



President's Message

Hi,

A few weeks ago I flew out to see my parents in Casper, Wyoming. Dad is 91 and my mom is 87. I tried to interview my mom on information related to her family. Unfortunately, her memory is faltering quickly. Which points out the fact that if you have a member of the family who can help you with your genealogy research, don't put off getting those memories now if you can. The ideal method is a hand held video camera that you can put it on a stand. Most of the smart phones can also capture videos. Then there is the trusty old tape recorder. And of course, a pencil and a notepad. Most experts recommend you have a script of questions ready to make the interview go smoother.

Well, it is almost June. I want to say I appreciate the SVGS officers who have served before us. Nothing like being in someone's shoes that served before you to appreciate the duties and responsibilities they exercised.

It looks like we will co-host the State Genealogy Conference in 2014. Meetings are being held to iron out the many details. We could use your help. Contact Hazel Rasar who is chairing the meetings at svsgsgenealogy@gmail.com if you can help in 2014.

Dan Royal and Hazel Rasar launch the history book, "Skagit County, Washington & Its People!" at the April general membership meeting. In a few days, I will place a special History Book Sale page on our web page. Stay tuned.

Your advice is needed. If you have suggestions of program topics for next year. Or if you just can't wait to present a program yourself, please contact Barb Johnson at raptorwoman@gmail.com or 360-856-0870. She will happily take your ideas to heart.

The Burlington Public Library is conducting a series of genealogy training for the Roots Project. All the classes will be held on Monday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Burlington Library Conference Room at 820 E. Washington Avenue. The dates are June 3rd, 10th, 17th and the 24th. The Saturday dates are July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. The classes are opened to anyone who wants to attend.

President's message

George E. Ridgeway Jr.

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SVGS President/Webmaster

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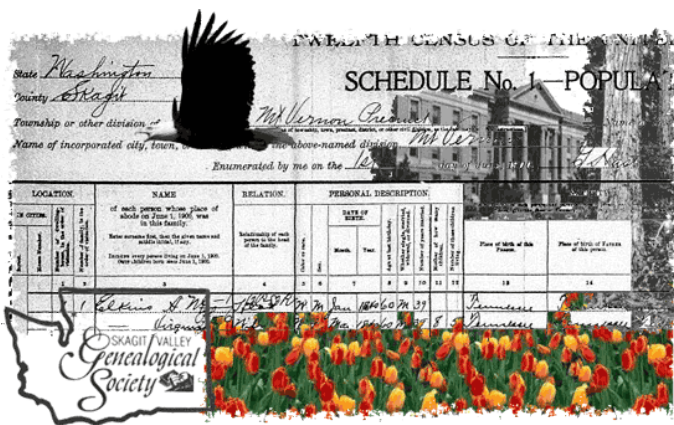
Donations for a new PA System, camera, laptop computer. These need to be newer items or monetary donations. If anyone is willing to help please contact Joe Leblonde.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Just a friendly reminder that dues are now due for the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. In the event you may have already paid, it is possible that they were sent in and just haven't reached me yet. Our year goes from Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st. Dues this year have raised to \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for family membership.

Check out our redesigned web page at
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/>

Your membership dues purchases subscriptions to "Internet Genealogy" and the "NGS Magazine" of the National Genealogical Society. They have a lot of information on a variety of topics that can be helpful to our individual research. The publications are located in our genealogy section of the Burlington Library. The list of articles (sometimes with commentary) are listed in the SVGS newsletter. Find something of interest? Go to the library, find the magazine, locate the article and photocopy it. Less expensive than subscribing to the magazine and you can take it home to read



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Comb Binding ...

For members, The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Dan Royal @ 360-826-6141 he will make arrangements to bind your pages into a book for you. Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supplies.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter accepts business card size advertisement. The cost will be \$10.00 per issue and the editor can help put one together for you if you don't have something ready.

If anyone would like queries or surnames to be posted in the newsletter, please send to... *Ye Editor*

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Upcoming Programs

2012 - 2013



May 28: Speed Dating for Genealogists- another way to break down Brick Walls: A group of “expert” genealogists will give you their help in a four- minutes-per-table exercise . You’ll need to have your brick wall question short and focused. We’ll do our best to give you a short, focused answer.

June 25: Stuart/Stewart Clan History-James Stuart-Stevenson, The Baron of Kilbride. James and his wife, a MacKenzie, have a fascinating tale to tell about his family history.

New York City Introduces Online Database for Its Potter’s Field

For more than a century, to be buried on Hart Island, off the coast of the Bronx, was to be essentially forgotten. It served as a burial place for unknown or indigent people. Close to one million people have been buried in the city’s Potter’s Field since 1869.

