

Washington State Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER



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Next WSGS Board Meeting
January 11, 2014, weather
permitting, augmented by
Google Hangout.
9 am to 3 pm

Yakima Valley Genealogical
Society Library
in Union Gap

The Public is Welcome!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD...

This past year has been an experience with twists and turns that were not expected. I appreciated the resilience of those that have helped us through many of them.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society stepped up to host the 2014 conference. They have put in a great deal of effort into managing the conference and securing an outstanding list of speakers. They were joined by their neighboring society, Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society, in the early stages of conference planning. As the conference plans have progressed, the venue changed from a Skagit venue to the Arlington High School Performing Arts Center. Stilly has also been successful in obtaining a substantial grant from Snohomish County. It makes it easier to manage the venue and grants if the local society, in this case Stilly, is conference host. Skagit has gracefully allowed this to take place by graciously stepping aside from being conference hosts so local administration of the venue and grants can be done by the local society and residents. I am most grateful for the foundation Skagit has built for a successful conference and wish Stilly and the State success in following through with the effort.

Initially, David Rencher was scheduled to be our primary conference speaker. Recently, he found that his work with FamilySearch required him to attend a conference in Oslo, Norway at the same time of our conference. The conference committee tried to change the date of the conference but the venue was booked for alternate dates. David Rencher then stepped forward and secured an alternate speaker for us, Josh Taylor. Josh is the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Data Strategy Manager covering the United States and Canada for findmypast.com. He has been the featured genealogist on the hit PBS show, *Genealogy Roadshow* and NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Sarah Jessica Parker, Ashley Judd, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe. I am grateful for David Rencher's effort in finding a great replacement speaker for our conference.

I am grateful for those who helped me in the recovery of the WSGS Volunteer Awards after Bob Witherspoon passed away. A special thanks goes out to Roxanne Lowe for her help. I apologize to those we may have missed.

I am also grateful for the resources that FGS has put on their website to help us in managing our local societies. I recommend that you visit their site <http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=30> and view the several webinars associated with society management. Last time I checked there were five webinars available:

Three 2013 webinars by George G. Morgan:

How to Develop and Implement Affordable Membership Benefits, Harness the Power of Email in Your Society, and The Shape of the 21st Century Genealogical Society.

One 2011 webinar by Joshua Taylor: *Your Society's Next Generation: Reaching Out to New Communities*, and

One 2011 webinar by Thomas MacEntee: *Social Networking for Genealogy Societies.*

Mike McKinnon, WSGS President

WSGS Elections for 2013 are in!

Donna Potter Phillips will take on the role of Vice President from Ginny Majewski who will assume the role of Region #3 Rep (Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason and Thurston). Kathryn Bowen will take on the treasurer's duties from Carole Medeiros who will become the Education Chair. Linda Patton will continue as Region #4 Rep (Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum), and Janet McKinnon will continue as Region #6 Rep (Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Walla Walla, Whitman).

WSGS would like to extend a big thank you to Carole and Ginny for their service to WSGS.



Washington State Genealogy Conference

2014

August 15th and 16th

At the Byrnes Performing Art Center and
Arlington High School

18821 Crown Ridge Blvd

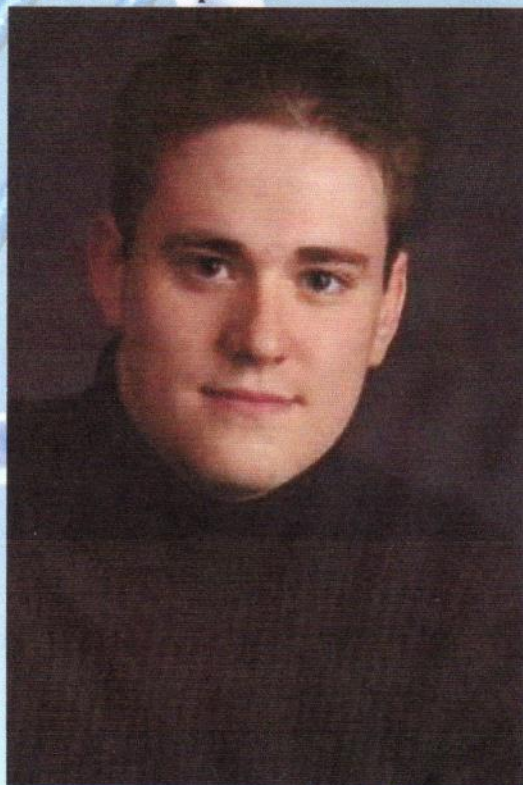
Arlington Washington



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<http://stillygen.org>



Program Change Announcement: Due to an unforeseen conflict David Rencher will not be able to speak at the 2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference. The silver lining to this disappointing change of events is that Joshua Taylor of hit shows *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *The Genealogy Roadshow* will be our new main speaker.



