional and Continuing Education 206-616-4720.

All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is August 15, 2013 for the Sept-October 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://wasgs.org/events.php> Contact [Sue Ericksen](#) if you want to post your event.

July 14, 2014 the King County Library at Bothell present “*Beyond Ancestry.com: Searching for your Ancestors Online*,” by Claudia Breland. Time 2 pm at the Bothell branch library, 18215 98th Ave, NE, Bothell, WA.

July 18, 2013 and August 14, 2013 The University of Washington Genealogy & Family History will hold an information session from 12 to 1 pm for those interested in this certificate program. <http://www.pce.uw.edu/events.aspx?id=14520>

August 17, 2013 the White River Valley Museum will present “*Living History Day at the Mary Olson Farm*,” at 28728 Green River Road, Auburn, WA. Time 1 pm. <http://www.wrvmuseum.org/events.html> Check out their website for further events.

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>

TWIN RIVERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY held their Annual MEMBERS PICNIC June 13, 2013

Thirteen members attended the Twin Rivers Genealogy Society June 13 potluck picnic. The weather didn't want to cooperate, but we had a good time eating, visiting, and finalizing the plans for the 3rd Annual Walking with Ancestors to be held in July. Here is a link to their website: <http://www.twinriversgenealogy.org/>

Here is the link the to Walking with the Ancestors event: <http://www.twinriversgenealogy.org/wwwa/wwwa2013.html>



The attendees:
Marsha Swartz, Larry Buchanan, Sally Wassmuth, Judi Wutzke, Jean Buchanan, Darlene Larson, RaeVon Flerchinger

National Conference Spotlight



July 6-14, 2013 American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will hold their 2013 conference at the Hilton in Fort Collins, Colorado. For more information: http://www.ahsgr.org/Conventions/2013_Convention.htm

July 8-12, 2013 National Institute on Genealogical Research will hold their classes in Greenbelt, Maryland. This course is designed for experienced researchers and fills up fast. For more info. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~natgenin/>

July 17-21, 2013 Germans from Russia Heritage Society will hold their 43rd Annual International conference at the Best Western Ramokota in Bismarck, North Dakota. For more info: <http://www.grhs.org/>

July 21-26, 2013 Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh will hold their sessions on Sunday to Friday at the LaRoche College, 9000 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA. For more info: http://www.gripitt.org/?page_id=547

August 4-9, 2013 International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will hold their 33rd conference in Boston, MA. For more info: <http://www.iajgs2013.org/>

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 See below for a tip on researching at the library there.

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/> Registration is now open!

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.

Jul 4 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Independence Day.

Aug 17 The Seattle Public Library Writing Your Memoir or Family History. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Level 4, Room 1.

Join us for an inspiring and entertaining two hour discussion, demonstration, writing, and sharing of memoir and family history, presented by Charley Kempthorne, author of "For all time: a complete guide to writing your family history". Some of the topics to be covered are: basic techniques of narrative (history) writing; using a journal to keep life history as you live it; writing extended captions for family photographs; and publishing your history for family and friends.

Registration is limited and 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.



Burlington Public Library links teens and community genealogists for pilot project

Phase One begins June 3

BURLINGTON – Thanks to a \$23,000 grant from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, the Burlington Library Foundation is launching a year-long intergenerational program in partnership with the [Skagit Valley Genealogical Society](#).

The “Making Connections through ROOTS Project” aims to educate teens and community genealogists on basic library research skills. Teens collaborate with genealogist mentors to research each teen's family history and present his/her documented family history research as a final project.

The ROOTS project will enable teen participants to increase their knowledge and confidence using traditional research resources (libraries, archives, microforms) and gain expertise with digital and online resources. Meanwhile, genealogists will discover new research methods and pass on their skills to area youth. “ROOTS will provide young folk the opportunity to explore their heritage while learning to practice good researching techniques,” said Skagit Valley Genealogical Society President George Ridgeway. “That knowledge will pay dividends no matter what they do the rest of their lives.”

This collaboration between the library, the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, and teens will help break down barriers between generations, as well as enhance the connection between the community and the library.

