

Washington State Genealogical Society

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Next WSGS Board Meeting

**January 24, 2015 at the
Yakima Valley
Genealogical Society
Library**

The Public is Welcome!

**Before Region Reps, Genealogy
Societies sent delegates to the
WSGS Board meetings?**

A Celebration of 31 Years of

The Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter

"In June of 1982 Jack Lines wrote a letter to presidents of genealogy societies on the west side of the Cascades asking for a host society for a meeting on July 17 to discuss a state group. The Olympia Genealogical Society agreed to host this meeting. Jack was a past president of the inactive Washington Heritage Council and he believed that the upcoming state centennial would be a good time for the genealogists to be visible...They met again in September. Thirty-three people attended and a confederation of societies was voted on." Taken from the Syllabus of the 2008 WSGS Conference, *Leaving Footprints, Past, Present and Future*, page vi.

The newsletter was first printed in January 1983 by Leland Meitzler with Jim Cumming as the Interim Editor. Maxine Alexander became the next Editor in May 1983. It was not always smooth sailing for the newsletter. There were times when it didn't get published at all. There were various reasons, such as someone was sick and couldn't continue or they had done the newsletter as long as they could but life intervened. Unfortunately, the name of an editor wasn't always listed on an issue, so here is my best guess for a list of most of the newsletter editors from Maxine to the present. Each editor or editors had their own style.

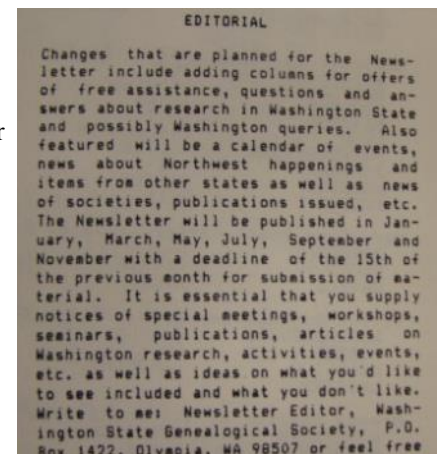
Here are as many as I could determine:

- May 1983 Maxine Alexander
- May 1986, Susan Coles
- September 1987, Alma Greenwood Acting Editor and later Editor.
- September 1988, Betty Butcher Topp
- January 1991 Donna Marie Garcia
- 1992 Laverne Zimmerman was temporary editor
- March/April 1992 issue, Cheryl Probst
- May/June 1994 issue, John and Ruth Berg co-editors who approached President Steve Baylor.
- July/Aug 1995, Peri Mulich
- Sept 1997, Celia K. Tomlin
- March/April 1998, Cheryl M. Hawley
- November 1999, Hazel Rasar
- Sept/Oct 2003, Bob Witherspoon interim editor and President at the time
- June/July 2004, Barbara Lynch
- Nov/Dec 2005 to end of 2009 Hazel Rasar
- And last, 2010 to 2014, Bonnie Jean MacDonald

I hope you enjoy this issue which is a trip down memory lane courtesy of the Seattle Public Library collection of WSGS Newsletters and the help of John LaMont. (It covers 1985 onward with just a few early years). They bound the issues which is pretty cool.

The photo insert was found in the February 1987 issue of the newsletter. It discusses the changes planned for the newsletter for the coming years. Even today WSGS needs your contributions to the [website](http://wasgs.org/) and [blog](http://washgensoc.blogspot.com/) - See page 5 of this newsletter for page 1 of the first issue.

Submitted By Bonnie Jean MacDonald, WSGS Editor.



WSGS Communicates Society news using Blog Format! Part Two

By Donna Potter Phillips, WSGS Vice-President

The Washington State Genealogical Society's blog was launched in May 2014. In dozens of posting since that date, the WSGS Board endorsed the continuation of the tradition of the WSGS newsletter begun in 1983 (the year WSGS was founded). The newsletter format of collecting and then disseminating genealogical information served WSGS for many years under many editors, among them Hazel Rasar and Bonnie Jean MacDonald.

In May 2014 the Board, at the Yakima Board meeting, voted to discontinue the newsletter and embrace the blog format.



The purpose and goal of the blog is to keep in contact with WSGS members and member societies in a more timely fashion and report the news of the happenings in the genealogical community.