D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Data Strategy Manager – United States and Canada for DC Thomson Family History, and a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. A frequent speaker at genealogical societies, libraries, and other organizations, his previous speaking engagements include the Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conferences, the National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and RootsTech. He has authored articles in *American Ancestors*, *UGA Crossroads*, *FGS Forum*, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, and *New England Ancestors*, and was a columnist for *Digital Genealogist*. Joshua is the former Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Joshua is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including RootsTech's Distinguished Presenter Award, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit, and the Rubincam Youth Award from the National Genealogical Society. He holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and has been featured genealogist on the hit PBS show, *Genealogy Roadshow* and NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Sarah Jessica Parker, Ashley Judd, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe.

As if Josh Taylor wasn't enough...check out our fantastic lineup of speakers and presentations.

Luana Darby of Salt Lake City will be speaking on fraternal society records and German Immigrant records.	Steven W. Morrison with two classes. One on genealogical writing and the other on using manuscripts.
Mary Kathryn Kozy will have two presentations on DNA covering MtDNA, YDNA, and Autosomal.	Donna Potter Phillips will get people primed with her two lectures on the fundamentals of genealogy.
Margie Beldin will pass along her knowledge of technology and genealogy with two topics.	Susan Faulkner is slated for two programs about getting more from census records and vital records.
Janet Camarata will do her fantastic program on using timelines to advance your research.	Patty MacNamee of NARA will present ethnic records at the National Archives.
Jill Morelli's class on self-publishing is a must see and you won't want to miss it.	Teresa Schulze's fun presentation on digital scrapbooking is a favorite of many.
Eric Stroschein with his four session workshop that shows researchers how use the Genealogical Proof Standard following a family's relationships from basic to advanced.	

WOW! ... What an incredible conference. 2 Days, 24 Classes

To stay informed go to <http://stillygen.org>

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Bob Witherspoon, His Service to Washington State Genealogical Society

The first time I encountered Bob Witherspoon was in Port Angeles at the Washington State Genealogical Society Conference (WSGS) June 21-22, 2002, hosted by the Clallam County Genealogical Society. Bob Witherspoon was the President of the Washington State Genealogical Society at that time and he ran the business meeting during the lunch hour. Here is what I wrote about the event:



We headed to Port Angeles and settled in at the Portsmouth Inn. This was probably the first time any of us had attended a Washington State Genealogical Convention. My friend and I had been to the National Genealogical Conference in Portland about a year earlier. This conference was small compared to the national version. The exhibitor section was very tiny. The format of the conference was a guest speaker on Friday evening. The next day is the bulk of the conference. It consists of a series of 1 hour lectures throughout the day. You select the lectures you are interested in usually from among 3 topics for each time period. The conference was from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It doesn't seem long but it is intense. I enjoyed it very much. I remember a college campus and the syllabus has Peninsula College as the location. I was very impressed with the speakers and the selection of classes.

Fast forward years later 2008, I was invited to become a Regional Representative for the Washington State Genealogical Society and I sat at the board table with Bob Witherspoon and others. He was stepping down as the Treasurer a position he had held for about 4 years. He was continuing to head the Volunteer Committee and awards. He was always encouraging to me as new member. He was always friendly. We served on several committees together during the board retreats in June and we seemed to have the same philosophy. I know Bob knew more about genealogy than I did but he never made me inferior.

I later took on the newsletter editorship for WSGS beginning 2010. We were chatting at one of the board meetings and I told him I was afraid that when I folded the newsletter it would rip. About a week later I received a package in the mail and it was a "bone" tool made of ivory that he said I could use and it would not rip the newsletter. This kind simple gesture was more appreciated than Bob would know. I

was told by the former newsletter editor that Bob use to work with her on the newsletter and edit it very carefully. He gently mentioned to me that it was Whatcom Genealogical Society and to remove the County. He would let me know when I did a good job on the newsletter as well as bring to my attention articles of interest.

He did serve as Region #1 Representative before becoming President out of that experience it could be that the calendar for Region 1 via their Google Groups was born. I consulted that events calendar for it is in a format I can cut and paste into the newsletter with minimal editing.

