

Washington State Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER



NEW WEBSITE for WSGS: <http://wasgs.org/>

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD...

Paper vs. paperless??? What a conundrum. Try as I might, I just can't seem to get rid of my stacks of papers. I spend hours entering all of my data into my computer genealogy program, scan photos, attach files, etc. I have a lot of techno gadgets, computer, laptop, tablet, scanners, the list goes on. But when it comes down to it and I need to find something, it seems like I end up going back to paper. I don't know why, but there is just something about being able to pick up a document and see, read and understand something about your ancestor's life that I find very satisfying. Hence my paper trail is never ending.

I bring up this subject as I am trying, once again, to get some organization back into my office. As genealogists I think we all struggle with this issue somewhat. Finding a good organizational system that works well for me and sticking to it is my best bet. But should it be paper, paperless or a combo? What all do you do? Do you have some really good suggestions that work well for you? Would you be willing to share those ideas in our newsletter? Please share your suggestions with all of us. Forward your organization hints to Bonnie Jean MacDonald, our newsletter editor. She can include them in the next edition. Bonnie can be emailed at bon_mac@msn.com.

Virginia Majewski, Vice President

EVALUATION OF THREE GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



Evaluation of Three
Genealogy Education
Options for the
Northwest

Are you tired of paying for high priced airline tickets to attend major genealogical events back east? The Puget Sound chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PS-APG) is searching for ways to improve genealogical education opportunities in the Northwest. Over the past two years PS-APG explored three different options to bring high quality genealogical speakers here.

PS-APG prepared a "white paper" and evaluated three options:

1. Bidding for a National Genealogical Conference to be held in the Northwest,
2. Creating an annual or semi-annual NW Regional Conference, and
3. Creating a NW Genealogical Institute taught by nationally recognized instructors.

Interested in learning more? You can read the *white paper* at <http://www.psapg.org/education.html>. Or to schedule a speaker to make a presentation to YOUR society contact any of the following: **Janet O'Connor Camarata** camarata2@gmail.com - 206.335.9577; **Winona Laird** w-laird@msn.com - 253.631.3252; or **Steven W. Morrison** foxhallguy@comcast.net - 360.459.3678.

Next WSGS Board Meeting

Sept. 21, 2013

Time 10 am

Hailstone Feedstore in

Issaquah, WA

The Public is Welcome!

“Improved Genealogy through Better Methodology”

Washington State Genealogical Society

2014 Conference and Annual Meeting
15-16 August 2014 Skagit County, WA



Featuring Internationally Known Lecturer and Genealogist

David E Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA. David is employed by the Family History Department, in Salt Lake City, as the Chief Genealogical Officer for Family Search. A professional genealogist since 1977, he was accredited in Irish research in 1981. He is a coordinator and instructor at many of the national institutes such as Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and the British Institute.

As the chair of the FGS Records Access and Preservation Committee (RPAC), David is on the forefront of the battle for open access to public records for genealogist and historians.



The WSGS 2013 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Thirty-one awards were given out at the WSGS Conference in Yakima at the end of June. Bob Witherspoon has been a devoted guardian of these awards for years. Unfortunately he had trouble with his ailing computer and was unable to prepare the certificates for the luncheon on Saturday June 29, 2013 at the WSGS Annual Business meeting.



Shortly after that Bob fell and it has further delayed the printing of the certificates and the biographies that this newsletter features after the conference. He is doing well and we are all keeping an eye on him.

As your newsletter editor, I will keep you informed of our progress in getting the information up on the new WSGS website and the certificates to the honorees. Meanwhile, can you help us to identify two of

the individuals in the above photograph and the societies that honored them? Those featured in the photograph are the honorees present at the conference.

Back row: Stephen Baylor, Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society; John Covey, Tri-City Genealogical Society; Eric Stroschein, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, _____ (dark hair and beige blouse); Sabra White, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society; _____ (on the far right print blouse).