Donna Potter Phillips and Charles Hansen are currently the two authorized to author postings on the WSGS blog. If you are interested in submitting articles or becoming an author we would be happy to have you join us. <http://washgensoc.blogspot.com/>

Donna and Charles, or the Board moderators, have as goals to post items in several categories:

- Society news, projects in progress and completed, anniversaries, meetings, workshops and events
- General genealogical news from the national community
- “News flashes” or things we need to know right now, especially in regard to legislation
- Area related queries
- WSGS news and happenings

The plan to achieve these goals we suggest and encourage the following:

Each member society consider creating the position in their society of WSGS Blog Liaison. This way we can ensure that your news and society happenings get published.

Most societies have a person who handles advertising of events, meetings, the newsletter and journals of your organization, this person could also assume the task of making sure society news is forwarded from and to the WSGS blog and website as needed and act as WSGS Blog Liaison.

The duties of said liaison would be 2-fold:

To monitor their societies activities and events and submit that news to a blog moderator (currently Donna Potter Phillips, Donna243@gmail.com, or Charles Hansen, Charles_Hansen@prodigy.net (there is an underscore between his names) for posting on the blog. Don't forget to put in the subject line: *WSGS Blog*.

To sign up to receive each new WSGS blog post as it is published and then to send a notice to each individual member in their society; something like, “A new WSGS blog post awaits you at www.washgensoc.blogspot.com And while you're there, do sign up to receive these notices directly from WSGS in your email inbox.” This is not any different then receiving a link to the former newsletter.

The goal here is to ensure that the WSGS Blog is a way of communication between the Washington State genealogical societies and WSGS. This is to make sure societies get the word out. There are blogs these days sharing information, news, how-tos, activities and anything you could think of on over a million topics and we welcome your contributions. Your Washington State Genealogical Society strives to stay current and relevant in the lives of all genealogists within our region and we need your help to do this.

Please do benefit yourself by helping WSGS promote, use and make valuable your WSGS blog.



2015 Annual Conference

Presents

A Day With David Rencher



David E. Rencher, AG, CG,
FIGRS, FUGA

- Professional Genealogist since 1977
- Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch
- Past-President of Federation of Genealogical Societies
- B.A. in Family and Local History
- Irish course coordinator and instructor
Samford University
- Accredited Genealogist with ICAPGen
in Ireland research
- Certified Genealogist with the Board for
Certification of Genealogists
- Fellow of the Irish Genealogical Research
Society

June 27, 2015

Quality Inn Motel

Ellensburg, Washington

Check out the [WSGS Website](#) for more news about this coming event and the [WSGS Blog](#).

Ellensburg and Roslyn have a lot to offer for genealogy and history!

There are wonderful historical and genealogical treasures in Ellensburg. There is the [Kittitas County Genealogical Society Library](#) which is excellent. The [Central Branch of the Washington State Archives](#), the [Kittitas County Library](#) and the [Kittitas County Museum](#). They are all within blocks of each other. Come early on Friday and take time to do some research or just explore. Along the way from the western side of the state, Roslyn is also a great place to visit. It has a excellent historical society <http://kittitashistory.com/sites/roslyn-museum/> and library <http://www.roslynlibrary.org/History.html> and cemetery. They are also on Facebook.

Message from the Board....

One of the certainties of life is change. During the past several years there has been a significant change to the resources available to genealogists. Digitization and indexing of record collections has made many documents available and searchable within the comfort of our own homes. Searches can be made via computers that previously required visits to repositories. Digitized records can be viewed on our computer screens that used to be viewed via microfilm or original documents. Collaboration with others has significantly changed with the use of email and cell phones. In addition, training that used to be in the classroom has been augmented with video streaming over the web.

With all of the above available, what do genealogical societies offer? It is my supposition that they offer comradery, friendships, and synergy that come from associating with others with similar views and interests. The beginning genealogist is mentored by someone more experienced in their area of interest. Each of us becomes a beginner each time we have a line that takes us to a new area of the country or world. Sometimes, just being able to describe a research challenge to someone whose eyes don't glaze over, provides us with a new angle of attack that ultimately may solve the problem.

Washington State Genealogical Society offers a resource for advertising what is going on within the state and adjoining societies that are associated with Genealogy and Family History. Our past newsletters and current blog have and can inform us of those opportunities within the state that can enhance our skills. We hope we can augment services supplied by local societies in the state to increase exposure of local programs. We hope this will help the genealogist and program chairs in local societies fill their needs.