Bob headed the Volunteer Awards, and we worked together getting articles in the newsletter to announce the deadlines for submission. Bob would also help me identify the recipients in my pictures. He held that position for 10 years. I really missed him this year of 2013.

Bob also struggled with the WSGS Journal for about 3 years. He was trying to get quality genealogy articles in this journal but he ending up redoing them himself and it was too much so it was decided that the journal would be discontinued. I am sure it was a blow to him.

Bob was also passionate about keeping records open. He was very concerned about the candidates for the Washington Secretary of State in the 2012 elections and their position on open records and the future of the Washington State Digital Archives. He literally wrote to the candidates himself to get their stand on this important issue.

The Bellingham Herald had a great article on Bob back in October 2013. Here is the link which will probably go away soon. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bellinghamherald/obituary.aspx?pid=167587320> Bob was a retired USAF CMSgt.

Bob was always there and would answer his emails in a timely manner and was willing to help. Thanks so much Bob Witherspoon, you will be missed.



The Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

NeWGS is located in Colville, WA and they just celebrated the culmination of a 2-year project for which they are very proud. Two years ago their chief researcher, Susan Dechant, began researching the names of the war casualties that appear on the military monument which stands in front of the Stevens County Courthouse in Colville. There were 149 names on the monument. These were soldiers who lost their lives defending our freedoms from World War I through Vietnam. During that research, Susan discovered 16 more names of other casualties that were not on the monument; some from the current wars. That project then led NeWGS to updating the monument. They raised the funds (assisted by Gordy & Karen Struve, Gary Sheehan, and Jim Witham) and got the monument updated in time to be re-dedicated by the American Legion on Veterans Day this year. This was truly a monumental project! Go to the NeWGS website at www.newgs.org to read the full story.



Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
Proudly Covering Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille Counties



NeWGS members who attended the re-dedication, (L-R): Sid Bardwell, Jackie Franks, Virginia Jensen, Karen Struve, Gary Sheehan, Susan Dechant, Mary Ann Schrader, Lora Rose, Susan Richart, Irene Thompson, Claire Bardwell. (Gordy Struve, who is behind the camera.)

Submitted by Gordy Struve of NeWGS

Have You Dreamed of Going on a CRUISE?

**Legacy Family Tree Software (Millennia) sponsors them each year.
It is a chance to mix genealogy education with exploring the world.**

Janet Camarata had the opportunity to do that this past year. She took the Legacy Cruise to the Panama Canal September to October 2013. Legacy is already featuring the 2014 cruise. This link is to the Panama Canal cruise which will probably disappear soon: http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo_2013.asp



Janet shared several images from the cruise among them Megan Smolyenak giving a talk. See page 5 for more information on Janet's activities at the Genealogy Training Center in Kent.



EVALUATION OF THREE GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



Evaluation of Three
Genealogy Education
Options for the
Northwest

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 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 schedule a speaker to make a presentation to YOUR society. Contact any of the following: **Janet O'Conor 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.

OPEN HOUSE at the GENEALOGY TRAINING CENTER

Saturday January 11, 2014 2 pm to 4 pm

The Genealogy Training Center (GTC) is designed to help genealogists understand the genealogy research process, the availability of records on-line and off-line, the way to interpret the information found and to capture the information into a record of their own family history.

Location: IBEW Local No. 46, Computer Lab, 19802 62nd Ave. S. Kent, WA.

Each class is two hours long. The instructors are [Janet O'Conor Camarata](#) and [Winona Laird](#).

For more information contact: janet@genealogyintodayworld.com.

Classes are forming for January 2014 covering topics such as: Google Searching, Google Maps, Newspaper research, and Basic Genealogy.

We're on the Web! <http://genealogyintodayworld.com>



All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is February 15, 2014
for the March/April 2014 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.