Front row: Bonnie Jean MacDonald, WSGS; Betty Thiessen Meloy, Twin Rivers Genealogical Society; Gordon Freeman, Tri-City Genealogical Society; Nancy Adelson, The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State. Your Editor Bonnie BON_MAC@msn.com

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE NEW Website for WSGS?

The address is: wasgs.org.

All the web pages you are used to seeing an 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 Thanks Jerri for all your years of service to WSGS.

**WSGS Is Looking for Volunteers to fill their Board positions!
COME AND JOIN US!**



WSGS Bylaws state that elected positions are only allowed to serve for two 2 year terms which means a total of four years. Our current VP and Treasurer have reached the end of their 4 years and therefore, WSGS needs a **Vice President** and a **Treasurer**. <http://wasgs.org/upload/menu/bylaws-1.pdf>

The Vice President assists the President and acts as a liaison to the Region Representatives. The Treasurer handles the monies of the organization, collects the dues, pays the bills and prepares reports.

Regional Representatives are the communication link to the genealogical societies in that specific area. There is a need for Region Reps for 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8.

Region 2: King and Pierce, Region 3 Clallam, Grays harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Thurston, Region, 4 Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, Region 7 is Ferry, Lincoln, Pen Oreille, Spokane & Stevens, Region 8 is Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan.

Other positions available that are appointed include **Historian** and a new position **Webpage assistant**.

Job descriptions can be found at: <http://wasgs.org/upload/menu/jobdescriptions-1.pdf>

For more information go to the [WSGS Website](#) or contact the [President Mike McKinnon](#) for more details about each position. Current VP Virginia (Ginny) Majewski is head of the Nominating Committee for WSGS. If you have a suggestion or would be interested in serving here is her email: ginnym51@msn.com



Images for the 1921 Canadian Census are appearing online at Ancestry.ca. These are images only because they have not yet completed the indexing but hopefully that will be accomplished by the end of this year. Ancestry.ca is providing these images free for browsing through a partnership with the Library and Archives Canada. <http://www.ancestry.ca/census>

At the Library and Archives website go to this link for more information about the Canadian Census: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/022-911-e.html>

Ancestry.com has the Canadian Census of 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1906, 1911 and 1916. The 1921 is also available for browsing.

Since your editor has family that came from Canada, I took a look at the Ancestry.com version which is connected to the Ancestry.ca and chose Quebec, Pontiac Co. South part, and Chichester Twp. It gave me seventeen pages which is an easy scroll through images. When it brings up something like 450 pages it can be a bit daunting. Sometimes the beginning of the roll will give you a table of contents which you can use to guess how many pages to jump a head. Otherwise you sort of have to guess by jumping ahead by 10 pages or 20. I will see if I can fill out my Great Aunt Nellie's chart a little more? The other option, wait till it is indexed.

Go to one of the links above and enjoy!

Your WSGS Editor

All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is October 15, 2013
for the Nov-Dec 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](mailto:Sue_Ericksen) if you want to post your event.

Sept 21, 2013 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will present Stephen P. Morse in a one day seminar at Kelso, Washington on Internet Searching; the One-Step Website. For details: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/> or for questions lcsoc@yahoo.com

Oct 5 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present a Fall Workshop with numerous speakers. Time: 9 am to 3 pm. Topic: "Getting to Know Your Ancestors: Sources and Methods," <http://www.cwgsi.org/upload/events/Oct2013Flyer.pdf>

Oct 12 Heritage Quest Research Library will present their annual "Autumn Quest." Time 9 am to 3:30 pm. Location: Faith Covenant Church, 1915 Washington St., Sumner, WA. Topic: "A Tour of Futuristic Tools to Help Uncover the Past." Various lectures by Cyndi Howells, Mary Kathryn Kozy and Jim Johnson. <http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html>

Oct 19 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their Fall Workshop with Mary Kathryn Kozy. Time 10 am. Location YVGS Library. More details to follow: <http://www.yvgs.net/events.php>

Oct 26, 2013 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will present their Fall Workshop. The topic will be presented by Eric Strochein, President of the PS-APG Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists and owner of Generations Detectives. He will discuss "Hopping the pond, to Truths and Internet Truths and the tangled webs they weave." Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Location: The Ambulance Shack at the north end of Colville. For more info: <http://www.newgs.org/events.php> Scroll down to find the registration form.