In closing, a big thank you to all of the volunteers who have served or are now serving to help others further their genealogical goals. A special thanks to Bonnie Jean MacDonald for her five years of dedicated service in providing us with the WSGS Newsletters.

Remember, we need to pay forward in what we do. To expect it all to be freely given to us is like expecting to harvest a crop in the fall without planting seed in the spring. Without the volunteers, there wouldn't be genealogical societies to help us have fun in finding our ancestors. Volunteer, build friendships, and have some fun.

Mike McKinnon, WSGS President

Remembering past Presidents of WSGS and other service....

Here is a best list of past Presidents of WSGS. Many of these individuals were deeply involved with genealogical societies and held several posts with WSGS. If I missed anyone I apologize. I tried for photographs of the early presidents but found only the one here.

- Alma Greenwood founding member and President for 1983 to 1984. Alma was also newsletter editor, Secretary, Conference Chair, Membership chair and probably many more positions.
- 1985-1986, Elsi Trautloff



- 1987-1988, Maxine Bissell
- 1989-1991, Kathleen Brown Johnson
- 1992-1993, **Pam Chilton**
- 1994-1995 **Frank McLean**. He has served as Vice-President, Region Rep, Conference Liaison, Pioneer Certificates and probably many more areas of service. You can't miss Frank, he is the tall man at WSGS events.
- 1996-1999, Laura Pemberton Sparr also served as Vice-President.
- 2000-2003 Bob Witherspoon also served as Treasurer and later as Volunteer Awards Coordinator
- 2004-2008 Stephen Baylor was Region Rep 1, which he resumed after his terms as President. He will be stepping down at the end of 2014 from Region 1.

- 2009-2011, Sue Ericksen. She served as WSGS Secretary, Region Rep and is currently Webmaster and Membership.

- 2012 to _____, Mike McKinnon has served as Region Rep 6 before becoming President.



Fran Carter, **Pam Chilton**,
July/August 1993

Revisiting Past WSGS Conferences over the years:

Past Conferences of WSGS started in 1984 in Tacoma. Unfortunately, I was unable to find flyers for these first years of the event.

For a great list of the many conferences held over the years and their hosting society go to the WSGS Website at this link: <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=42>

The conference started with a State-Wide meeting planned for the Fall of 1983 in a location east of the Cascade Mountains: See the photo to the right which is the first page of a four page newsletter: Vol. I, Issue I.

This 1987 flyer seen below, was really wonderful to see.

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Annual

STATE CONFERENCE
Hosted By
SOUTH KING COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
This Year's Conference

"FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA"
WILL BE
SEPTEMBER 18, 19 and 20, 1987

CONFERENCE LOCATION:
DOUBLE TREE PLAZA AND INN

MAIN SPEAKERS:

P. WILLIAM FILBY
P. William Filby from Maryland - author of many research books and an experienced genealogist.

HOWARD SNEDDEN
Mr. Howard Snedden from Iowa - a professional researcher and genealogist from the Mid-west area recommended as an excellent speaker.

J.R. ROBERTS
Mr. J.R. Roberts from Salt Lake, experienced in research of immigration and emigration.

Additional Mini Session Will Be Available For Researchers
For More Information Call: 631-5363

Sponsored by South King County Genealogical Society, 1987.

Hither and Yon and Over There
Washington State Genealogical Society presents the
5th Annual Conference for Genealogists
Holiday Inn, Yakima (9th Street and Yakima Avenue)
AUGUST 12, 13, 14, 1988
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Ursula Huerbberger: Graduate of the University at Frankfurt, Germany - German professional genealogist - all records for German speaking countries (She's been there).

Reading and Understanding German Records
Genealogical Research Behind the Iron Curtain
Special Opportunities and Special Problems in German Genealogical Research
Plus... Special session on translation of German records (bring problem documents)

Peggy Shomo-Joyner: Teacher - Author - Lecturer - Grew up Augusta Co., Virginia (Shenandoah Valley)
Colonial Records of Virginia and Where to Find Them
Migrations Through the Shenandoah Valley on the Great Wagon Road
Understanding the Confusing and Incomprehensible Land Records in the Mid Atlantic States (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina)

Donna Potter Phillips: Columnist - Lecturer - Author (Washington Product!)
Military Records - Where Are They (From Colonial Wars to Vietnam)

Mini Sessions Galore
presented by Washington State Genealogists

Cost:
\$55 - Members \$60 - Non-Members (Until July 15th)
(Includes 2 dinners and a breakfast)
After July 15th - \$65 Members or Non-Members
Register early and save!

