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President's Message

“The books are here. The books are here.”

Yes, the history book, “Skagit County, Washington & Its People!” has finally been printed. Dan is getting them out to people who purchased them as quickly as he can. There is still some last minute work to be done to finalize the Index on Book 2.

I hope everyone had a nice holiday with family and friends. A lot has happened since our last newsletter. The Washington state Genealogical Society decided to let Stillaguamish take over the 2014 State Conference in Arlington on August 15 and 16. We at Skagit Valley Genealogical Society wishes them success.

Lois LeBlonde, Sharon Johnson, Hazel Rasar and I are working on the budget for 2014. We have more bills and aspirations than we have funds. We could use your donations and your help.

Our website committee met with Lois and Joe LeBlonde, Hazel Rasar and myself. Unfortunately the meeting was on our only snow day on a Friday and kept Judy and Dan away. Those who attended were excited about some of the things we will be able to do. We will hold another meeting later in January. If you are interested in knowing more, contact me at genealogy0715@gmail.com.

We now have a vacancy for the Education chairperson. The Communications and the Sunshine committee will be combined as one.

The library research phase of the ROOTS project will now morph into the internet phase. The students will start research using computer tools. As expected they are picking up on the procedures faster than the mentors.

President's message

George E. Ridgeway Jr.

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SVGS President/Webmaster

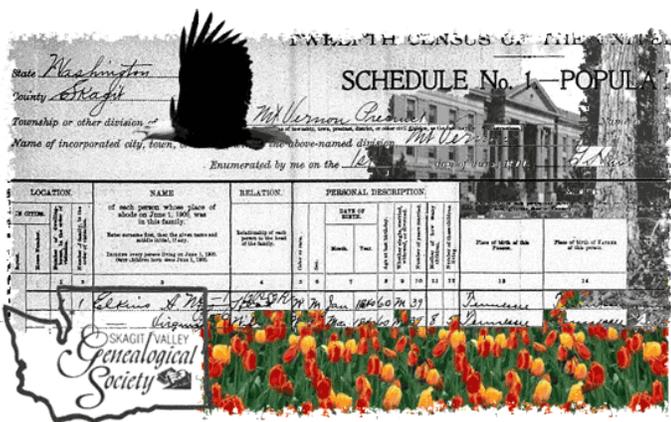
Please get your dues in if you haven't done so already. Take a look at skagitvalleygenealogy.org.

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.
Christine Cooper

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.



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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 Carol Torset at torset@comcast.net or 360-856-2410. She will happily take your ideas to heart.

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*

Some Old Medical Terms

Below is a small list of medical related terms and below that links to several Web sites for additional information.

ague: Often used name for malarial fever or chills.

apoplexy: Stroke

bleeding, bloodletting: Draining a patient's blood, either by lancing the flesh or by applying live leeches.

calomel: Widely prescribed drug throughout the first half of the century. Thought to be a purgative because it caused heavy salivation and had a laxative effect. Highly toxic. Large doses destroyed patient's teeth and gums, caused oral ulcers, hair loss, sometimes facial deformities, and unbeknownst to the physicians of the time, heavy metal poisoning.

catarrh: Frequently used for any inflammation of the mucous membranes, especially in the nose and throat.

consumption: Tuberculosis.

dyspepsia: Indigestion.

gripe/la grippe: Influenza.

jalap: A powder used as a cathartic.

lung fever: Pneumonia.

miasma: Bad air or poisonous effluvium thought to be responsible for many diseases.

[1800s surgical kit unboxed](#)

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[Forgotten Medical Cures](#)

[OliveTreeGenealogy.com: Glossary of Ancient Diseases](#)

[Michigan Family History Network Blog](#)

[Old Disease Names & Their Modern Definitions](#)

[Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms](#)



Skagit Valley Genealogical Society is no longer involved with the State Conference in August 2014. Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will be hosting the State conference. The SVGS Conference Committee wishes them well and encourages SVGS members to mark their calendars for August 15-16, 2014 and plan to attend. The WSGS State Conference will be held at the Arlington High School in Arlington. Watch for more information at a later date.