Washington State Genealogical Society

Annual Meeting

Howard Johnson Hotel, 9 North 9th Avenue, Yakima, Washington

June 29, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Mike McKinnon

Minutes of the September 8th, 2012 annual meeting in Port Angeles were read by Secretary Roger Newman. Approved as read.

There are 31 Certificates of Awards. Bob Witherspoon presented awards to those present. WSGS award went to Bonnie Jean MacDonald. Awards for those not present will be mail to them or their society.

Carole Medeiros gave the Treasurers Report and presented the 2014 Budget. The 2014 Budget was approved as presented.

Virginia Majewski gave the vice presidents report. There weren't any Regional Reports available.

Sue Ericksen gave the membership report.

Bonnie MacDonald gave the report on the newsletter. She wants information submitted to her that she can put in the newsletter.

Frank McLean gave report on Pioneer Certificate Program.

Nomination Committee: We need volunteers for the nomination committee for the upcoming election. With some humor President Mike McKinnon asked members to look under their chair to see if they were on the committee. The election will be for Vice-President and Treasurer, Regional Representatives from regions 2, 4, 6, 8.

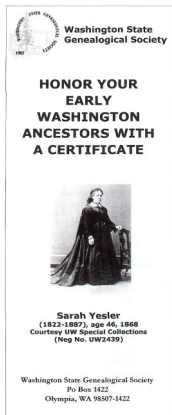
2014 Conference: The 2014 conference will be hosted by the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and the Stillaguamish Genealogical Society in Bow, Washington.

The next annual meeting will be on August 15th or 16th, 2014 in Bow, Washington.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Roger Newman, Secretary





Washington State Pioneer Certificates

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

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

Contact Frank McLean, 3811 McLean Dr., Yakima, WA 98902-3864 or

FrankMcLean67@gmail.com to obtain copies.

Local societies are encouraged to take copies to local libraries, family history centers, genealogical meetings, and more! For those interested in the updated CD-ROM, contact Frank for details.

A Lot is HAPPENING AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY!!!

Genealogy Librarians are available at the Level 9 Desk:

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

Sunday: 1 to 3 pm.

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

Tuesday-Friday: 3 pm & 4 pm.



Sep 2 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Labor Day.

Sep 10 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.

Oct 3, 5, 10, & 24 The Seattle Public Library Join Genealogy Librarian, Mahina Oshie, for an introduction to family history research and an overview of resources available for research in the Seattle area. Sample genealogy charts and bibliographies will be provided in the class. No registration required.

Locations: Columbia Branch: Thursday, October 3, 5-7pm

Central Library: Saturday, October 5, 10am-12pm, Level 4, Room 4

Greenwood Branch: Thursday, October 10, 5-7 pm

Capitol Hill Branch: Thursday, October 24, 5-7 pm

Oct 12, 19, & 26 The Seattle Public Library Join Genealogy Librarian, Mahina Oshie, for an introduction to family history research followed by a workshop. Come with your questions and she'll help you get your family tree started. Sample genealogy charts and bibliographies will be provided in the class. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. No registration required.

Locations: West Seattle Branch: Saturday, October 12, 1:30-5:30pm

Ballard Branch: Saturday, October 19, 10am-2pm

Northgate Branch: Saturday, October 26, 10am-2pm

Oct 17 MOHAI History Café and Genealogy Roadshow. Join genealogy librarians, John LaMont and Mahina Oshie, from The Seattle Public Library for a discussion on Seattle-area resources, tips and tricks for researching your family history – wherever they might come from. Also, get a peek at a new program on KCTS, Genealogy Roadshow. Part detective story and part emotional journey, combining history and science to uncover the fascinating stories of Americans. No registration required.

History Café brings local historians face-to-face with the general public at MOHAI at their new location in Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood (860 Terry Ave N). All History Café events are free to the public, open to all ages, and no history background is required.