BONUSES - Quantities of fresh fruit and vegetables
Valley Wines
Sunshine and Sunbat

Make it a Family Trip!
An Opportunity of a Lifetime!
Come! Enjoy! Learn!

1988 Sponsored by Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, to the left. This made me laugh, "Mini Sessions Galore..."

Washington State Genealogical Society
NEWSLETTER
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The next meeting of the WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (WSGS) will be Saturday, 29 January 1983 from 10 AM to 4 PM in the public meeting room of the Olympia Public Library, located at Seventh and Franklin in downtown Olympia. The Library opens at 9 AM. Delegates, and committee members and interested genealogists are invited to attend.

A State-wide meeting of the WSGS is planned for the fall, in a location east of the Cascade Mountains, in a city containing a Genealogical Society. The principal day of the State-wide meeting will be Saturday. With a possible addition of all or part of the preceding Friday, if necessary. Organization of, pre-planning, and on-site management of the Conference, Workshop, Seminar, etc., will be shared between WSGS and the local host Genealogical Society. It is planned that in addition to normal business matters of WSGS, a broad base of speakers, one-on-one consultations with research advisors, an exhibit room with booths and/or tables for Genealogical Societies, vendors of supplies, forms, maps, and books, computerized genealogy displays, a freebie table, a registration table with badges, free "goodie bags", conference packet, and all of the other features of an event of this nature. Local chapters of ancillary genealogical organizations, such as Patriotic Societies and Historical Societies will be encouraged to co-sponsor and/or participate in the event. Society Presidents and/or Program Chairpersons are encouraged to contact the Interim President of WSGS regarding participation in this fall event.

Interim officers of the WSGS were elected during 1982, to function until our state-wide meeting in the fall of 1983. They are:

Alma Greenwood, 6615 Lash Street, Olympia, WA 98501 367-7208 President. Her voice phone is 442-3601. Routine mail should be sent to the Box #1; urgent mail to her residence.

June Andrew, 10024 NW 4th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98681 573-5462 Treasurer. Send checks to WSGS directly to her or to Box Number.

Udoles Ackerman M., 3234 Alderwood, Bellingham, WA 98225 733-8837 Secretary.

Functioning Committees are:
Constitution & By-laws; Finance; Public Relations; & Membership.

Both Societies and individuals are encouraged to join the WSGS. Dues of \$10.00 for Societies and \$5.00 for individuals have been set, with a special rate of \$7.50 annually, for two persons receiving mail at the same address. Publications, whether Monthly or quarterly, will be sent two or more to each member society, and one to each member household. The dues structure and mailing policy of the WSGS are as above until the finalization of the WSGS Constitution and By-laws, currently being prepared.

Washington State Genealogical Society
5th Annual Conference
END OF THE TRAIL
13-15 October 1989

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

Conference Fees

Early Registration (by Sept 15)	\$35	\$
Saturday or Friday Only	\$35	\$
Saturday & Sunday	\$35	\$
Late Registration (after Sept 15)	\$60	\$
Saturday or Friday Only	\$35	\$
Saturday & Sunday	\$45	\$
Friday Lunch (optional)	\$5.50	\$
Saturday Lunch (optional)	\$5.50	\$
Membership Dues (Jan 1, 1989-May 31, 1990)	\$5.00	\$
Total Fees		\$