This pilot project will produce a template of best practices and a curriculum model allowing libraries and heritage groups in communities around the state to replicate and adapt their own Roots Project. “ROOTS will have so many positive outcomes,” explains Maggie Buckholz, library director. “The teens build research skills they need for life-long learning. The library benefits from a deeper connection with the community. The genealogy society advances its mission by promoting an interest in genealogy through sound research practices. And the greater community will benefit from access to valuable resources. We’re grateful for the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation’s investment in the future of our children, and support for preserving our past.”



ROOTS Project

Learning at the Library Series

Mondays | 1:00 - 3:00 pm*
June 3 - July 29

Burlington Library Conference Room
820 E. Washington Avenue

June 3

Genealogy on the Internet: The Basics & Beyond

Mary Kathryn Kozy ~ 1:00 - 4:00 pm

*Note this class time only is 1 - 4 pm

June 10 & 17

Using Legacy for Genealogy Research

Jim Terry ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

June 24, July 1, 8, 15

An Introduction to Genealogy Series

Steve Baylor ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

July 22

Native American Ancestry Research

Theresa Trebon ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

July 29

Hispanic/Latino Genealogy Research

Janice Blackhurst ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

All programs are free and open to the public.

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The ROOTS Project is made possible through a grant from The Paul G. Allen Foundation.

For more information contact:

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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 August 15, 2013 for the Sept-October issue.

Societies on Summer Break

This list covers General Meetings!

Any other classes, gatherings, picnics, interest groups etc. check their website. This is not a complete list of all Washington State Genealogical Societies. Don't forget 4th of July and Labor Day closures for genealogical society libraries, public libraries and archives.

Belfair Chapter of PSGS no meetings in July but maybe a field trip in August: <http://www.pusogensoc.org/id11.html>

Clallam County Genealogical Society no meetings in July and August: <http://www.olympen.com/ccgs/index.html>
They are presenting classes in August so check the website.

Clark County Genealogical Society no meetings for July and August. <http://www.ccgs-wa.org/>

Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society no meeting in July. <http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/>

Thursdays usually but doesn't look like they meet in July and August. **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/>

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society no meetings in July and August. <http://www.ewgsi.org/>

Fiske Genealogical Library has not published anything so far for Summer: <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/>

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island no meetings in July and August. <http://www.gsswi.org/index.php>

Jefferson County Genealogical Society no meeting in August. <http://wajcgs.org/>

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington no meetings till Sept. <http://www.jgsws.org/index.php>

Kittitas County Genealogical Society no meeting in July. Annual picnic in August, not sure about Sept. http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcgs/KCGS_index.htm

Lewis County Genealogical Society no meetings July and August. Check out their new website: <http://www.walcgs.org/index.html>

Mason County Genealogical Society no meetings in July & August. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wamcgs/>

Olympic Genealogical Society no meetings in July & August: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/index.html>

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society no meetings July & August. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/>

Sno-Isle Genealogical Society no meetings July & August. Next meeting September 1. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/>

South King County Genealogical Society no meetings in July & August. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/index.html>

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society no meetings in June, July & August. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/index.html>

Tri-City Genealogical Society no meeting in July and picnic in August. <http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wiki/doku.php>

Twin Rivers Genealogical Society has no meetings in July and August: <http://www.twinriversgenealogy.org/>

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers no meetings July & August. They do not have a website.

Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society no meetings in July & August. <http://www.wags-web.org/index.html>

Whatcom Genealogical Society no meetings July & August. <http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/wgs.htm>

Whitman County Genealogical Society meetings are limited see the website but not in the summer:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wawcgs/>



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JULY 2013

July 6 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will have a general meeting starting at 12:30 pm at the Spokane Public Library 906 W. Main Ave., Spokane, WA. Topic to be announced. Check their website I am not sure about this meeting it was on their blog but not on their Events calendar.

July 8 Heritage Quest Research Library will hold a class on "*Beginning Irish Research*," by Janet O'Connor Camarata. Fee \$15.00. Time 10 am at the library location 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA.

July 9 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will present Railroad Historian Eric Erickson who will give an account of the logging railroads that were laid in the Stillaguamish Valley. Time 1 pm at the Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington, WA.

July 10 The Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will hold a general meeting "*New Collections at the Washington Digital Archives*," by Lee Pierce, Archival Assistant from 1:30 pm to 3 pm at the LDS Family History Library, 260 E. Juniper St, Colville, WA. This is preceded by a Computer Meeting at the Colville Public Library at 10:30 am using computers to learn more about the Digital Archives.