National Conference Spotlight

Sept 26-28 the Montana Genealogical Society will hold their 24th Annual State Conference. Topic: "One Leaf at a Time." Time varies each day. Here you will find more details: <http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html>



Oct 4-5 the Minnesota Genealogical Society will present the 6th Annual North Star Family History Conference. Topic: "Discovering and Telling Family History." Guest speaker: Steven Luxenburg. For more information go here: <http://www.mnsgs.org/>

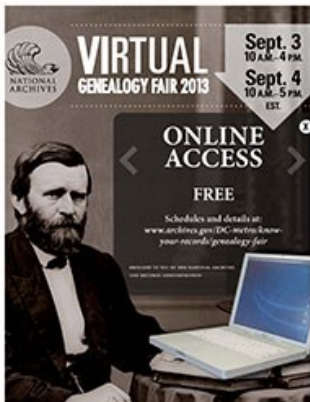
October 7-11, 2013 The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History will present their 2013 British Institute at the Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City. For more information go here: <http://www.isbgfh.org/> Registration is now open!

Check the South King County Genealogical Society webpage for comprehensive list of events at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/natlc.html>

NATIONAL ARCHIVES VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

September 3 & 4, 2013

<http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/genealogy-fair/>



For the first time ever, the National Archives will host a virtual Genealogy Fair with live lectures and chat via the website UStream and a call-in genealogy help line.

Lectures: This two-day program will showcase tips and techniques for using Federal records at the National Archives for genealogy research. Lectures are designed for experienced genealogy professionals and novices alike.

Genealogy Help Line: Call with your genealogy questions during the fair. National Archives staff in Washington, DC, will be available from 1 to 4 pm eastern daylight time (EDT) on September 3 and 4 on our special hotline at 202-357-5420. You may also email us at inquire@nara.gov, or call our Washington, DC, Customer Service Center telephone during regular business hours at 1-866-325-7208.

WHEN: September 3 & 4, 2013

WHO: Speakers include genealogy experts from the National Archives and U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services.

HOW: The National Archives will host the virtual Genealogy Fair via webcast using the website UStream and a call-in genealogy help line. Recorded sessions will be available online after the event. Closed captioning and American sign language interpreters are part of the broadcast.

Go to the above link for more information and in depth details.



UPCOMING GENEALOGICAL 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. DO NOT fail to include the name of your organization in the subject line. Next deadline is October 15, 2013 for the Nov-Dec 2013 issue

Effort is made to be correct with the events listed but not all websites are updated. Many societies close in the summer so it takes time to get back into new year. Check with the society before heading out. Not all Region 1 presentations were included because of a lack of space and time. Contact Steve Baylor s.baylor@comcast.net for info.

Remember all libraries will be closed on Labor Day, September 2, 2013 and maybe the whole weekend.

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sept 6 to Dec 9 Heritage Quest Research Library will present their Fall schedule of classes. Some classes are free others require a \$15.00 fee. Go here for more details <http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html>

Sept 7 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present "Court and Probate Records," by Susan Beamer. Time: 1 pm to 3 pm. Location: Spokane Public Library Auditorium.

Sept 7 Belfair Chapter, Puget Sound Genealogy Society will present "Cemetery Walk," at 700 NE Sand Hill Rd., Belfair for the Twin Firs Cemetery. Time: 12:30 pm.

Sept 7 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will present their monthly meeting. Topic: "Indian Ruins in the Western U.S.—A Video Tour," by Gerry Shepard. Time: 10:15 am. Location: YVGS Library, 1901 So. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA.

Sept 10 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will present their "Annual Show and Tell—Genealogical Discoveries This Summer." Time: 6 pm. Location: Tacoma Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma, WA.

Sept 11 Tri-City Genealogical Society will present "Mama Said," by Susan Faulkner. Time 7 pm. Location: 7820 W Sixth Ave, Kennewick, WA.

Sept 11 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will present "When Your Ox is in the Ditch," by Helen Swords. Time 1:30 pm. Location: Family History Center at 260 E. Juniper St., Colville, WA.