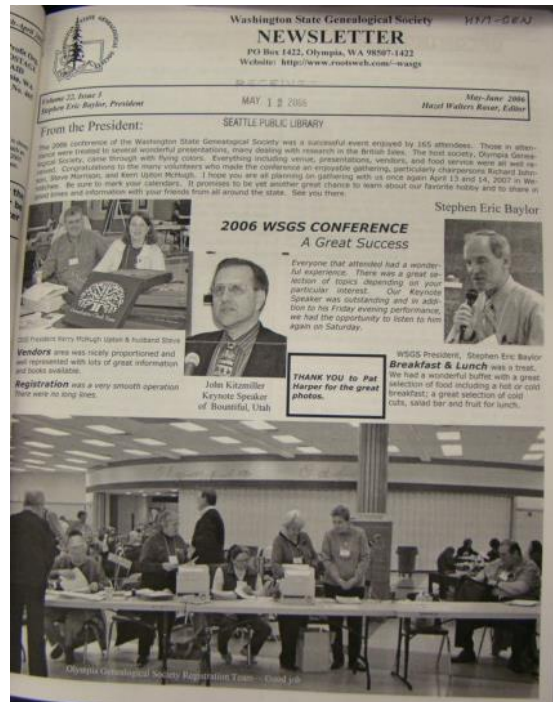
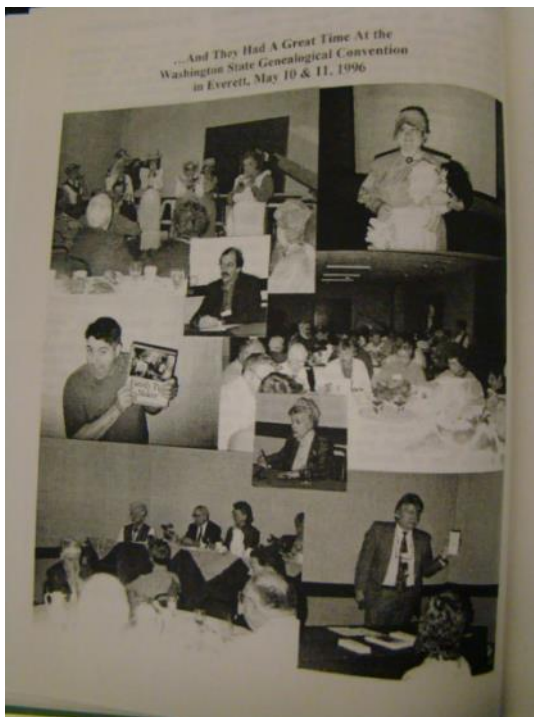
Registration includes dinner for the day registered (Friday and/or Saturday) and lunch (Sunday) as well as transportation on the bus. Additional meals may be purchased at the registration table for family members and friends who are not attending the conference (\$8.50 lunch, \$12 dinner and \$3.25 brunch). Exhibitors may also purchase meals at these prices.

Meeting rooms cost for \$125-\$150 per day, but we do not have to pay this charge if registration includes at least one meal. So remember your registration is paying for a meal as well as the costs for all the buses and the speakers-a real bargain!

Return this form and check made payable to WSGS to:
Pam Chilton
4302 Columbia Heights Road
Langview, WA 98622

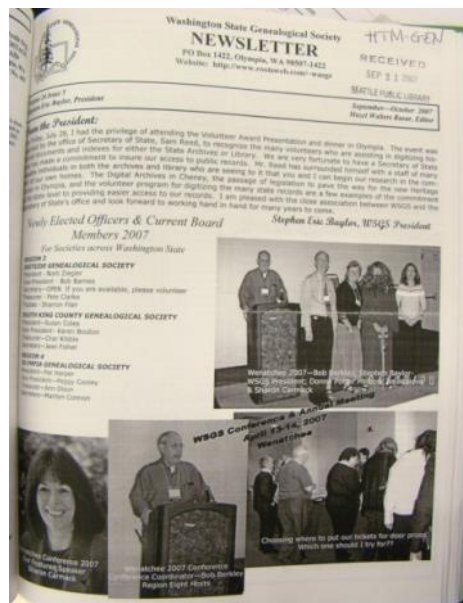
This 1989 notice it is celebrating the State Centennial.

Conference memories continued....About 1996 photos started to appear celebrating the conference highlights and it looks like everyone is having fun and pitching in.



Top left 1996, *A New West Journey and Settlement*, hosted by Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

Top right 2006 *Invading the British Isles*, hosted by Olympia Genealogical Society.



Bottom Left: *Climbing Your Family Tree*, hosted by Region 8 Societies: Chelan, Grant County, Okanogan and Wenatchee Area Genealogical Societies.

Speakers were numerous and amazing:
David Curtis Dearborn, P. William Filby, Dr. John Phillip Colletta, Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, Diane Van Skiver, Patricia Walls Stamm, Bret Petersen, Josh Taylor . Many local genealogists have contributed lectures: Gary Zimmerman, Laura Pemberton Sparr, Stephen Eric Baylor, John LaMont, Jerry T. McCoy, Steven W. Morrison, Donna Potter Phillips, Carol Buswell, Mary K. Kozy, Susan Faulkner, Jim Johnson, Rod Fleck, Jill Morelli, Eric Stroschein and so many many more....!

