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Message from the Board....

Nothing helps us to “know” our ancestors better than learning about where they lived, what their occupation was and what their activities were (clubs, etc). I recently discovered ‘historylink.org’ which has 674 personal histories of people who lived in our State. Submissions from the general public can be sent.



For example, there was an article about a coal miner in Black Diamond who was trapped for a week. Another article was one that had been published in 1899 in the *Woman's Century Club Magazine*. The author was Emily Inez Denny who wrote the book, *Blazing the Way* (1909) about her experiences on the Oregon Trail. Photos of the author are included in the article. Other articles were entitled *An Encounter with Elvis in Rainier Valley* and *A History of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Washington State, 1890-2000* (about an Irish organization's Seattle Chapter).

The most fascinating article I found was *The Beginnings of the Columbia Basin Reclamation Project: A Reminiscence by W Gale Matthews* (Essay # 7963). It is the text of a speech he gave in early 1952 about how the Project came about. He discussed the competing ideas, the failed financing of a group that had a plan and the politics involved in getting the legislature's involvement. Did you know that the earliest attempt to irrigate any sizeable portion of the Basin was by the President of the Great Northern Railway Company in 1897?

I found that the articles included short biographies of the people central to the story and the historical settings of the events. This website was fascinating to me and I read several of the articles. Maybe you'll discover one of your ancestors or learn more about the place and time period of their lives.

Kathryn Bowen WSGS Treasurer

Next WSGS Board Meeting
May 16 and 17, 2014

May 16, 2014 Board Retreat
WA State Training for Non-
Profits
May 17, 2014 Board
Meeting

Yakima Valley
Genealogical Society
Library
in Union Gap

The Public is Welcome!

WSGS is seeking a Newsletter Editor to Start 2015.

The Washington State Genealogical Society is seeking a new WSGS Newsletter Editor to take over with the January-February 2015 issue. The current Editor feels that new ideas and fresh enthusiasm are essential in making a great newsletter. Being the Newsletter Editor is a challenging but rewarding job. Training will be provided so transitioning into the position will not be a problem.



The WSGS newsletter is published 6 times a year in Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, July/August, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec. Builds of the newsletter are done the half month prior to publication. If you are interested contact the WSGS Editor, Bonnie BON_MAC@msn.com.

Seeking WSGS Best Website Award NOMINATIONS!!!

Nominations are open for the annual WSGS Best Website of the Year Award.
Qualifications:

- The Society must be a current member of WSGS.
- The Website must contain an active link to the WSGS website.
- Any member may submit a nomination.
- Nominations must be submitted by **July 15th, 2014**.



This annual award was established in 2011 to encourage Genealogy Societies to put their best foot forward on the Web. A traveling plaque with the winner's name engraved on it is awarded at our annual WSGS Conference. The winning Society can display the plaque for the following year. Bragging rights included! Previous winners were, Jefferson County Genealogical Society 2011 and Genealogical Society of So. Whidbey Island, 2012.

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

So let us hear about your website! Please submit nominations to ginnym51@msn.com (please put **website nomination** in the subject line). Nomination may also be submitted by snail mail to WSGS. Deadline for entry is July 15th.

Virginia Majewski, Region Representative #3



Deadlines for choosing WSGS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS Are fast approaching!!

Please submit the following according to the milestones for this year's nomination process as follows:

- No later than **May 1, 2014**: Submit the name(s) of your honorees to the Recognition Committee.
- **July 1, 2014**: Submit a narrative (approximately 150 words) explaining the accomplishments of your nominee and why you are honoring him/her. Include a good quality digital photograph (at least 300 dpi).
- **August 15, 2014**: The certificates will be formally awarded at the WSGS State Conference in Arlington.