Until recently, the names of the dead — when they could be identified — were simply scribbled into ledgers, which were largely inaccessible to the public. But on Wednesday, the city’s Department of Correction, which runs the cemetery, introduced a searchable database, available on its Web site, for people to look up the names of those buried on the island. Stretching back to 1977, there are more than 65,000 names in the registry, and the plan is to add more names as they become available.

A fire on the island in the late 1970s that destroyed some important records, officials said, including some records from 1956 to 1960 and several years of records from the 1970s. The available records online are mostly for deaths that occurred in 1977 or later.

When visiting the site, a warning appeared stating that the database only supports Internet Explorer version 7.0 and up. I find that sad, as there is no current version of Internet Explorer for the Macintosh. However, I used Firefox on a Macintosh and everything seemed to work properly.

The dead can be searched by name — first or last — age, gender and year of death. The database also provides information on the place of death. Using the database seems to be very simple: fill in the blanks for the information you know and then click on SEARCH. Click on the image above to see a larger screen capture of the search form.

The New York City Potter’s Field database is available at http://www.nyc.gov/html/doc/html/hart_island/hart_island.shtml.

My thanks to newsletter reader Tony Zeppetella for telling me about this new online resource.
Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter April 13, 2013

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Margie Wilson—SVGS Librarian

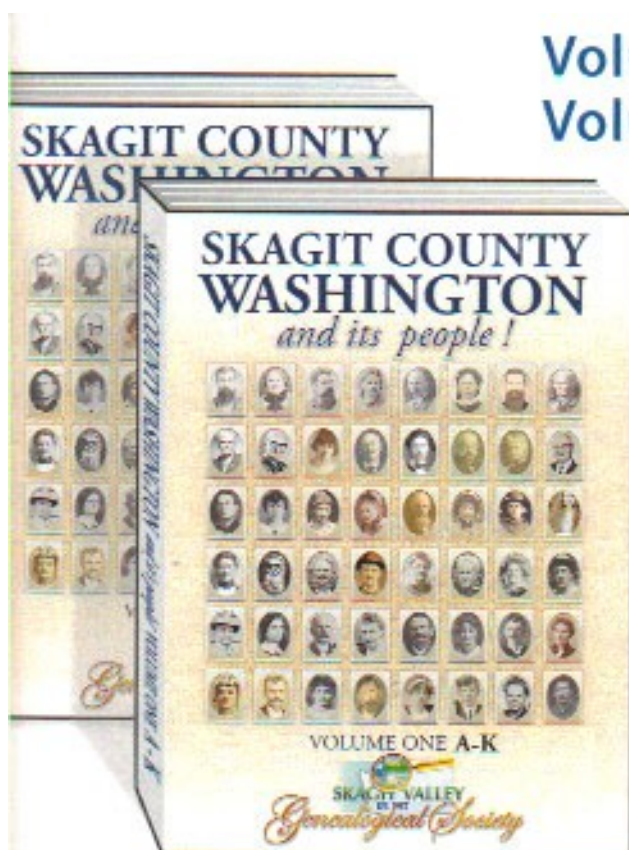
Calendar of Society Meetings in WSGS Region One

WSGS Region One Representative:

Stephen Eric Baylor, s.baylor@comcast.net **May – June – July 2013** (Please send calendar corrections or updates to Bob Witherspoon, 360-734-9835, rgwspoon@aol.com) **Tuesday, May 28, 2013 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society - SkVGS – 7 - 9 PM:** Program: “**Speed Dating for Genealogists - another way to break down Brick Walls**” A group of “expert” genealogists will give you their help in a four- minutes-per-table exercise . You’ll need to have your brick wall question short and focused. We’ll do our best to give you a short, focused answers. Meeting at the Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington. **Monday, June 3, 2013 - Camwood Genealogical Group - CwGG -** Meets first Mondays at 1 PM at Stanwood Historical Society Museum, 27108 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood, WA **Wednesday, June 5, 2013 - Sno-Isle Genealogical Society - SIGS -** Business meeting and refreshments at 6:30pm at Heritage Cottage (next door to Humble House), 19903 Poplar Way, in Lynnwood’s Heritage Park. Program at 6:45pm: is *Planning a Research Trip* presented by SIGS-own **Marge Reid**. Guests are always welcome.