For highlights of past conference you can go to the WSGS newsletter at the website and view pictures. http://wasgs.org/mo_newsletter.php Click on the September 2014 issue. Click on the July issue for 2013, and for 2012 click on the November issue.

The regions and the representatives over the years...

WSGS started out with 7 regions in 1983, Somewhere along the way an eighth was added. There isn't enough space in this newsletter to honor all of those individuals who served as region representatives. Region Reps are a vital communication link with the societies. In the Jan/Feb 1992 issue WSGS had 8 regional representatives. The regions went through several evolutions before they became the regions that they are today.

Region representative reports would appear in the past newsletter issues. In the February 1987 issue the regions were featured with the following region representatives. This was the earliest list I could find.

Region 1: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom, Charlotte Carlstrom

Region 2: King and Pierce, Vivian Cook

Region 3: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Thurston, Lois Taylor

Region 4: Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, Gerald Shepard

Region 5: Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okaganogan, Yakima, Ernest Troemel

Region 6: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Walla Walla, Shirley Penna-Oakes

Region 7: Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Whitman, vacant.

*I spelled Okanogan as it was in the newsletter.

To find out who is your current region representative or if you wish to volunteer as a region rep for your area go to this link and scroll to the bottom of the page: <http://wasgs.org/about.php>. Go here for a list current list of societies by region: <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?>

Outstanding Volunteer Awards began in 2003

The Outstanding Volunteer Award Program was started in 2003. Each year a certificate is handed out to those volunteers from local WSGS societies who have given their time, energy and commitment to that society in a variety of capacities. They are nominated by their own societies.



You can go to the WSGS website see a list featuring the individuals who have contributed to the body of genealogical research in this state. There are biographies of the awardees featured in the newsletter. In the photo Robert Berkley (on the right) presents to Maggie and Gero Mitschel from Okanogan County Genealogical Society for the year 2005.

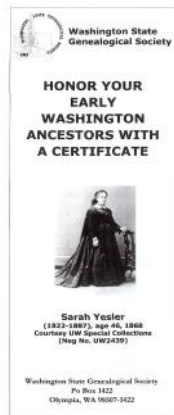


Bob Witherspoon headed this committee till 2013. It was handed over to the capable hands of Roxane Lowe.

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



In the Beginning, the Pioneer Certificate Program...



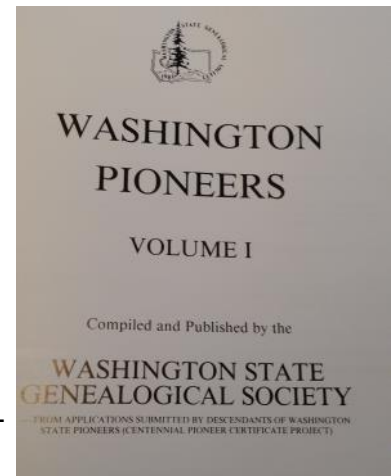
This program was launched right at the beginning of the establishment of WSGS and is still ongoing. Several volumes were published in book form and currently it is now on CD Rom which gets updated regularly as new certificates are issued.

Here is the link on the WSGS website where you will find an application, instructions, the pioneer index and a brochure about the program: <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=8> If you have questions Frank McLean is the chairman of this committee: <http://wasgs.org/about.php>

In the March 1985 WSGS newsletter issue it was reported that the project was progressing nicely by Delores Ackerman, project Chairman. In the Washington Pioneers Volume I it states on page v that the Pioneer Certificate Program was initiated by the WSGS in 1984 as it's contribution to the

Centennial of Washington State (1989). The deadline was set for December 31, 1987 for completion for the Centennial Book.

Some of the surnames that had been approved in 1985 were: Anderson, Baker, Bertschinger, Blackwell, Bremner, Bromley, Chambers, Collins, Cooley, Cummings, Cummins, Davis, Dildine, Doak, Donlan, DuBois, Earnest, Evans, Ewart, Fletcher, Gaulke, Gillihan, Gischer, Gregory, Hecht, Ingram, Jarvis, A.A. Johnson, J.G. Johnson, Kale, Kikendall, Knott, Krumdiack, Lewis, Livingston, Malinem, Martin, McClurg, McFarland, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Pellerin, Perdue, Pfueller, Pickernell, Propst, Roper, Ruark, Schnehly, Shannon, Small, J.L. Smith, Snah-Talc, Spithill, Sturgis, Sutcliffe, Van Brunt, Weatherly, Weldon, Whipple and Wotton.