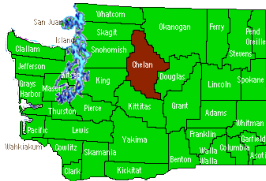
March 15 to 16, 2014 The Irish Festival will be held at the Seattle Center Armory (Center House Main Floor), go here for more information: <http://seattlecenter.com/festal/> or go here <http://www.irishclub.org/>

March 15, 2014 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will present their Annual Seminar. Time: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Doors open 9 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center, 10 West Valley Road, Chimacum, WA. Cost \$30. Guest speaker will be Leslie Brinkley Lawson a Forensic Genealogist. Go here for more info: <http://wajcgs.org/annual-seminar/>

April 12, 2014 the Olympia Genealogical Society will host Christine Rose CG, CGL, FASG at their Spring Seminar. Location: the DoubleTree by Hilton (formerly The Phoenix Inn. To learn more about Christine go here: <http://www.christine4rose.com/> Go here for more news on the seminar: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/seminars.htm>

April 12, 2014 the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Seminar. Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Location: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Dr., Yakima, WA. Guest speakers Pam & Rick Sayre. Topic: "What's at the Courthouse and more?" <http://www.yvgs.net/eventListings.php?nm=74>

April 19, 2014 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will host their Spring Seminar. Guest Speaker is Dick Eastman who is the creator of Eastman's Online Newsletter. Location: La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1425 East 27th St., Tacoma. Go here for more information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>



GENEALOGY SPOTLIGHT: It has been a goal of your WSGS Newsletter Editor to feature the genealogical societies throughout Washington State in this newsletter. When Donna sent this too me I knew it had to go into the newsletter.

Donna writes: "This past November 9, 2013, I spent a delightful day with the Chelan Valley Genealogical Society. Maureen Taylor White, president of the group, (see photo to right) invited me to come share some genealogical thoughts with them. We met in the brand new Chelan Public Library. The library has given the group space for their book collection, desk space for a computer and they plan to have a member/helper there at least one day per week to help library patrons with their family history. The library has a small classroom that the CVGS can use for their monthly meetings.



The Chelan Valley Genealogy Society dates back to 1990 when Maureen returned to her home town, quickly saw and realized the need for a genealogy society and in October of 1990 they signed up 40 charter members! (The then president and vice-president of WSGS came to help found the group.)

The November 9, 2013 meeting was billed as a "Day with Donna" and the public was invited. From this CVGS gained a nice group of new members, so please be advised that the Chelan Valley Genealogical Society is quite alive and well and is thriving.

The photos show Maureen Taylor White, president of CVGS, and Susan McKinnon giving a plug for the Family Story Boards to be placed in the Chelan Valley Museum. Many in the group are third and fourth generation descendants of original settlers to the valley and these story boards are to proudly show that heritage.



For information about this great little group, please contact them at cvgsinfo@juno.com. The quote on the front of their brochure reads (quoting a Chinese proverb):

"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root."

Submitted by Donna Potter Phillips, WSGS Vice-President

National Conference Spotlight

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



Jan 10 to the 11th, 2014 The Professional Management Conference of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PMC) will hold their 2014 at the Radisson in downtown Salt Lake City. The theme is: Embracing Innovation and Opportunity. Registration is now open: <http://apgen.org/blog/2013/10/22/registration-now-open-for-pmc-2014-embracing-innovation-and-opportunity/> This conference is open to members of APG and also non-members. <http://www.apgen.org/conferences/>

Jan 13 to the 17th, 2014 the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) will present advanced genealogical courses at the Radisson in downtown Salt Lake City. Go here for more information: <http://ugagenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=42>

February 6 to the 8th, 2014 Rootstech 2014 will hold their conference at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. For details go here: <https://rootstech.org/>

March 24 to the 29th, 2014 The Forensic Genealogy Institute will hold their classes at the Wyndham Love Field Hotel at 3300 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX. Here is their link: <http://www.forensicgenealogists.org/forensic-genealogy-institute.html>

May 7 to 10 National Genealogical Society Conference will be held in Richmond, VA. The theme is “The First Frontier.” Registration is now open at: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Tri-City Genealogical Society Honors their members

Tri-City Genealogical Society presented recognitions for “Extra Mile Service” at the annual business meeting November 13, 2013. Pat Ballowe was honored for support of the Society holdings. She maintains the listings of micro fiche, micro films, periodicals and books. Linda Stephen has given support to the Publications Committee. She is an outstanding proof reader and supporter. Others were recognized for service. Washington State Genealogical Society State awards were presented to John Covey and Gordon Freeman. Veronica Anguiano was recognized as having been honored by the Office of the Secretary of State for volunteer service.



Linda Stephens receives the TCGS “Extra Mile Award” from Janet McKinnon TCGS Vice President



Veronica Anguiano was recognized by the Washington State Digital Archives for volunteer service



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. PLEASE INCLUDE the name of your organization in the subject line. Next deadline is February 15, 2014 for the March/April 2014 issue.