Sept 12 Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. The topic is: "Genealogy Online Through The King County Library System," by Darcy Brixey, librarian at Bellevue. Location: Bellevue Public Library, 1111—110th Ave NE. Time: 6:30 pm to 9 pm. They are back at the Bellevue library after the renovations.

Sept 12 Twin Rivers Genealogy Society will present "How to Use Family Tree," by Phyllis Van Hoff. Time: 7 pm. Location: Orchards United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, ID.

Sept 14 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will present "Pictures in a Strong Box: A Brick Wall Study," by Renee Briggs. Time: 1 pm. Location: Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, OR.

Sept 14 Clallam County Genealogical Society will present "Religious Records," by Virginia Majewski. Time: 9:30 am. Location: First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 105 W. 6th, Port Angeles, WA.

Sept 17 Lewis County Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. The topic is: "The Oregon Trail with Historical Markers in Lewis County," by Karen Johnson. Time: 7 pm. Location: PUD meeting room, 321 NW Pacific Ave., Chehalis, WA.

Sept 18—Nov 20 Fiske Genealogical Library will present their Fall Schedule of Classes. There is a fee of \$5.00 for use of the library for non-members. Time: 10 am to 12 noon. Location: Fiske Library, 1644 43rd Ave E., Seattle, WA. For more details go here: <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/2013Fallclasses.htm>

Sept 20 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present "In Service—Life Downstairs," a living history performance by Tames Allen. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Library.

Sept 21 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will hold their annual "Walking With Ancestors: Remembering the Iron Horse Era in Spokane." Time: 10 am to 3 pm. Location: Greenwood Memorial Terrace Cemetery, Spokane, WA. <http://www.ewgsi.org/>

Sept 21 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will present "Integrating DNA Information and Genealogy," by Mary Kathryn Kozy. Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum, WA.

Sept 21 South King County Genealogical Society will have their general meeting. Time: 9:30 am. Location: First Baptist Church of Kent, 114. The October 19th general meeting is the same.

Sept 23 Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State will present "Potpourri of Search Tools" and "Case study: Genealogy of Renee Kaufman," presented by Stephen Morse. Free Admission. Time: 6 pm. Location: New location: LDS Church in Factoria, 4200 124th Ave. SE., Bellevue, WA.

Sept 24 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will present "Researching African American Genealogy," by Martha Collins. Time: 7 pm. Location: Burlington Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington

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Oct 3 Lower Columbia Genealogy Society will present "Land Records," by Alice Sanders. Time: 7 pm., Location: Somerset Retirement Apartments 2025 Tibbets Drive, Longview, WA.

Oct 7 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting. Topic: "Turning Paper into People: Creating a Lasting Family History," by Janet Camarata. Time: 7 pm. Location the KCGS Library at 413 N. Main St., Ellensburg, WA.

Oct 9 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will present "Finding Institutional Records," by Karen Struve. Time: 1:30 pm. Location: Family History Center at 260 E. Juniper St, Colville, WA.

Oct 9 Tri-City Genealogical Society will present "An Evening with Donna," by Donna Potter Phillips, Spokane, WA. Time 7 pm. Location: Parkview Estates 7820 W Sixth Ave, Kennewick, WA.

Oct 10 The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Topic is: "DNA Testing and Interpreting Results," by Diane Harman-Hoog a DNA Search Angel. Time: 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Location: Bellevue Regional Library, 1111—110th Ave NE.

Oct 10 Twin Rivers Genealogy Society will present "A Continuing Story: Living in the Cradle of Idaho's History," by Steven Branting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Orchards United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, ID.

Oct 12 Clallam County Genealogical Society will present "The Pension Request from the War of 1812," by Raymond Madsen. Time: 9:30 am. Location: Raymond Carver Room, North Olympic Library, 2210 S. Peabody St., Port Angeles, WA.

Oct 12 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will present "Instead of the Internet," by Terri Earl. Time: 1 pm. Location: Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, OR.