In the July 1986 newsletter more news came about the progress of the Pioneer Certificate program. It was reported that 900 certificates had been approved for descendants of Washington Territorial Pioneers. It goes on to say a new press release was issued and mentioned that many societies had planned programs around this project. They had expected 2000 cer-



tificates but ended up with 17,800 certificates which meant a delay in printing and a split into two volumes. On the WSGS website it report 18,000 certificates.

There are three parts to this program

1. Centennial Pioneer Certificates
2. Pioneer Certificates
3. First Citizen

<http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=8>

Spotlight on Societies through the years...

In the July 1986 issue of the newsletter there was announcement of the founding of the [Sno-Isle Genealogical Society](#) in South Snohomish County. The first meeting was Wednesday September 3 at 2:30 pm in the Mill Creek Shopping Center. Sno-Isle is now more than two decades old.



Key to the Past

In the July/August 1992 issue [Lower Columbia Genealogical Society](#) was featured with a 3/4 page article written by Alice Saunders. This society was organized in 1963 joining the Longview Public library in 1980 to build a collection.



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

[Northeast Washington Genealogical Society](#) was featured in the September/October 1993 issue with a 3/4 page article written by Susan Dechant. This society came together about 1981 when friends got together.

[Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society](#) was featured with an article by Beverly [Dorfner] in May-June 1993.



It was begun in 1982 when Marietta Roth gathered a few friends together.

A spotlight on a genealogical society was one area of this newsletter your editor really liked to do it started with the Jewish Genealogical Society, Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society, Whitman County Genealogical Society, The Black Genealogy Research Group, Northeast Washington Genealogical Society, Mason County Genealogical Society, Heritage Quest Research Library move, Twin Rivers, Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society, Whatcom Genealogical Society, Clallam County, Genealogical Society of South Whitman, Chelan Valley Genealogical Society.

Why don't you consider presenting a spotlight on your genealogical society for the Washington State blog <http://washgensoc.blogspot.com/> Write up a short three quarter page article about the founding of your society, your current projects and anything about that is special and don't forget a couple of pictures then send it to [Donna Potter-Phillips](#) or [Charles Hansen](#) for publication.

Remember the blog is here to celebrate your society help us spread the news!

Local Speakers Bureau and Cemetery Project

The Local Speakers Bureau needs your expertise why not sign up. [Susan Faulkner](#), Education Chair will be taking the reins on that special part of the WSGS website. <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=10> Did you know this was announced in the Sept-Dec 2004 issue of the newsletter and headed by Mary K. Kozy. It is still one of the features of the WSGS Website.

The Cemetery project started about 1988 and asked societies to submit a list of cemeteries in their areas: <http://wasgs.org/cemeteryRecords.php>

Some Selected Events in Washington State Genealogy...

To add Events Calendar listings at the WSGS website, contact [Sue Ericksen](#). Submit your news to the WSGS Blog at: Donna243@gmail.com. Put *WSGS Events* or *WSGS Blog* in the subject line.



You will find that many Washington State genealogical societies have their own Events Calendars, see page 11 of this newsletter for links to their websites. South King County Genealogical Society has a great events calendar. Go to their website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/>

Dick Eastman has an events website for all around the country: <http://calendar.eogn.com/>

2014 Remember a lot of societies will not hold meetings in December but resume their schedules in January. Make sure you check their website to be sure, see page 11 of this newsletter for links.

November 2, 2014 Seattle Genealogical Society will host a Halloween Party and Open House. This is on a Sunday at 11 am to 5pm. <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/halloween-party-and-open-house>

November 15, 2014 Clark County Genealogical Society will hold their Fall Seminar. A whole day of classed with William Dollarhide at the CCGS Education Hall. Registration starts at 9 am and first lecture starts at 9:30am. http://www.ccg-wa.org/2014_fall_sem.html and learn more about Mr. Dollarhide at this link: http://www.dollarhide.org/page_billw.htm and check out their new website: <http://www.ccg-wa.org/>

December 6, 2014 Clallam County Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Christmas Party and Auction. This would be a great time to meet the members and see what they offer. Noon to 4 pm at 402 E. Lauridsen Blvd. <http://www.olympen.com/ccgs/page12.html>

Events being planned for 2015:

March 21, 2015 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will hold their 2015 Seminar. They are looking for speakers and topics. <http://wajcgs.org/annual-seminar/> More information to come.