JANUARY 2014

Jan 4 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society holds their annual luncheon. Time 11:45 to 3 pm. Location: Timber Creek Buffett, 9211 E. Montgomery Ave., Spokane, WA. There will be a presentation given by Don McLaughlin.

Jan 4 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 10 am. Location YVGS Library. Topic: "Using the Family Bible as a Genealogical Resource," by Susan Davis Faulkner.

Jan 8 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will hold morning Computer Interest Group classes at 10:30 am in the basement of the Colville Library. At 1:30 pm the general meeting will start in the basement of the LDS Church on Juniper St. in Colville. Topic: "Land Record Successes."

Jan 8 Tri-City Genealogy Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Parkview Estates, 7820 W. Sixth Ave, Kennewick, WA. Topic: "FamilySearch Tree for Everyone," by Jenny Prichard.

Jan 9 Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 7 to 9 pm. Location: Bellevue Regional Library, Room 1, 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue. Topic: "Helping to Solve Brick Walls." Doors open 6:30 pm.

Jan 9 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbets Drive, Longview, WA. Topic: "Follow up to Steve Morse Presentation."

Jan 9 Olympia Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg. 1, Room 152. Topic: "Getting Major Genealogical Education Programs to the West Coast," presented by Steven W. Morrison, APG and PS-APG.

Jan 9 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society will take a tour of the Lewiston City Library. Time: 7 pm.

Jan 11 Clallam County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: Trinity Methodist Church, 100 N. Blake Ave., Sequim, WA. Topic: "Tracking Tips or Suggestions for tracking down ancestors gleaned from 40 years of genealogical research."

Jan 11 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: Timberland Regional Library, 420 7th St., Hoquiam, WA. The program will be installation of the new officers and brainstorming of ideas for 2014 programs.

Jan 13 the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: 1:30 pm. Location: Douglas PUD Auditorium, 1511 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee. Topic: Webinar: "Guidelines for Evaluating Genealogical Evidence," by Linda Woodward Geiger.

Jan 13 the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will hold their meeting. Time: 1 pm. Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland, WA. Topic: "Using Newspapers in your Genealogical Research," by Doreen Johnson.

Jan 14 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their regular meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Bates Technical College, 2201 South 78th St., Tacoma, WA. Topic: "Exploring German Genealogy," by Karen & David Purtee.

Jan 14, Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers will present "Writing Your Memoirs," by Teru Lundsten. Feb. 11 they will have "Ship passenger lists and beyond," by Laura Sparr. Check out their new website: <http://wigs.webplus.net/index.html>

Jan 15 Heritage Quest Research Society will start their classes for the Winter. Time: 10 am. Location: HQRL Library in Sumner. Topic: "Beginning Family History Research," by Dee Haviland Fournier. This class is free. Jan 20 will cover "Beginning Irish Research" at 1 pm, \$15. fee. January 24 at 6 pm "Integrating DNA Information and Genealogy," by Mary Kathryn Kozy, \$15,00 fee.

Jan 15 Seattle Genealogical Society will present "Military Records 101." Time: 1 pm. Location: SGS Library. See their website for other classes and activities listed throughout the month.

Jan 17 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library. Topic: "Kicking off the New Year, a sharing of goals and interests."

Jan 18 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 9:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center, 10 West Valley Road, Chimacum, WA. Topic: "Is the Economy Stupid," by Bev Brice.

Jan 18 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. Topic: "The Genealogy Proof Standard," by David Liesse.

Jan 22 Fiske Genealogical Library will start their Winter Classes. More information will be found at their website: <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/>

Jan 22 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: 1 pm. Location: Sylvan Way Library. 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA. Topic: "Do you have Huguenot Ancestry?" Presented by Marissa and Peggy Goldenman members of the Huguenot Society of Washington State.

Jan 28 Clark County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 12 pm. Location: 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. Topic: "Using the Find A Grave Website," by Barbara Sigler.



Washington State Genealogical Events continued:

FEBRUARY 2014

Feb 1 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will hold a book auction. Social time: 12:30. Location: Spokane Public Library Auditorium. Meeting starts at 1 pm.

Feb 1 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: YVGS Library. Topic: "Grave Robbers," by Paul Schafer.

Feb 7 Heritage Quest Research Library will continue with weekly classes. Time: 6 pm., Location: HQRL 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA. Fee \$15.00. Topic: "Organizing Your Genealogical Findings," by Jean McLean. Feb 14 at 1 pm, "Migration Trails," by Dee Haviland Fournier, Fee \$15. Feb 22 at 10 am "Getting to Know FamilySearch," with Mary K. Kozy, Fee \$15.00. Feb 24 "BookSmarts: Online Resources for Genealogists," by Janet Camarata. Fee \$15.00.