Additional details and deadlines, plus indexes and narratives of accomplishments of past honorees, since 2003, may be found at the WSGS website at: <http://www.wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=12>

Please forward your questions and or Volunteer Award submissions to me, Roxanne Lowe at the following email. roxanne@thekeeffes.com

Sincerely Roxanne Lowe, WSGS Recognition Coordinator

Washington State Genealogy Conference

2014

August 15th and 16th

At the Byrnes Performing Art Center

18821 Crown Ridge Blvd

Arlington Washington

Hosted by the

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society

Arlington Washington (360) 435-4838

<http://stillygen.org> or

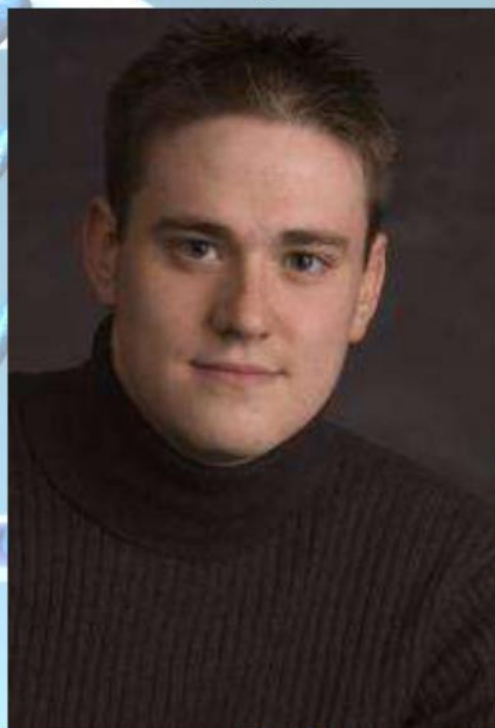
<http://www.wsgs2014conference.com>



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Keynote 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.

Mary Kathryn Kozy will have two presentations on DNA covering MtDNA, YDNA, and Autosomal.

Patty MacNamee of NARA will present on ethnic records available at the National Archives.

Janet Camarata will do her fantastic program on using timelines to advance your research.

Jill Morelli's class on self-publishing is a must see and you won't want to miss it.

Eric Stroschein with a four session workshop that explains how to incorporate the Genealogical Proof Standard into your research, he follows a family's relationships from basic to advanced research.

Steven W. Morrison with two classes. One on genealogical writing and the other on using manuscripts.

Donna Potter Phillips will get people primed with her two lectures on the fundamentals of genealogy.

Susan Faulkner is slated for two programs about getting more from census records and vital records.

Margie Beldin will pass along her knowledge of technology and genealogy with two topics.

Teresa Schulze's fun and exciting presentation on digital family history scrapbooking.

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

Registration Begins 15 March online at

<http://WSGS2014Conference.com>

Like us on Facebook@ WSGS 2014 Conference 



Limited Access Death Master File Certification Process Now Open...

To learn about this new requirement to access the Social Security Death Master File (DMF) go to this website for more information. <http://www.ntis.gov/products/ssa-dmf.aspx>

The Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy did a special volume of their newsletter for April 2014 in which they discuss the DMF in the Special DMF File Edition, this article will get you caught up on this whole situation about the Social Security Death Master File.

http://www.forensicgenealogists.org/Newsletters/CAFG_Vol_4_DMF-Special.pdf This article was written by Dee Dee King, CG, *Demystifying the DMF*.

When I was working as a professional genealogist, I would seek access to the SSDI to try to find my clients ancestors and then I would order the SSDI application and wait for the results. It was one way of identifying the persons parents if you could not gain access to death or birth records, or you needed to narrow down the information before ordering those records. I was lucky I was able to do that before they increased the cost from \$7.00 to \$27.00 and then it became very tricky to order because it could get pricey. Using the SSDI, I was able to connect my cousin to my great uncle and his wife. I used it for many other situations.

This process has increased the cost of gaining access to the SSDI or rather the SSDMF applications. It will be interesting to see how it all develops.

Please do not publish Social Security Numbers in family trees or anywhere online.

Submitted by your WSGS Newsletter Editor

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.

May 24 The Seattle Public Library Mahina Oshie teaches Beginning Your Family History Research. 10 am – noon 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 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.

May 26 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Memorial Day

Jun 14 The Seattle Public Library John LaMont teaches Ancestry Library Edition. 10:30 am – 12:30 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.