July 13 the Seattle Genealogical Society will hold a workshop on "*Understanding the National Archives*." This will take place at the NARA at 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA. Following will be a computer class on NARA at 1 pm. Advanced registration is required 206-336-5115. or email seattle.archives@nara.gov

July 13 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society will hold their meeting at the Hoquiam Timberland Library, 420 7th Street, Hoquiam starting at 10 am. Michael Potts from the library will discuss the genealogical resources available there.

July 17 Heritage Quest Research Library will hold a class on "*Family Tree Maker*," by Jim Johnson. Fee \$15.00. Time 10 am at the library location 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA.

July 24 The Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "*Demystifying the Library, Genealogically Speaking*," by Elisabeth Demmon. Time 1 pm at the Genealogical Center Sylvan Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA.
http://www.pusogensoc.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/program_jul_letter.pdf

July 26 Heritage Quest Research Library will hold a class on "*Using Google & Google Earth for Genealogy*," by Jim Johnson. Fee \$15.00. Time 6 pm at the library location 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA.

AUGUST 2013

August 1 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will present "*Find A Grave and Cemeteries*," by Marilyn Clark. Time 7 pm, at the Somerset Retirement Apartments dining room, 2025 Tibbets Drive, Longview, WA.

August 5 The Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "*Cameras, Photos, Genealogy...oh, my!*" Time 1 pm at the Genealogical Center Sylvan Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA.

August 6 Heritage Quest Research Library will hold a class on "*Beginning Genealogy*," by Jim Johnson. Fee Free. Time 1 pm at the library location 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA.

August 9 Heritage Quest Research Library will hold a class on "*Church Records*," by Jim Johnson. Fee Free. Time 6 pm at the library location 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA.

August 10 the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PS-APG) will hold their meeting and present a discussion on "*Marketing Your Genealogy Business*," followed by a potluck from 10 am to about 1 pm at the home of the Program Coordinator Winona Laird. See our website for more details: www.psapg.org. Guests are welcome.

August 13 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will present Linda Sparr who will explain how to do research in the Pennsylvania Archives. Time 1 pm at the Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington, WA.

August 14 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will present a discussion on storing heirloom jewelry by Peter Hallarn of Colville Jewelers. Time: 1:30 pm. Location: Family History Center 260 E. Juniper St. in Colville, WA.

August 19 Heritage Quest Research Library will hold a class on "*Mapping an Ancestor*," by Janet O'Connor Camarata. Fee \$15.00. Time 6 pm at the library location 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA.

Society Officers Across Washington State

As of June 2013 continued

Region 4

Lewis County Genealogical Society

President: Bob McDole

1st VP: Linda Patton

2nd VP: Patty Olsen

Secretary: Joann Hulse

Treasurer: Leslie Parnell

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society

No officers listed at website

Clark County Genealogical Society

President: Stephen Cornick

VP: Beatrice "Bea" Ritter

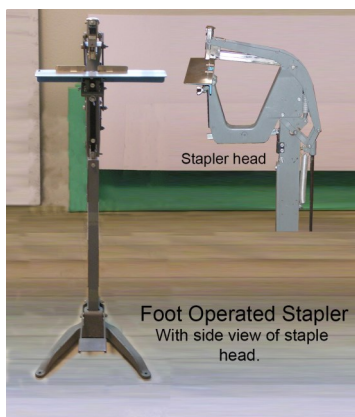
Secretary: Marian Kenedy

Treasurer: Larry Germann

Please forward your new officers for the year otherwise they will not be listed.

TRI-CITIES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IS SELLING THEIR FOOT STAPLER!!