Feb 8 Clallam County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church, 925 Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA. Topic: TBA. There are afternoon classes at 1 pm to 3:45 offered by Jim Johnson, \$25.00 for members, \$30 for non-members. Check their website for more information.

Feb 10 the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will hold their meeting. Time: 1 pm. Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland, WA. Topic: "Irish Research: Searching for Tools to Break Down Your Brick Walls," by Eva Doherty Gremmert.

Feb 10 the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington will hold a meeting. Time: doors open 6 pm, meeting starts 7:30 pm. Location: LDS Factoria Building, 4200 124th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA. Topic: Darcy L. Brixey from the Bellevue Public Library will talk about the new Online System & Resources. January 13 meeting TBA.

Feb 11 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their regular meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Bates Technical College, 2201 South 78th St., Tacoma, WA. Topic: "Early Settlers & History of Vashon Island," by Jean Findley.

Feb 12 the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will present their meeting. Time: 1:30 pm. Location: 260 E. Juniper St., Colville, WA. Topic: "Evergreen Cemetery Resurrected," by Gordy Struve.

Feb 12 Tri-City Genealogy Society will hold their general meeting. Location: Richland Family History Center and open house. Not sure about the time so check their website before heading out.

Feb 13 Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 7 to 9 pm. Location: Bellevue Regional Library, Room 1, 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA. Topic: TBA. Doors open 6:30 pm.

Feb 13 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbets Drive, Longview, WA. Topic: "What's in a Name? Or Our Family Didn't Spell it that Way," by Alice Sanders.

Feb 13 Olympia Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Dinner. The topic is a special event: "Our Trip to France," by Karen Purtee. Check the website for location details.

Feb 15 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 9:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center (10 West Valley Road, Chimacum, WA. Topic: "Using Dialogue, images, and reflection in your writing..." by Shelia Bender.

Feb 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. Topic: "I've Had My DNA Tested. Now What?" by Mary Kathryn Kozy.

Feb 16 Seattle Genealogical Society will present on a Sunday at 11:30 am, "GPS Element #1: Reasonably Exhaustive Search," by Ed Godfrey. This is a 5 classes series through to May 2014. On Feb 23 they will have their Post Valentine's Day Open House at 11 am to 3 pm. Open to all. Location: Seattle Genealogical Society Library.

Feb 21 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library. Topic: "Researching in England," by Patty Tharpe, Judith Rogerson & Claire Smith.

Eastman's Online Genealogy News for December 15, 2013 featured this article:

ORAL FAMILY HISTORY CAN BE LOST IN THREE GENERATIONS...

Aaron Holt, archives technician at the National Archives Fort Worth, said it is not unusual for genealogists today to have conflicting stories about an ancestor if oral history was not passed down in a deliberate way through the generations. "I tell people all the time that it only takes three generations to lose a piece of oral family history," Holt said. "It must be purposely and accurately repeated over and over again through the generations to be persevered for a genealogist today. Go here for more on this article at the Examiner.com: <http://www.examiner.com/article/oral-family-history-can-be-lost-three-generations>

LOOKING AROUND FOR A WAY TO GET MORE GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION?

Why not try a Webinar?

Legacy Family Tree has just announced their Free Webinar Schedule for 2014, Yes, I said FREE!

Here is what is up for January 2014

What's New In Legacy Family Tree 8, by Geoff Rasmussen.

Are You a GOON: What is a One-Name Study and Why Do One?
By Kirsty Gray

Too Many with the Same Name, by Karen Clifford

Irish Research 101, by Judy Wight

Ten Reasons Your Ancestor Was in Canada, by Kathryn L. Hogan.

For what is coming up and how to sign up, just go here:

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

Associate Program

<http://www.wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=19>

With the end of 2013 just around the corner it's time to be thinking about 2014 associate memberships in the Washington State Genealogical Society. Under this program people in your society can join WSGS for only \$10 instead of the usual \$12. Associate memberships need to be arranged by your local society. Your membership committee offers the memberships in January and February then sends contact information to the state membership chairperson, Sue Ericksen. Your treasurer sends a check to WSGS headquarters in Yakima at \$8 per membership and keeps the extra \$2 for your local treasury. If you collect ten or more WSGS memberships then your society dues for 2012 are waived. The bargain gets even better.