National Conference Spotlight

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



May 7 to 10, 2014 National Genealogical Society Conference will be held in Richmond, VA. The theme is “The First Frontier.” Get your NGS Conference app and to register go here:
<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

May 17, 2014 Genealogical Forum of Oregon will present their Spring Seminar. Warren Bittner, CG, will give four talks that cover German Historical Maps etc., German Church Books, German Marriage Laws and Customs, Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant. Time: 9 am to 4 pm. Location Milwaukie Elks, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, Oregon. Here is their registration flyer:
<http://www.gfo.org/seminar/warren-bittner.pdf>

May 24, 2014 the Qualicum Beach Family History Society will present a one day conference titled “Unlocking the Past.” There will be five speakers: Merritt Barnes, Nancy Barnes, Audrey Collins, Lyn Meehan and James Tanner. Time: 8 am to 5 pm. Location: Tigh-NA-Mara, Seaside Spa Resort at 1155 Resort Drive, Parksville, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. For more information: <http://qbfhs.ca/events-education/2013-05-31-18-50-43>

May 31, 2014 British Columbia Genealogical Society will hold a seminar. Time: 10 am to 4 pm. Location: South Arm United Church, 11051 No. 3 Road, Richmond, British Columbia http://www.bccgs.ca/?page_id=2511

June 5, 2014 Family History and DNA—Genetic Genealogy 2014 will be held. Time: 7 am to 7 pm. This is being held on Thursday at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel along with the SCGS Jamboree. <http://genealogyjamboree.com/> Click on DNA Thursday at the top.

June 5 to 8, 2014 Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree will begin at 9 am Thursday and end on Sunday at 12 noon. Location: Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA. <http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

June 8 to 13, 2014 Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research held by the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. <http://www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr/index.html>



July 14-18, 2014 the National Institute on Genealogical Research will present their classes at the National Archives in Washington D.C. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~natgenin/>

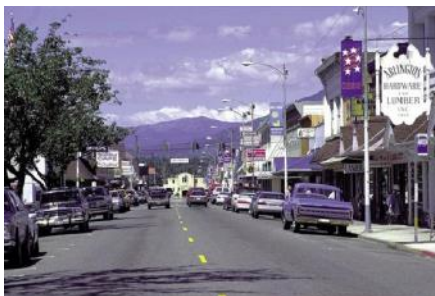
July 20-25, 2014 Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh will present their classes in Pittsburgh and in August 3-8, 2014 in Orchard Lake, Michigan (suburb of Detroit). <http://www.gripitt.org/>

Preparing for the Washington State Genealogical Society Conference

August 14 through the 16th, 2014

Check out the City of Arlington website it will help you plan your visit!

<http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/index.aspx?page=1>



They have a page on the history of Arlington

And the history of the Arlington Cemetery.

You might have to return for their Air Show!

Genealogy Spotlight: Whitman County Genealogical Society in Pullman, WA.

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

Celebrating 30 years!

Several years ago your Editor had an opportunity to visit this society at their location in Pullman which they share with the Whitman County Historical Society.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wawcgs/30th%20Anniversary%20for%20WCGS.pdf>

They have an excellent newsletter, can assist with your ancestor searches, an extensive library and much more.



**Whitman County
Genealogical Society**

P.O. Box 393
Pullman, WA 99163-0393



Tri-City Genealogical Society has had success with new “hand on classes” at the Family History Center in Richland.

Margie Belden, Society Education Chair, is arranging the classes. The class size is limited to the number of computers (9) so each person can try what is being taught. The first 2 sessions have been full. A “New members Orientation” was also held to introduce the TCGS holdings and the Center facilities to the members. This class was presented by Susan Faulkner. About these activities Margie shared “an interesting observation about the classes. They are attracting those members who don't necessarily attend our regular monthly meetings. The idea for this actually came from EWGS. I had enjoyed their computer classes which were offered to members, so thought we could try the same thing.” This has been an opportunity to reach more members of the Society.

The picture is from the February class. Renee Petersen is leading a discussion on the FHC Portal.

Janet McKinnon, Region Rep #6



All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is **June 15, 2014** for the July/August 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.

Contact [Sue Ericksen](#) if you want to post your event.

May 17 Federal Way Family History Fair will present a seminar at the LDS Stake at 34815 Weyerhaeuser Way So., Federal Way, WA. Time: 8 am to 4 pm. Keynote speaker: Norman J. Landerman-Moore. <http://www.fwfamilyhistory.com/p/home.html>

May 17, 2014 Seattle Genealogical Society will host their Spring Seminar. Topic: "Wanted: Relatives—Dead or Alive," by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG. Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Details to follow: <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/sgs-spring-seminar-0>

June 8, 2014 Whitman County Genealogical Society are celebrating 30 years. They will host a Gourmet Dessert and Mini-antique Roadshow. Time: 2:30 pm. Location: Bishop Place Independent Living Social Room, 811 SE Klemgard, Pullman, WA. Bring three antique treasures for Russ Wheelhouse from Antiques by Russ to evaluate. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wawcgs/30th%20Anniversary%20for%20WCGS.pdf>

June 14, 2014 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will present a seminar. Featured speakers will be Donna Potter Phillips of EWGS and David Obee of Victoria, BC. Time: 8 am to 4 pm. Location: First United Methodist Church, 1607 E. Division St., Mt. Vernon, WA. <http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/> They have a new website check it out.