Stapler – heavy duty **Foot Stapler** and 2500 staples needs a new home. This was used by the Tri-City Genealogical Society for stapling several Bulletins together before binding with tape. It is **free**. A great way to organize items. It can be picked up in Richland or at the Washington State Conference in Yakima. Contact: janet.mckinnon@charter.net



Society Officers Across Washington State

As of June 2013 continued

Region 3 update

Olympia Genealogical Society

President: Eileen Dodge

VP: Peggy Cooley

Secretary: Kathy Erlandson

Treasurer: Jim Haran

Region 5

Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society

President: Fred Henschell

VP: Mark Adams

Secretary: Linda Colton

Treasurer: Carolee Van Lahr

Kittitas County Genealogical Society

President: Diane Huckaby

VP: Mary Christensen

Secretary: Judy Clayton

Treasurer: W. "Tuck" Forsyth

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

President: Kathy Sizer

VP: Patrick Bundy

Secretary: Susan Boatright

Treasurer: Sue Ericksen

Corresponding Secretary: Carla Adams

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/>

SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON AND ITS PEOPLE

If you haven't ordered your book copy, now is the time to do so!

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society has coordinated a history project to record the heritage of the people of Skagit County.

The goal of SVGS was to publish a book which would be a resource for individuals attempting to research and make connections with their ancestors who lived in our communities during the past.

Biographies and stories have been submitted by relatives of the storied people. A majority are pioneers of Skagit County.

This book is now in the pre-publication stage and the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society is taking orders for the 2 Volume Set. Volume 1 consists of biographies from A – K. Volume 2 consists of biographies from L – Z. Cost is \$35 for each volume or \$65 for the set until June 25. Visit our website

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/skagitbooksale.html>

for order sheet. Payment is also being accepted by PayPal. Orders will also be taken at our society meeting at 7:00 PM at the Burlington Community Center on June 25, 2013. Payment must be received by this date or the price will increase.

Your Genealogical Research!

Who will inherit it and who will be the custodian after you are Gone? Getting Organized—Part V!

I am almost done with scanning my binders into the computer. I went from 82 binders down to 39 binders. I have reduced by 43 binders. Some of the documents were shifted into what I call my blog volume binders. Remember I am writing my family history by blogging. Some documents were more like notes and papers I kept trying to find an ancestor and so I separated those out into a binder called "Finding the Greats."



I have several more binders to scan and will probably get that done this week. Meanwhile, I have to make sure that I have things sourced properly to my [Legacy](#) database. Copies of my posts from my blogs printed and filed in the appropriate volume. So I do have quite a bit more to do. My G drive will need to be nicely organized.

Now, I didn't destroy some scrapbooks I made, even though they are scanned into the computer. I just couldn't do it. I know, I am sentimental. The picture is one bookcase. There are at least three and one for my husband's genealogy.

There are 7 large style scrapbooks (12 x 12 sized pages) that I will need to decide how to get into the computer. I think I will just make photographs of them. I will put the camera on a tripod and use a shutter cord so I don't cause blur. It is cheaper than copying them at my local FedEx (in color .25 cents a page), while I reduce the size. I would then scan into my computer. I could turn them into PDF's to give to the family.

There are places on line that will do this for you, but it means you have to mail the scrapbook to them. Scrapbooks to Share: <http://sbtoshare.com/>

Here is a great article that suggests that a copy center might be able to scan the 12 x 12 pages for you and place on a disk. Or if you try using merge software to piece the 12 x 12 pages together. I tried doing that on my computer and it was rather interesting for the scanner left a blackened area on the pages. Once you learn how to stitch them it could work? I could try my FlipPal and see if that would work? The problem to me is the time factor. Here is that article at Picaboo: http://www.picaboo.com/promo/ic/scrapbooking/scan_your_square_pages.html

The other part of my organization is deciding which genealogical books to keep and not keep. Those that feature information on my family will be kept. Those books that might have a little bit of information on the family can be scanned and then they can be given to a local genealogical society. I have given away about 5 boxes. Oh don't worry, I still have a lot of books!

To reduce bulk with CD/DVD's, I found some square clear plastic holders that are flat and have strips of glue on the back. I can slip the CD/DVD (picture, documents, movies etc.) into these sleeves in the location in a binder best suited for it. I can also make a duplicate and put that in a safe place. This will be great when I start to burn CD/DVD's of the documents on my computer. Photographs and photo books are all scanned into the computer. I did preserve some photo books but the scanned pictures are on the computer and I will burn a CD/DVD.

I have prepared an inventory of the remaining binders and will work my way through getting them organized and I might be able to trim down some more.

Submitted by your WSGS Newsletter



WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Union Gap, WA 98903

*Membership DUES for WSGS for 2014 are due at the end of December 2013
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