The 2014 WSGS conference and annual meeting is going to be held at Arlington High School in our own back yard. Anyone with a WSGS membership can register for the conference at the discounted rate. Please talk to your society board, membership chair, and treasurer as soon as possible and visit the new Washington State Genealogical Society website for detailed information about how to arrange for associate memberships.

by Steven Baylor, Region #2 Rep.

Seeking a WSGS Newsletter Editor to Start 2015.

Your WSGS Newsletter editor is entering her 5th year as the editor and has decided that it is time to seek out a new editor who would take over at the end of 2014 with the Jan/Feb 2015 issue.

The WSGS Newsletter is published 6 times per year in January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, November/December.

It is a challenging but rewarding job and it is time for change, for change is good!!



Do you know anyone who would be interested. If so contact the WSGS Editor, Bonnie at

BON_MAC@msn.com.

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.

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

Jan 4 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. Green Lake Branch -11 am - 2:30 pm

Jan 20 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb 17 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Presidents Day

Go here for a great article mentioning John LaMont, Seattle Public Library Genealogy Librarian: <http://www.parade.com/245805/davidlaskin/family-tree-author-david-laskin-reveals-the-risks-and-rewards-of-researching-your-ancestry/>

Family History Meets World of Music

Flutist, Peter Ali, to perform at Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Meeting



BURLINGTON - The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's monthly program in January 2014 goes beyond discussing dates and documents. The Saturday, January 18, 2014, meeting from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Burlington Library, 820 E Washington Ave, explores the unique connection between one's ancestry and musical tradition.

Except for a few of us, Americans are blend of many ethnicities and nationalities. Each lineage passes down through the generations their unique musical folkways. Native American Flutist, Peter Ali, will educate and entertain as he explores his own diverse ancestry through the flute music of each culture in his heritage.

Genealogy is more than collecting names and dates. For today's family history researchers, it is about self-discovery. Come join us for this unique genealogy related musical program. Admission is free. All ages welcome to attend. For more information about the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society visit: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs. Questions?

HERE ARE SOME THOUGHTS ON ORGANIZING YOUR GENEALOGY, by Janet Camarata

Genealogical files come in many different formats - print, copied, scanned, and downloaded images from scanners, cameras and smart phones. Keeping family information organized becomes a challenge for many genealogists. If we began our genealogical life years ago when everything was copied and retained on paper or later, when many of our records were "born digital" when we downloaded them from a database or the Internet, saved from a microfilm, captured using our cameras and scanners, or received via email.

The best method is to understand what can remain printed or digital or a mirror of each other. To do that, we need to develop our own personal system, composed of a basic folder structure, either in a filing cabinet, a 3-ring binders and/or on our computer and a file naming system that addresses records, resources, photos, documents, emails, etc. We also need a back-up system for saving multiple copies for protection of our data. Each personal system is based on our own family, our approach to research, how we share our research with others, our past attempts to get organized and our new skills learned in using technology.

All personal decisions made about the folder, file and back-up systems can be kept in a personal Genealogy Style Sheet. To begin, first record the existing structure for the paper system; then record the existing structure of the digital system using a snipping or screen capture tool. Take the time to compare and analyze the similarities and the differences. Then decide on the best structure for you. What stays paper; what stays digital and what needs to be maintained in both paper and digital. Then decide on the folder naming conventions, e.g. record groups - birth, marriage, death, burial, immigration, military, and pension or resources - presentation handouts, seminar syllabus, book notes, or maps. Capture these decisions in your personal Genealogy Style Sheet. Then decide on the file naming conventions and codes to be used. Avoid using common words in file names, i.e. *photo*, *census*, *certificate* or full state names. Develop a coding system to shorten file names and make them easily understood.

For example, *MO-Gentry-Albany-1880 US-p35* is page 35 of the 1880 federal population census for Albany, Missouri or *1942_Wedding_White&Jones_GentryMO-3-b* is the back of the third photo of the Peter White and Ellen Jones wedding in 1942 held in Gentry, Missouri.

Learn to use shortcuts, tags and search on the computer well. Then decide which technologies will be used and which file formats for saved records and images, e.g. .jpg, .tif, .gif or .pdf. Capture your structure, your conventions and codes and your process on your style sheet. Keep it handy--- printed and taped to the wall, on your computer desktop or in the cloud. As you work with your records and images, use it often as a guide and memory device to maintain consistency and clarity. For more information, contact Janet Camarata at jeocam@gmail.com or 205-335-9577.