Oct 12 Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will host a field trip to the Family History Center in Burien. Location: 14022 Ambaum Blvd., SW, Seattle, WA. Time 10 am. <http://www.psapg.org/meetings.html>

Oct 15 Lewis County Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. The topic will be presented by the Elder Roy Wilson of the Cowlitz Tribe. Time: 7 pm. Location: PUD meeting room, 321 NW Pacific Ave., Chehalis, WA.

Oct 18 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present "Problem Solving for your Research," by BIGS members. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Library.

Oct 19 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will present Susan Karen, Director of Archival Operations, National Archives at Seattle. Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum, WA.

Oct 22 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will have the Annual meeting, board elections and a Brick Wall discussion. Time: 7 pm. Location: Burlington Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington

Oct 26 Whitman County Genealogical Society will have a program on the Washington Rural Heritage project by Patti Cammack, Whitman Co., Library and Wanda Alderman, library volunteer. Time: 10:30 am. Location: Bishop Place Retirement Independent Living Social Room, 811 SE Klemgard Ave, Pullman, WA.

GENEALOGY SPOTLIGHT

The Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island won the WSGS Website award in 2012. It is true they have a great website: <http://www.gsswi.org/index.shtml> They started as a genealogy club in 1994 and became incorporated as a nonprofit in 1999.

They have their pages on Island County Data which covers: Obituaries, Cemeteries, and two name indexes. They have their Surname Research Index and a lot more areas on their website to explore. They will prove look up services.

They are very active and have coming up on September 9th at 1 pm "Introduction to Norwegian Family Research" by Jan Sjavik. In October on the 14th they have Roger Sherman who will share his knowledge of Whidbey Island History.

In addition they have classes both beginner and intermediate. They also sponsor field trips.

The sepia toned photographs are wonderful. Check them OUT!

Society Officers Across Washington State

As of August 2013

Region 4—UPDATED per LCGS submission

Lewis County Genealogical Society

President: Teresa Parnell-Jordan

VP: Patty Olsen

Secretary: Joann Hulse

Treasurer: Leslie Parnell

Region 6

Tri-City Genealogical Society

President: John Covey

Vice Pres/Programs: Janet McKinnon

Secretary: Gigi Bare

Treasurer: Bob Reid

Twin Rivers Genealogical Society

President: Jill Nock

Co-Vice Presidents: Lee & Rae Von Flerchinger

Secretary: Sally Wassmuth

Treasurer: Kerry Kasza

Whitman County Genealogical Society—no officers listed on the website.

Region 7

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society

President: Donna Potter Phillips

Vice Pres: Mary Holcomb

Treasurer: Doris Monson

Recording Sec: Dianne Bongarts

Corresponding Sec: Diane Barthell

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

President: Karen Struve

Vice Pres: Susan Dechant

Treasurer: Sue Witham

Recording Sec: Sharon Wilson

Corresponding Sec: Helen Sowards

Region 8—no officers listed on the websites in this region.

Please be advised that if your website is not updated the officers listed or not listed will be posted as they appear.



WSGS LOCAL SPEAKERS DIRECTORY



Sign up and share!

Are you interested in sharing your knowledge about genealogy with others? Then you need to sign up as a lecturer on the WSGS Local Speakers Directory.

<http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=10>

There are 5 steps to signing up.

<http://wasgs.org/upload/files/speakersbureau Signup form.pdf>

1. Fill out the form available at the WSGS Website
2. Consider the counties or areas you would be willing to travel to. Select the region numbers.
3. Consider your Fee range and select a letter.
4. Write your speakers biography/narrative.
5. Submit your form to Bonnie Jean MacDonald, WSGS Newsletter Editor at BON_MAC@msn.com or mail it to the address indicated on the form.

Make sure you check your information on a yearly basis to keep it fresh and up-to-date.

NEED A SPEAKER for your NEXT Meeting!

Check this link out to the Local Speaker Narratives at the WSGS Website:

<http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=10>

Here are a list of some of the speakers available and they are all local talent.