September 27, 2014 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will host a seminar at the Poulsbo Community Church, 651 Finn Hill Road. Time: 8 am to 3 pm. There will be a Quartet of Lectures by Bret Petersen "Uncover Your Family Roots." <http://www.pusogensoc.org/seminar2014/>

October 3 and 4th 2014 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present their Fall Workshop. Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Location: Country Homes Christian Church, 8415 N. Wall, Spokane, WA. On Friday night Steven W. Morrison will present "Finding Your Outlaw Family." See website for other topics for Saturday. Pre-registration is required: <http://www.ewgsi.org/eventListings.php?nm=283>

October 4, 2014 Whatcom Genealogical Society will present a Fall Seminar. Location: Bellingham Technical College, Bellingham, WA. Eric Stroschein will pick 3-4 case studies from WGS members please submit our brickwalls by June 9, 2014. Jim Johnson of Heritage Quest will present and bring books for sale. Contact: caharris1162@yahoo.com

October 11, 2014 the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will host their Fall Seminar. Featured speaker is Eric Stroschein, "Calling the Cavalry: A Professional Perspective on your own research." Eric will help to solve difficult research problems submitted by the participants. This was a special invitation and preview email received by the editor. More information to come. http://www.newgs.org/upload/events/files/1395338195_2014Invitation.pdf

Civil War Veterans Buried in Washington State



<http://civilwarvetswastate.com/>

Where you can search for a soldier!

This is an awesome website sponsored by the
Washington Civil War Association

<http://www.wcwa.net/>

The WCWA website has a list of their events with re-enactments, Union and Confederate areas, forms, a blog and more. Some photo albums as well.



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 June 15, 2014 for the July/August 2014 issue.

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May 3 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time 12:30 pm to 3 pm. Location: Spokane Public Library Auditorium. Topic: "Anything But Genealogy: Non-Genealogy Software for Genealogists," by Margie Belden.

May 3 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: YVGS Library, 1901 S. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA. Topic: "How to Use the Library," they have added 1000 books.

May 3 Heritage Quest Research Library will continue with their class series. This date starts at 10 am and the topic is "Learn to Date Old Photos." Go here for a list of their classes:
<http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html>

May 5 Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington will hold a meeting. Time: 6:30 pm. Location: Factoria LDS Building, 4200 124th Ave SE, Bellevue. Topic: "Crypto Jews in History and Today," by Arthur Benveniste. This is a date change.

May 5 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will hold a general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: KCGS Library, 413 No. Main, Suites L&M, Ellensburg, WA. Topic: "Germans from Russia in the Yakima Valley," by Rosemary Rief.

May 7 Fiske Genealogical Library will continue with their Spring Class Series. Time 10 am. Fee: \$5 for non-members. This date it is a field trip to the Allen Library, UW Campus, by Lisa Oberg. May 10 is African-American Genealogy at the Fiske Library. May 14 Out of the Attic...May 21 Spending Time with Genealogy in Time, May 28 Finding and Interpreting Oral History & Letter Collections and May 31 Essentials in Jewish Genealogical Research.
<http://www.fiskelibrary.org/2014SpringClasses.htm>

May 8 Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time 6:30 pm. Location: Bellevue Regional Library, Rm. 1, at 1111 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue. Topic: "A sharing of Family Lore," by the members.

May 8 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold a general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Topic: "Beginning Research," by Pat Crimmel and Pam Chilton. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA.

May 8 Olympia Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg. 1, Room 152. Topic: "Getting Down to Writing," by Steven W. Morrison.

May 10 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will take a field trip to the Genealogy Forum of Oregon in Portland. They leave at 10 am. They will leave from different locations:
wildflowers@gorge.net for more information.

May 12 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will hold a meeting. Time: 1pm. Location: Washington 525 & Woodard in Freeland, WA. Topic: "A Hidden Heritage: German Immigrants of the 19th Century," By Claire Gebben.