It is regrettable that David Rencher of LDS will not be able to attend. Josh Taylor will be the Keynote speaker. He is president of FGS and is known for his association with the Antique Roadshow.

SSDI Access is Now Limited



Judy Russell, author of *The Legal Genealogist* blog, has written about the new restrictions now in place on the Security Death Master File — also known as the Social Security Death Index (SSDI). Her article is available at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2013/12/30/ssdi-access-now-limited/>.

There is both bad news and good news:

Bad News: there are new restrictions on what was public domain information that can be useful to genealogists.

Good News: the restrictions apply only for records of individuals who died within the past three calendar years. I don't like that but suspect most genealogists can live with the restriction.

You can read more at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2013/12/30/ssdi-access-now-limited/>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on December 30, 2013 in [Legal affairs](#) |

Washington State Genealogical Society

Region One Report

Stephen Eric Baylor s.baylor@comcast.net

Sno-Isle will also host a mini seminar featuring guest speaker **Mary Kathryn Kozy** on three DNA topics. Seminar will be on Saturday, March 15. Times and venue TBA.

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will be hosting the 2014 WSGS State Conference next August 15 and 16 at Arlington High School and the Byrnes Performing Arts Center. Featured speaker will be **Josh Taylor** of *Genealogy Road Show* fame. See the conference website at <http://www.wsgs2014conference.com>. You can also like us on facebook.

Society Programs:

Camwood Genealogical Group - CGG. Meets first Mondays at 1 PM at Stanwood Historical Society Museum, 27108 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood, WA.

The group meets informally to assist one another in genealogical research. No report.

Comeford Genealogical Study Group - CGSG. Meets every Thursday at 10 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. No report.

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island - GSSWI. Meets second Mondays at 1 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, Woodward and HWY 525, Freeland, WA. Preceded by beginner's classes at 11:45 are at the same location.

Jan. 13: **Doreen Johnson** will give a presentation on *Using Newspapers in your Genealogical Research*.

Feb 10: **Eva Doherty Gremmert** talks on *Irish Research*.

Mar. 10: **Mary Roddy** will discuss *World War II Research*.

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society - SkVGS. Meets third Saturdays November through February at 1 PM at the Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington. Meets fourth Tuesdays March through October at 7 PM at the Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf, Burlington, WA.

Jan. 18: **Peter Ally** will combine family history and music in a presentation entitled *Genealogy and Flutes*.

Feb. 22: **Local "Experts"** will offer *Speed Dating for Genealogists*.

(Tue.) Mar. 25: (7 PM @ Burlington Community Center) **Carol Torset** will speak on *World War I and Genealogy Research*.

Sno-Isle Genealogical Society - SIGS. Currently meets first Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the Heritage Cottage, 19903 Poplar Way, Lynnwood.

No January meeting. Happy New Year!

Feb. 5: **Steven Morrison** presents *Peopling the British Isles*.

(Sat.) Mar. 15: **Mary Kozy** mini seminar on *DNA*.

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society - StVGS. Meets Second Tuesdays at 1 PM at the Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington, WA

Jan. 14: **Marlene Agnes** will talk on *Records of the Veteran's Administration*.

Feb. 11: **Leilani Lucrisia** will discuss *DNA Tests*.

Mar. 11: **Eric Stroschein** speaks on *Newly Discovered Records of the Poor*.

Whatcom Genealogical Society – WGS. Meets at the Bellingham Elks Lodge #194, lower level, 710 South Samish Way, Bellingham. I - 5 exit 252, then north on Samish Way.

Jan 13: No meeting. Happy New Year!

Feb. 10: **Eric Stroschein** will speak on a topic of interest to all members.

Mar. 10: **Judy Bayless** will give a presentation on *Cyndi's List*.