April 25, 2015 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will host their Spring Seminar so put this on your calendar. Connie Lenzen will be the presenter. <http://www.lenzenresearch.com/speechlist.html> more details to be found at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

Interest Groups and other societies in Washington State:

Not all genealogical societies or groups have a website presence

Camwood Genealogical Group meets in Stanwood.

Comeford Genealogical Study Group meets in the Ken Baster Community Center in Marysville.

The Black Genealogical Research Group of Seattle meets at the Northwest African American Museum in Seattle.

The Mac Genealogy Group is co-sponsored by the Seattle Genealogical Society and they meet at the Fiske Library in Seattle. This is an interest group of which SGS has many.

Grant County Genealogical Society which may be still out of the library in Ephrata?

Okanogan County Genealogical Society

There are many other interest groups sponsored by Washington State Genealogical Societies throughout the state on just about any topic: Eastern Washington, Jefferson, So. King County, Eastside and more...See page 11 of this newsletter for more links or go here for a list at WSGS: <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=11>

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES IN WASHINGTON STATE

Here is a list of societies in our state who have websites. Not all societies or groups have websites so this list is not complete. Go to this link for a FULL list.

<http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=11>

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE WSGS website is updated for your society. It is very important!

Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society:
<http://www.bigenealogy.org/>

Chelan Valley Genealogical Society
<http://wagenweb.org/chelan/cvgs.php>

Clallam County Genealogical Society:
<http://www.olypen.com/ccgs/index.html>
Click on the meetings link.

Clark County Genealogical Society:
<http://www.ccgs-wa.org/> They have a new website.
Sign up for weekly updates for CCGS events:
<http://www.ccgs-wa.org/p4029.htm>

Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society:
<http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/>

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society:
<http://www.ewgsi.org/> They have a blog too!

Eastside Genealogical Society meets at the Bellevue Public Library: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/index.html>

Fiske Genealogical Library has classes all year:
<http://www.fiskelibrary.org/>

*Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island:
<http://www.gsswi.org/index.php>

Grays Harbor Genealogical Society holds meetings in the Hoquiam public library go here for information:
<http://www.graysharborgenealogy.com/index.php>

Heritage Quest Research Library meets in Sumner and classes are held through the year:
<http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html>

*Jefferson County Genealogical Society:
<http://wajcgs.org/> They have focus groups.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington has regular meetings: <http://www.jgsws.org/index.php>

Kittitas County Genealogical Society
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcgs/KCGS_index.htm

Lewis County Genealogical Society <http://www.walcgs.org/index.html>

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society no meeting in July <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/schedule.htm>

Mason County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wamcgs/>

Olympic Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/index.html>

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
<http://www.newgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=88>

Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PS-APG) has meetings every other month starting in February: <http://www.psapg.org/meetings.php>

Puget Sound Genealogical Society has meetings going through the summer: <http://www.pusogensoc.org/> This includes the Belfair Genealogical Society Chapter.

Seattle Genealogical Society has classes, interest groups meetings, including the Mac Genealogy Group* and more:
<http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/>

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society:
<http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/> They have a new website.

Sno-Isle Genealogical Society <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/indexsigs.htm>

*South King County Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/index.html>

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society
<http://www.stillygen.org/eventListings.php?nm=41>

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/index.html>

Tri-City Genealogical Society
<http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wiki/doku.php>

Twin Rivers Genealogical Society:
<http://www.twinriversgenealogy.org/>

Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society:
<http://www.wags-web.org/index.html>

Whatcom Genealogical Society:
<http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/wgs.htm>

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers
<http://wigs.webplus.net/page2.html> <http://wigs.webplus.net/index.html> They have a new website.

Whitman County Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wawcgs/>

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society
<http://www.yvgs.net/index.php>

*These societies were winners of the WSGS Website award. See the Nov/Dec 2012 and Sept/Oct 2014 issues for articles.

http://wasgs.org/mo_newsletter.php



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