May 12 Whatcom Genealogical Society will have a meeting. Time: 2 pm. Location: Bellingham Elks Lodge, 710 Samish Way. Topic: "Organizing Your Genealogical Materials," by Karen Parsons.

May 13 Tacoma-Pierce Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: 6:00 pm. Location: Bates Technical College, 2201 South 78th St., Tacoma, WA. Topic: "History of Fort Lewis & Illustrating Family Histories," by Alan H. Auchembault.

May 13 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will hold a annual meeting and potluck. Time: 1 pm. Location: Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive, Arlington, WA.

May 13 Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers will present "Group Activities, research how to's, and using the D.A.R. Library, by Joan Peters. Time 1 pm. 2720 Heller Rd, Fire Station #25 in Oak Harbor.

May 14 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting at the Family History Center, 260 E. Juniper St., Colville, WA. Time: 1:30 pm. Topic: "Getting the Most out of Census Records," a live webinar with Carol Buswell of the Seattle branch of NARA.

May 14 Tri-Cities Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: TBD. Topic: "Historic Richland," by Veronica Anguiano.

May 16 the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library. Topic: "The Research Cycle," by Karl Kumm.

May 17 Clallam County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time 12 pm. Location: N. Olympic Regional Library, Port Angeles. Topic: "Ships and Ships Lists," by Evelyn Roehl.

May 17 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 9:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum. Topic: "Was Grandma Born in a Cabbage Patch: Alternatives to Vital Records," by Virginia Majewski.

May 17 and June 21 Seattle Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time 9:30 am. Location: First Baptist Church at 11420 SE 248th St, Kent, WA. SKCGS has many other activities:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/soccalendar.html>

May 24, 25, 26th Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will hold their Walking with the Ancestors. Location Heritage Funeral Home and Cemetery. Time: 9 am to 5 pm. "Remembering a Giant of American Industry: Henry Ford." http://www.ewgsi.org/upload/events/images/1392414559_MemorialWeekend2014.jpg

May 27 Clark County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. Topic: "Find A Grave Website," by Karen Wallace Steely.

May 27 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Community Center-Burlington, Greenleaf Ave. Topic: "Recap and Outcomes of the R.O.O.T.S program," by Linda Larabee.

May 28 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 1 pm. Location: Sylvan Way Library. Topic: "Grave Concerns," by Ann Northcutt.

June 2 Heritage Quest Research Library presents more classes at their library: This date is "Pennsylvania Research: Why it is important to your genealogical efforts." Go here for more info: <http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html>

June 2 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will hold a general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: KCGS library, 413 No. Main, Suites L&M, Ellensburg, WA. Topic: "Images of Kittitas County," presented by Andrew Caveness.

June 5 (Thursday) Fiske Genealogical Library will continue with their Spring classes. Secrets from the State Archives and June 11 (Wednesday) is "Locating Living Relatives: Secrets of a Private Eye." <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/2014SpringClasses.htm>

June 7 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: 12:30 pm to 3 pm. Location: Spokane Public Library Auditorium at the downtown branch. Topic: "Grandma was a pig farmer: A closer look at the non-population census," by Susan Faulkner.

June 7 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Summer Potluck. Time: 11 am at the YVGS library, 1901 S. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA. Bring food and your beverage of choice.

June 10 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 1 pm. Location: Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Dr., Arlington, WA. Topic: "Advance Your Research Using Resources held in the Society Library," by Eric Stroschein.

June 9 the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington will hold a meeting. Time: 6:30 pm. Location: Factoria LDS, 4200 124th Ave SE, Bellevue. Topic: "Researching New York City Sources Remotely," by Jordan Auslander.

June 9 Whatcom Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 2 pm. Bellingham Elks, 710 Samish Way. Topic: "A Civil War Diary found in a barn in Arlington," by Steve Baylor.

June 11 the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time 1:30 pm. Location: Family History Center, 260 E. Juniper St., Colville, WA. Topic: "Basic Genealogy Research," by Helen Sowards.

June 11 Tri-Cities Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: TBD. Topic: "World of Photos," by TCGS members.

June 12 The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Bellevue Public Library, Rm. 1—1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue. Topic: "Connecting the Dots: Using Social Media to Track Down Living People," by Deborah Bagg.

June 12 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold a general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA. Topic: "Bury the Dead, Not the Living: Organizing Your Records," by Hannah Allan.