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers – WIGS. Meets second Tuesdays at 1 PM at Heller Road Fire Station, 2720 Heller Road, Oak Harbor, WA

Jan. 14: **Teru Lundsteen** will speak on *Writing Your Memoirs*.

Feb. 11: **Laura Sparr** will present the topic *Ship Passenger Lists and Beyond*.

Mar. 11: **Mark Burley** will talk on *Funeral Home Records for the Genealogist*.

MORE WEB-SITES TO LOOK INTO

1. Digitalarkivet (Norway) at <arkivverket.no/eng/content/view/full/629>

2. Missouri Digital Heritage at <www.sos.mo.gov/mdh>

3. Civil War Daily Gazette at <www://civilwardailygazette.com>

4. California obituaries at <www.cdnc.ucr.edu/cdnc>

Upcoming ROOTS events at the Burlington Library

Greetings,

Attached is a link to the Burlington Library website. The link goes to a page describing an exciting, professional, living history performance that is part of the ROOTS Project. The February 20th evening program will be a portrayal and a multi-media presentation on the subject of a Swedish immigrant's arrival in the Puget Sound area in the early 1900s. All of you with Scandinavian heritage will enjoy a look back into the hardships and struggles of your immigrant ancestors to the Pacific Northwest. Please help spread the word and invite your friends and family to attend this free community based event made possible by the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation grant to the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and the Burlington Library.

See you there!

Margie Wilson

Link to the Burlington Library website:

<http://burlingtonwa.gov/Index.aspx?NID=351>

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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PASSPORT APPLICATIONS, 1795-1905

By (c) Michael John Neill, "Genealogy Tip of the Day," <<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com>> Archive.Org Unindexed--Well not Quite US passport applications are on Archive.org at no charge. The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has allowed their microfilm copy to be digitized. The problem for most users is that the film on Archive.org is not indexed.

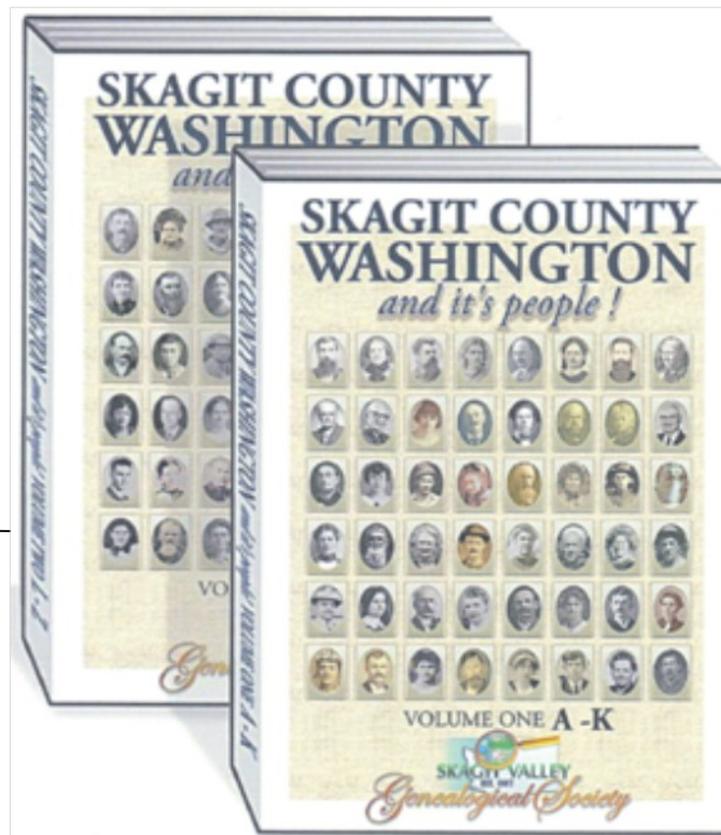
The US Passport Applications, 1795-1905 are indexed on Fold3.com. Non-subscribers to the site can search the passport application from 1795-1905 on Fold3.com and view "mini" versions of the documents and source information without a membership. This is done after searching and clicking on "quick look" after the search results come up.