- Stephen Baylor, past president of WSGS and Stilaguamish Genealogical Society. Current Region 1 Representative.
- Claudia Breland, member of PS-APG Chapter of APG. She has been lecturing at the various libraries in the South King County area.
- Jim Johnson of the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner and member of PS-APG.
- Mary Kathryn Kozy, member of PS-APG and the Jewish Genealogical Society.
- Steven W. Morrison also a member of PS-APG and past President of the Olympic Genealogical Society.
- Eric Stroschein President of the PS-APG Chapter of APG.

There are more: Rosie Boden, Ken Burchell, Susan Faulkner, Lethene Parks, Donna Potter Phillips, Laura Spaar and Margaret R. Summitt.

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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.

Please be aware that there is construction on Sandpoint Way. Check the above link for more details.

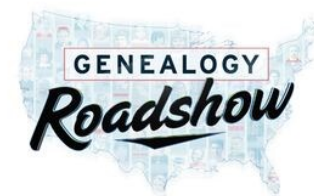
GENEALOGY ROADSHOW on PBS

September 23 to October 14, 2013

9 pm to 10 pm

<http://www.pbs.org/about/news/archive/2013/genealogy-roadshow-natl/>

“GENEALOGY ROADSHOW’s premiere season will feature participants from four American cities — Nashville, Austin, Detroit and San Francisco — who want to explore unverified genealogical claims, passed down through family history, that may (or may not) connect them to an event or a historical figure. These cities were chosen as American crossroads of culture, diversity, industry and history, with deep pools of potential participants and stories. After participants are chosen, experts in genealogy, history and DNA will use family heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents and other clues to hunt down more information. These experts will enlist the help of local historians to add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes a clue in solving the mystery.....etc.”



Your Genealogical Research!

Who will inherit it and who will be the custodian after you are Gone? (Continued)

In the last article I wrote I was still working on getting my genealogical papers and records scanned into the computer. I have reached a pausing point in this process because of summer and dealing with thyroid cancer treatments. However, I need to get back to it and here is a partial list:

1. Getting my computer files organized.
2. Updating and making sure I have sourced my research to my Legacy Database
3. Photograph the scrapbooks so I can share them
4. Finish up any other papers and documents that need scanning.
4. Go through the remaining binders to get them in order all 39 of them. Remember I had 83 binders.



The next step is to determine what to do with what is left:

I found this article at **Michael Tormey's "Legacy Blog,"**

"How to Protect and Preserve Your Genealogical Research after Your OWN Death,"
dated April 28, 2013.

<http://legacy-blog.com/2013/04/28/how-to-protect-and-preserve-your-genealogical-research-after-your-own-death/>

It is a great article and much better than I could write. Here are the topics he discusses with a little quick summary by me.

Topics:

- Value is Subjective: Anotherwords, what I value is not what another values.
- Focus on Preserving a Legacy: Instead of charts, breath life into your family history.
- Publish Your Results: write your genealogy in an article, book, blog etc.
- Donate Work of Historical Value to a Library: This could be tricky and you might have to do a little research to see what a genealogical society, library or archive would accept?
- Identify a Family Successor: You may or may not be able to do this?
- Pass Materials on Before Your Demise: Again this might be a tough one.
- Disseminate Select Copies of Materials to All Family Members: I need to do more of this step.
- Don't overlook your Own Story: I have done a great deal on this part, what about you?

Here are other articles that might be of interest featured on the blog: **Genealogy Star.**

Be prepared to be upset if you value your genealogical work. He describes the legal value of the items and it is scary. I am hoping these articles will kick start you into thinking about the future and all the money and work you have done on your genealogy. Mr. Tanner is a lawyer so he has a very interesting perspective.

<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2013/05/what-are-your-post-death-digital-rights.html>

<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2013/03/what-will-happen-to-your-genealogy.html>

<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2013/03/what-will-really-happen-to-your.html>

Meanwhile I have this 19 page checklist that I have to work on to get my genealogical into the shape I want and in the way I want. I know it sounds bad but it really isn't most is already done.

Your WSGS Editor Bonnie



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