June 12 Olympia Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg. 1, Room 152. Topic: "What's New on FamilySearch.org," by Connie Bailey.

June 12 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society will have a members picnic at 7 pm. <http://www.twinriversgenealogy.org/>
Check out their Facebook page for more news and information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/109184015907753/>

June 14 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at the Discover Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, OR. Program to be determined. Check out their blog: Time: 1 pm. <http://cggsblog.blogspot.com/>

June 20 the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will hold their meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library. Topic: "One-Step Websites: A Hodgepode of Lesser Known Sites & Case Study: Rene Kaufman," by Steve Morse.

June 21 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 9:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center. Topic: "One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools," by Steve Morse. Registration Required.

June 24 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Community Center in Burlington at Greenleaf Ave. Topic: "Researching the Land Records," by Cory Russell.

June 25 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Time: 1 pm. Location: Sylvan Way Library. Topic: "Discovering Family Heirlooms, Part II," bring your treasures to share.



Memorial Day Events Evergreen Washelli will sponsor several events for Memorial Day!

<http://www.washelli.com/index.html>

May 26, 2014 they will hold their Annual Memorial Day Commemorative Service and followed by a tour of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Starts at 1:30 pm \$5.00 donation for flags to honor America's fallen.

At 7 am on Memorial Day there will be a Flag Placement at the Veterans Section for 5000 white marble upright markers.

<http://www.washelli.com/wordpress/2013/04/memorial-day-flag-placement-ceremony/>



Please check your local listings for
Memorial Day Events...

STILLAGUAMISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY copes with the OSO Slide



On Saturday, March 22, 2014 the community west of Arlington and before Darrington, Washington, were hit with a terrible landslide. We as genealogists are always learning about how life was like for our ancestors. In this case, tragedy hit close to home.

The [Stillaguamish Genealogical Society](#) has their library in Arlington so it was not affected but the members of this genealogical society were. Fortunately, they were not hurt but some had destruction of their homes and they knew the people who lived in the

area affected by the slide. Stilly is hosting the WSGS Conference for 2014 in August and we are all relieved that they are all okay. We are saddened by the loss of life and homes.

Steve Baylor, WSGS Region One Representative reported to the WSGS Board on March 26, 2014 via email. The slide took place on Saturday, March 22, 2014. Steve lives in Arlington and he was out of town when he heard the news. He writes:

...Late on Sunday the President of our Stilly society, Ruth Caesar, sent out an e-mail saying that she and her husband were safe along with the Larry the treasurer for the 2014 conference.

The Caesars and Larry live about 5 miles east of Oso just east of where the slide occurred...on the south side of HWY 530 and Larry on the north side. At the time Larry was getting ready to go to Arlington. Had he left three minutes earlier he would have been in the middle of the slide zone. He heard trees snapping like a bulldozer was at work and went outside with his camera. He ended up taking over 100 photos during the first response which consisted of neighbor helping neighbor...

They were ordered out of their homes and were soon after...allowed to return to their homes on Sunday. By that time most of the Caesars front yard was underwater. Larry's house was flooded and remains so today. The problem is the necessity to take care of business in Arlington over on the west side. They need to make the 90 minute drive around through Sedro Woolley. Stilly Genealogical Society members have offered to assist other members during this disaster.

There are lots of folks who have been displaced and need the basics we all take for granted...The Red Cross and FEMA are doing a great job trying to help these people out. The most effective way to lend a hand is to donate money to the Red Cross or United Way.

We are planning to put a few of Larry's photos on our society [Facebook](#) page to show how our society members have been affected....KING TV has already shown some of them on the news and are likely available on their website.

This has been an horrific experience for our community and emotionally draining. We all know someone who lives in the area or who is missing. Most photos of the slide show a U shaped swath of mud covering HWY 530. The Caesars and Larry are on the east edge of the U. Dan said the mud has to be at least 40 feet deep in the middle. It hit so fast that anyone who was in that middle area could not have survived. The devastation is such that identification of victims may need to be done using DNA. Please keep our community in your prayers.

Steve Baylor, WSGS Region One Representative

Snohomish County has created a Facebook Page for Slide Relief at:

<https://www.facebook.com/530SlideRelief>

<http://www.king5.com/news/local/Muddy-wasteland-awaits-Obamas-visit-to-mudslide>



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