December 12, 2013 EOGN Blog by Dick Eastman

New Congressional Bill Proposes to Limit Access to the Death Master File/Social Security Death Index
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SSDI Unfortunately, this is no surprise. The genealogy community has been watching the trends to stop access to public records and Congress has been pressured for some time to restrict one of the more important tools for genealogists. Sadly, if this bill passes, identity thieves will find it easier to steal money than ever before. (See my earlier article about that at <http://goo.gl/z8vHFx>.) The Records Preservation and Access Committee, a joint committee of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Genealogical Society, and the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, has been watching this issue for years. The committee reports: The Bipartisan Budget Bill 2014 includes a revenue-generating provision that limits access to the Death Master File/Social Security Death Index. The provisions are identical to bills IAJGS and the genealogical community have been opposing in submitted statements to the US Congress for several years as there are no provisions to permit genealogists to have immediate access nor the special categories of genealogists that the genealogical community have agreed are to be given immediate access while the rest of us may wait a few years. The budget bill includes penalties for violations \$1,000 per violations with a cap of \$250,000 per person violator which is included in the revenue generating provisions.

You can read much more about this in the Records Preservation and Access Committee blog at: <http://www.fgs.org/rpac/2013/12/11/budget-bill-includes-the-access-limitations-for-death-master-filesdi/>.



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Remembrance World War I Centenary

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the first World War in which more than 4 million Americans and over 600,000 Canadians would eventually serve. With the death of Canada's last surviving WWI veteran in 2010, and America's in 2011, the war has now passed from living memory.

To commemorate the centenary, many more resources are being made available online which can help you learn more about your WWI ancestors .

This is part of an article in the Internet Genealogy magazine Dec/Jan 2014. It was written by Carol Richey.

It has commemorative sites that you can go to, such as www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org. This site aims to profile more than 8 million men and women from Britain and the Commonwealth who played a role in the war both on the home front and who served. Another site www.canadaatwar.ca, which is dedicated to Canadians who served; <http://firstworldwar.com> is a multimedia history of the conflict which contains primary documents, details of significant battles, memoirs and diaries. They have many more site from American resources, also a site that examines WWI remittance listed on the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) Archive.

This article has many more sources that are not listed and it also gives an article on obtaining your WWI ancestor's service records

I would like to thank Barbara Johnson for an excellent job as vice-president for the last 4 years. She was able to find many interesting topics for all of us to learn from.

Congratulations to our new vice-president Carol Torset. It is nice to see new faces step up and volunteer. She has not held an office or been on the board of the society before. We need some new blood that can help bring new ideas to help the society improve and get better.

Needed New Volunteers

Our genealogists is looking for new volunteers to train to help with research requests when she is gone. If interested please give Diane Partington a call at 360-336-5832 or send her an email at nonie.dl@comcast.net

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Upcoming Programs



January 18th @ 1:00 PM at the Burlington Library: "**Genealogy and Flutes**"

Peter Ali will entertain us with some lovely music while he discusses his family history.

February 22nd @ 1:00 PM at the Burlington Library: "**Speed Dating for Genealogists.**"

We had so much fun with this last year so we are going to try it again. You'll have 4-5 minutes to present your Brick Wall; we'll answer in 4-5 minutes.

March 25th @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: "**World War 1 and Genealogy Research**" presented by Carol Torset.

April 22nd @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: "**DNA**" presented by Barbara Johnson.

May 27th @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: "**Recap and Outcomes of the ROOTS Program**" from the instructor's perspective presented by Linda Larabee.

June 24th @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: "**Researching Land Records**" by Cori Russell, Records Management Coordinator, Skagit County Records Management.

September 23rd TBD

October 28th TBD

November 18th Brick Walls - Year-end meeting.

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