



President's Message

Winter has taken a cooler turn but they keep promising spring will arrive soon. With any luck you are continuing your family research nice and warm inside with no need to venture out much.

For board news we recently approved providing an intermediate level workshop this fall for those involved with genealogy research above the beginner phase. This will be led by our Education Chair Barbara Johnson. Looking ahead to 2019 our society plans to offer a seminar with the theme to be determined. Any theme suggestions for Barb?

Our V. P. Margie Wilson has been busy scheduling our regular meeting programs. Our March 10 program "Detours Abound: Irish Roadblocks and Stone Walls" will be presented by Steven Morrison. He is a professional genealogist specializing in research in Ireland. Mr. Morrison will explain how to avoid the many pitfalls of Irish research. This is an introductory level program to prepare you for overcoming the many challenges unique to Irish research. For those with Irish ancestry you may be well aware of this dilemma.

Our general meeting program on April 14 features Troy Luginbill, Director of the Lynden Historical Museum, who will present "The Lost Communities of Whatcom County". We'll discover the communities in Whatcom County that we may never have heard of due to their brief

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existence in the late 19th century. This will be a fascinating history told with stories and photographs of Skagit County's parent county. Having been born in Sedro-Woolley and raised in Whatcom County I look forward to his presentation.

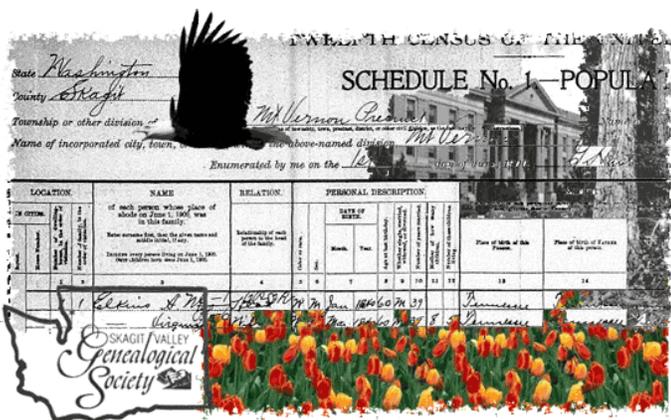
Please be sure your 2018 society dues are paid. Check with Candice Soine our Membership Chair if you are uncertain about your membership status. Her contact information is on the second page of this newsletter. We would like to keep you informed about our program activities.

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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.

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Check out our redesigned web page at skagitvalleygenealogy.org

SVGS Members,
We have a new BLOG on our website. If you are interested in participating in our blog go to skagit-valleygenealogy.Org/BLOG to see how you can register and log in.
Thank you.

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*



“Detours Around Irish Roadblocks & Stone Walls”

THE TOP 10 ROADBLOCKS OF IRISH GENEALOGY RESEARCH



Presented by

professional genealogist & author

Steven W. Morrison

SAT., MARCH 10

1:00 – 3:00 PM

BURLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

1011 Greenleaf Avenue | Burlington

(Use the Eastside entrance to the building)

Are you tired of making little progress finding your elusive Irish ancestors?

Learn about Ireland’s top ten roadblocks and stone walls.

Let this session springboard you to discover the Irish branches on your family tree.

This is a beginners’ level introductory class.

SVGS members & the public are invited to this FREE educational program.

QUESTIONS?

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Saint Patrick's Day, or the **Feast of Saint Patrick** (Irish: *Lá Fhéile Pádraig*, "the Day of the Festival of Patrick"), is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland),^[4] the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland,^[3] and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general.^[5] Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, cèilidhs, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks.^[6] Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services^{[5][7]} and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.^{[5][6][8][9]}

Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland,^[10] Northern Ireland,^[11] the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador (for provincial government employees), and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat. It is also widely celebrated by the Irish diaspora around the world, especially in the United Kingdom, Canada, United States, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, and New Zealand. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival.^[12] Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America. In recent years, there has been criticism of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations for having become too commercialised and for fostering negative stereotypes of the Irish people.

Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the *Declaration*, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland.^[13] It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he "found God". The *Declaration* says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

This is from Wikipedia



This is an article from our fellow member George Ridgway about one of his relatives.