Thursdays in June - Comeford Genealogical Group - CfGG - Meets Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 AM at the Ken Baxter Community Center, 514 Delta Ave., Marysville, WA, in Comeford Park. The group meets informally to assist one another in genealogical research. See <http://comefordgroup.wordpress.com/category/class-times-schedule/> **Monday, June 10, 2013 - Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island - GSSWI -** Education classes at 11:45 AM. **Beginning class:** (Nothing to read ahead of class.) *Preparing for a research trip or "We're going WHERE for vacation?"* Handouts: Key Items Needed for Various Types of Genealogical Research Trips, Preparing for a Research Trip. **Intermediate class:** *You can get there from here. Give me a shovel.* **Program** at 1:00 PM: **Gary Zimmerman** will speak about *The War of 1812*. Gary Zimmerman has long been one of GSSWI's favorite speakers and his programs are always fact-filled, entertaining and educational. Gary's background includes previous academic positions at Antioch College and his current position as curator of the Fiske Genealogical Library. Don't miss his program! Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland. **Monday, June 10, 2013 - Whatcom Genealogical Society - WGS –** Meeting: 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Program: to be announced. Meeting at Bellingham Elks Lodge #194, lower level, 710 South Samish Way, Bellingham. (The Elks Lodge is just east of the I-5 Exit 252 northbound off-ramp on South Samish Way.) **Tuesday, June 11, 2013 - Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society - StVGS -** 1 P.M.: Program: **Open Forum** Program. Members will have a chance to share their recent family history discoveries, research tips, helpful information and favorite genealogical websites. Meeting at the Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington. **Tuesday, June 11, 2013 - Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers - WIGS -** Meeting at 2720 Heller Rd, the fire station #25, just north of Crosby Road in Oak Harbor. Program: 1 PM until about 3. **Show and Tell.** If you have a family heirloom, a document or a photograph that has an interesting story associated with it, bring it and take a few minutes to tell about it. It is helpful to give Ruth Hancock a call ahead of time, but not necessary. There will be information for all levels of searchers, refreshments and raffles. All are welcome. Contact Ruth Hancock 675 -4086 at randr.hancock@frontier.com for more information; also, Gordon Garnhart garnhart@whidbey.net **Tuesday, June 25, 2013 - Skagit Valley Genealogical Society - SkVGS -** 7-9 PM: Program: **James Stuart-Stevenson, the Baron of Kilbride.** His family goes back to Bonnie Prince Charlie and beyond. He has an amazing grasp of his family history, the history of Scotland and **he tells a great story.** Meeting at the Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington.

Friday, June 28, 2013 - Friday Afternoon Bonus Seminar at the Washington State Genealogical Society Conference, 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Presented by Eric Stroschein, President of the Puget Sound Chapter of The Association of Professional Genealogists, www.psapg.org. This bonus seminar will be held at the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society library, 1901 South 12th Ave, Union Gap. Contact YVGS for information on registration for this special seminar. <http://www.yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=25> **June 28-29, 2013. Washington State Genealogical Society 2013 Conference** will be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 9 North 9th Street, in Yakima, Washington. “Researching Rare Apples on Your Family Tree” Keynote speaker will be **Bret Petersen**, board member of the Utah Genealogical Society, graduate of the National Institute of Genealogical Research and member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild. Hosted by the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society. A conference flier and registration form is in the WSGS Newsletter for March-April 2013 at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/2013marapnewsletter.pdf> . The schedule and info on the break-out sessions is on Yakima Valley society’s website: www.yvgs.net



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Monday, 8 October

Barbara's Travelogues continues

We are now in Paris: Our last day before heading home. This will be the last you hear from us till we are back in Sedro Woolley. Of course, we'll pick up the Beagles, stock up on food, and do a few loads of laundry.

On Friday, we visited Southwick ("suthick) House—a grand mansion—where Eisenhower had his headquarters near Portsmouth on the south of England. The map room is preserved just as it was when he gave the orders to proceed on 6 June 1944.

Later that afternoon, we toured the historic dockyard where we walked around the HMS Victory which was Admiral Lord Nelson's ship during the Battle of Trafalgar. What amazed me was short lil' ol' me had to duck under the overheads. The ship was built for fighting not comfort.

We had quite a wait between dinner and boarding the ferry. We sat in the bar of our B&B/restaurant. This was such a treat as all the locals came in for their nightly pint (or two or ...). They got quite chummy with us, even offering to buy us a drink. All I drank was tea as I was way too tired at that point. I'm sure after we left they had a great time talking about us Yanks.

To journey to France, we took an overnight ferry from Portsmouth to Caen. We had a "state room" which consisted of two small beds and a tiny bathroom/head. The boat sailed at 10:45 and arrived in Caen at 5:45 GMT. So not a lot of sleep, especially when the PA system woke the entire ship up at 4:45! We didn't see much of the English Channel until we drove to Arromanches. And we are now driving on the right hand side of the road, although the French drivers are just as much in a hurry as those in the UK.

The last two days have been very moving. Arromanches took the brunt of Allied forces on D-Day. An artificial port was constructed following the landing of the men. The port was an engineering marvel; the number of men participating and the number of dead are beyond comprehension for those of us familiar with today's style of warfare. There were about 1.5 million troops in England preparing for the invasion; over 25,000 US soldiers died during the invasion.