Janet Camarata has just finished developing a 2-hr class for HQRL called "Digital Organizing Options." She is willing to present the training at a local seminar or society meeting. She is also a teacher at the newly created Genealogy Training Center, see page 5 for more information on the GTC. <http://www.psapag.org/profile.html#janet>

Note: To obtain a copy of Janet's style sheet do one of two things: 1) If you are viewing this online, click on them and they will open as a jpeg. 2) If you are viewing the published paper version, you will have to ask her for a copy.

Style Sheet record elements of personal system—folders, files, names, abbreviations, for records, resources, photos, images, documents, ... Use to reduce errors and increase consistency.

PERSONAL GENEALOGY STYLE SHEET

FILE NAMING ABBREVIATIONS:

- About or circa (c) or (ca) for approximates in place of years 1800s, not 1800's
- B = Birth
- Bp = Birthplace
- Bap = Baptism
- Bu = Burial
- C = Census
- Cn = copied, scanned in person of document
- Cn = Cemetery
- Co = Country or
- Country (re = Ireland) or Italy, GER = Germany, US = United States
- e = edited, enhanced
- e = added, retouched, enhanced, changed
- F = form
- m = master, original, archive
- n = notation added
- n = notation added (arrow, circle, line) - person, place
- B = before
- S = after the period
- State = two digit postal code
- T = thumbnail
- Tsp = Township
- W = record for web
- w = web
- x = copy

DATES: Genealogical date = day, month, and full year (25 Jul 1918)

INTERPRETATION & ANALYSIS: Use brackets [] for name correction or relationship description

KEY: Show articles with DOB, DOW, DOB, English pounds = 5 pounds

NAMING CONVENTIONS: Documents, Photos

- Use space, hyphen, underscore
- Capitalize first letter of names, locations, records
- Run words together
- Use abbreviations, use close fit
- Use sequential numbering schemes (01, 02)
- Avoid capital letters, words, photo, email
- DO NOT USE /, \, %, * & < >

NUMBERS: 1-10 dropped out, 11 reserve numbers

PAGES: e = page, no number

SCANNED IMAGES: 100 dpi for 300, 400 dpi for jpg

WORKING PROCESS:

- Decide on folder/file naming scheme

- Record on personal Genealogy Style Sheet
- Scan all of paper records - file format, resolution
- Archive paper records
- Delete, filter, prune irrelevant files
- Organize what's left
 - a. Backup scanned images - Master/original
 - b. Extract information from images/add to genealogy program
 - c. Attach the images to facts in genealogy database
- Use Evernote to capture notes, ideas, or to-do lists, correspondence, requests, etc.
- Repeat steps 3-7 for photos

Record Sets	Resource Unit
Cemetery, Burial, Funeral Home	Bibliography, Articles
Census	Book Notes
Church, Baptism, Christening	Correspondence
City Directory	County/State History
Local History	DNA
Court	Forms
Family History	Genealogy Research for Others
Maps	Genealogy Societies
Land, Property, Deed	Maps
Letters	Oral History Questions
Employment	Research & Calendars
Immigration, Naturalization, Passenger List	Seminar, Presentation, Webinar Notes
Military and Pension	Surname Notes
Newspaper	Timelines, Chronologies
Obituary	
Probate and Wills	
Vital Records: Birth, Death, Marriage	
Voter Registration	
Tax List	

EXAMPLES:

BIRTH File Name
Farthing, William, 324Aug1889, Bethany, Harrison, Md
Farthing, William, 31838, Pittsylvania, VA

BIRTH - NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT File Name
Farthing, William, 324Aug1889, Bethany, Harrison, MD

BIRTH - FAMILY MAILED ANNOUNCEMENT File Name
Farthing, William, 324Aug1889, Bethany, Harrison, MD

BAPTISM: File Name
Parker, Sean Patrick, 20May1914, Spc



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DUES for WSGS in 2014 were due at the end of December 2013, did you pay yours?

Get your Membership in by going to the website to pay with your credit card via PayPal and sign up online at: <http://wasgs.org/> or <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=18>

The WSGS Website: <http://wasgs.org/>

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL!

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

NAME _____

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ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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

DONATION to 501 (C) 3 Organization: \$ _____ (Your donation is tax deductible)

Send check or money order to: WSGS, 1901 So. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA 98903

Enclose SASE if you would like a receipt and membership card. Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

You can renew or pay dues at the WSGS website using PayPal: new website at: <http://wasgs.org/>