W. Ridgway Glover was a photographer, he was scalped by the Indians while on a project for the Smithsonian. Killed by Indians near Fort Phil Kearny (now Johnson Co), WY □ Source: WYGenWeb Project Archives - S L □ □ Ridgway Glover was born to James Glover and Elizabeth Lewis Glover in 1831, Gloucester Co., New Jersey. The Glovers were well-to-do Quakers who lived across the river from Philadelphia. All accounts about Ridgway described him with adjectives such as odd, queer, melancholy, but also intelligent and a pleasant fellow. In the late 1850's or early 1860's Ridgway had become a young wealthy farmer. He had also developed an interest in the rather new art of photography. He was well known at many of the Philadelphia area publications and photo studios. He was also consumed with the desire to go west and photograph the new frontier and the great landscapes of the west. During this period he did work for publications such as Frank Leslie Illustrated Weekly. These publications assured him they would be happy to publish his letters and work from any western excursion but Ridgway would need to find a sponsor. In what seemed to be his determined nature he decided that the Smithsonian could be convinced to be the sponsor he needed. He wrote numerous letters to officials at the Smithsonian and also had personal meetings. Finally the Smithsonian agreed to sponsor him with food and transportation. He was to do meteorological observations and take every opportunity to photograph the Indians. □ □ In April of 1865 he took pictures of the Lincoln funeral train. After that was completed he headed to Indiana where he spent time visiting his mother's people who lived in Pendleton, In. There he awaited word from the Smithsonian that they had an assignment for him. Finally they contacted him that they wanted him to take pictures at the Fort Laramie Peace Treaty talks. Numerous letters back east to both the Smithsonian and Leslie's Illustrated are in the records. They tell of his pictures taken. He also gives great details about the difficulties he is having with his photographic materials and efficiently developing a procedure in his crude surroundings. He is anxiously awaiting a wagon train further north and west. In the early summer of 1866 he joins a wagon train heading for Fort Phil Kearney in the Dakota territory (Now just south of Sheridan WY). This Fort was part of the Bozeman Trail west to Montana where Ridgway hoped to spend his winter. As the wagon train makes its way north it is attacked by hostile Indians. Several of the wagon train members are killed. During the heat of the battle, Ridgway is badgering the commanding officer to let him go out and get photographs. He is promptly told just how foolhardy that would be and it was out of the question. The wagon train finally made it to Fort Phil Kearney. □ □ Ridgway was out of supplies and sent an order east. He spent the rest of his summer working down in the Piney to earn his keep. All his spare time was wandering the surrounding territory and spending days and walking miles into the wildness. Numerous times he was told he should not leave the Fort without armed guards. The Indians were very much on the warpath. They were furious with the opening of the Bozeman Trail through their prime hunting territory. All of the settlers and gold prospectors were infringing on all the territories that had been promised to the Indians. It would only be a few years later and a few miles north that these angers would culminate with General Custer at the Big Horn. Ridgway, true to his odd nature totally disregarded all warnings. He was under the false assumption that the Indians thought him a Mormon and therefore would not harm him. He told this story to many of the Fort Phil Kearney residents on different occasions. His letter east gave great details of his treks into the wildness. He was in total awe of the landscape. Today he would probably be considered a naturalist and environmentalist. Sad he never had supplies to photograph what he was describing in his correspondence. On Sunday 15 SEP 1866 he again disregarded warnings and went to the mountains. One of the outlying camps saw him during that afternoon. In the early morning of the 16th his body was discovered lying in the trail. He had been scalped of his long blond hair. □ □ Footnote: The photographs taken at the Peace Treaty have never been found. Their historical value is priceless as no other photograph were taken of this event. The Smithsonian has searched all the sources that he might have sent them to in the east. He could have possibly sent them to his Indians relatives. They were not reported in his list of belongings from the Fort commander. The photo archivist at the Smithsonian found some of his family photograph at a yard sale in Canada several years ago. □ □ Note by Librarian: A note from Sonny Reich who is curator at Ft. Phil Kearny National Site 5/15/02 (Burials were moved 1888 to Fort Custer, then later over to Custer Battlefield National Cemetery @ Hardin, Montana. I assume this means that Glover was original buried at Ft. Phil Kearny then moved to Fort Custer and then to Custer Battlefield National Cemetery, his final resting area.