We strolled through the American Cemetery which was somber. I defy anyone not to shed a tear seeing all those graves lined up row after row. So many young men from all the allied countries made the ultimate sacrifice to defeat Hitler.

This morning we took the train from Caen to Paris. The train was very fast but the track was very old. It may be the remains of WWI, it was so rough. Once in Paris, we took a cab to our hotel near the Eiffel Tower. We are on the fourth (5th in the US and Canada) floor; fortunately there is a lift, but it fits only one person and one suitcase. Cozy.

We settled in, then wandered about the streets of Paris. We found a restaurant nearby (there must be 20+ choices) and ate. Roger ordered a hot dog with cheese as that was the only item he saw that he liked. Well...it was a foot-long sausage with a delicious fromage/cheese on a baguette. Not exactly what we Americans consider a hot dog.

Then we caught a bus to the Louvre and promptly got lost. We seem really good at that. We walked about 1 ½ miles, crossing the Seine near the Place de la Concorde and walked through the Jardin de Touleries/Toulerie Garden in a heavy drizzle. By the time we finally got to the Louvre, we were wet, tired and the line to get in was waaaay too long in the rain. Sadly, we are both "museumed out" and I never got to see the Mona Lisa. Sniff.

We returned to the hotel to just plain rest before dinner and our final night in a hotel. We leave Paris tomorrow at 12:40 pm and arrive in Seattle at 4:40 pm. Gosh, just a 4-hour flight, right? When we land a SeaTac it will be 12:40 am "body time". Then customs and a 2-hour ride home. Don't call us, s'il vous plait!

ROOTS

Family History Research Fundamentals

Mondays in June & July 2013

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm*

Burlington Public Library
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JUNE 3

Genealogy on the Internet: The Basics & Beyond

Mary Kathryn Kozy ~ *1:00-4:00 pm
(Note this class time is 1-4 pm)

JUNE 10 & 17

Using Legacy Deluxe Software

Jim Terry ~ 1:00-3:00 pm

JUNE 24, JULY 1 - 8 and 15

An Introduction to Genealogy – Four- Part Series

Steve Baylor ~ 1:00-3:00 pm

JULY 22

Native American Ancestry Research

Theresa Trebon ~ 1:00-3:00 pm

JULY 29

Hispanic/Latino Genealogy Research

Janice Blackhurst ~ 1:00-3:00 pm

For More Information

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ROOTS Rocks!

Inspire the Next Generation of Genealogists!

A common dilemma genealogy societies face is how to replace the current generation of genealogists and members. How do you get young people interested in genealogy? In Burlington, Washington an innovative community collaboration is experimenting with creative ways to engage this next generation in the fascinating study of family history.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, Burlington Public Library and the Burlington-Edison North High School are uniting as community partners to launch an innovative family history research project for teenagers -- "Making Connections Through ROOTS." The objective of the ROOTS project is to improve 11th grade students' information literacy (basic research skills) by engaging teens in the process of researching their own unique family history. The volunteers will gain training and have access to new genealogy resources made possible by the project.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will help provide "genealogist mentors" volunteers to serve as research guides to the teen researchers. The mentors and teen researchers begin working together in Oct. 2013. Mentors and teens will meet weekly on Thursdays at the Burlington Library for approximately 20 weeks. At the close of the project each teen's unique family history will be presented at a public celebration in June 2014.

A field trip to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) branch in Seattle, and living history programs will also be part of the project's curriculum and keep the project engaging for the teens and genealogists alike.

The ROOTS project is a fresh new concept for libraries and genealogical societies to partner together to help teens sharpen their research skills. ROOTS is a pilot program that will create a curriculum and best practices template for other public libraries, genealogy societies and schools to replicate in their communities.

An orientation for prospective genealogist volunteers will be held on Monday, May 20 from 1:00-3:00pm at the Burlington Library Conference Room. Application materials will be available. The deadline to apply to be a genealogist mentor volunteer is Friday, May 31. If you cannot attend the May 20th orientation contact the project coordinator. Arrangements can be made to give the presentation to a small group and for you to receive the application materials prior to the May 31 deadline.

Free training in family history research fundamentals will be offered to the volunteers. This training will be held every Monday in June and July (June 3 through July 29) at the Burlington Public Library from 1-3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these trainings which are offered free and are open to the mentors as well as anyone who is interested in learning the basics of family history research.

You are invited to participate in this fun and exciting pilot project. For more information contact: Margie Wilson, ROOTS Project Coordinator, 360-757-6224, rootsproject@frontier.com.

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The following is a list of publications for sale. Use the order form on the other side of page.

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_____ Online Index at website	
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New Publications

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