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society**Monthly Meetings Program Calendar - 2018**

Meetings: 2nd Saturdays, 1-3pm | Burlington Senior Center | 1011 Greenleaf St. | Burlington
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Visitors are always welcome to attend SVGS monthly educational programs. Join us!

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Sat., May 12 Lost in Translation: Solving the Challenges of Foreign Language Translation

Jaye Stover, President of the Language Exchange in Burlington, WA will discuss the many translation/intrepretation problems researchers encounter when trying to decipher pre-20th century documents written in a foreign language, and how to address those challenges. Online translation tools may not be the best answer. Don't let archaic handwriting styles and a foreign language become your brickwall. Discover the many tools and resources available for family researchers.

Sat., June 9 This is Our Family's Story -- SVGS Members Show and Tell

Your family is invited to join you at this special meeting. This will be an opportunity for you to share the results of your many months/years of relentless detective work in pursuit of your ancestors. Bring your family memorabilia, displays, albums, etc. and share your family's unique legacy.

---- July-August – no meetings - Enjoy the summer break. See you in September! ---



Are You a Member of the Washington State Genealogical Society?

If you haven't joined yet, there are many advantages for joining.

First of all, it costs only \$12 and our Skagit Valley Genealogical Society receives \$2 for every one of our members who joins the State. Now that's an easy fund raiser!

Each week, you will receive the WSGS blog with lots of great information. There is a link to each article—just click and read. Many of the articles deal with fun things about our state such as the Monday Mystery, Tuesday Trivia and Friday Serendipity. There are links to upcoming Genealogical Society meetings. As a member of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, you are welcome to visit other societies to see their programs. And we can all learn more can't we?

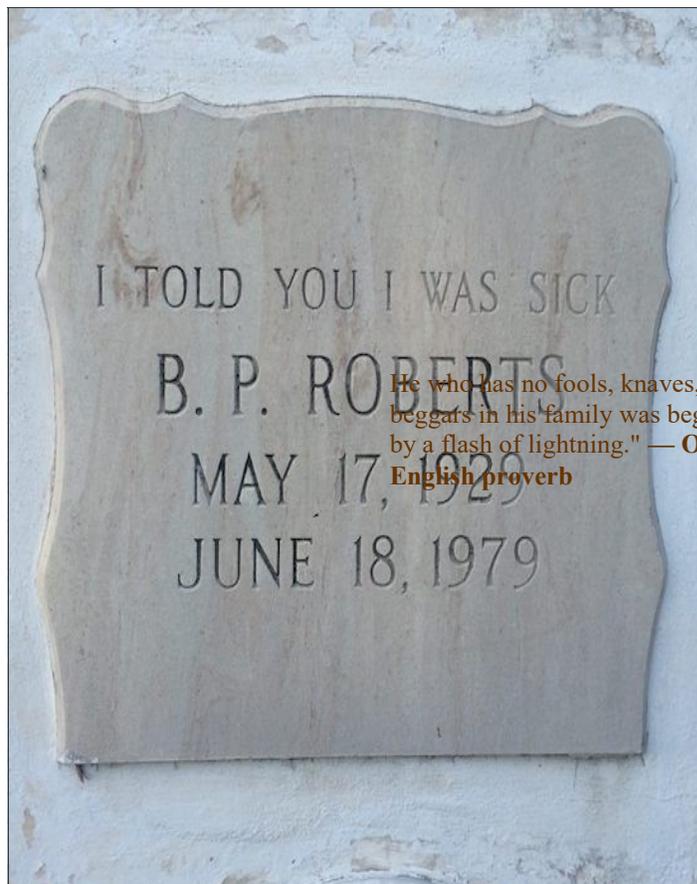
Often the Seattle Genealogical Society has a "tips" article. And there are several general genealogical interest articles which you can read in your "jammies" at your leisure.

For \$12 (4 lattes) you can learn a lot!

Do consider joining. Here's the link: <https://wasgs.org/onlineJoin.php>

A Humorous Tombstone

[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 4, 2018](#) · [Humor](#) · [3 Comments](#)



Family History Quotes

"I don't know who my grandfather was, I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be." — [Abraham Lincoln](#)

He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning." — [Old English proverb](#)

"Why waste your money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you." — [Mark Twain](#)

"If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten; Either write things worthy of reading, or do things worthy of writing." — [Benjamin Franklin, May 1738](#)

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