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Library Report for January 2012 Newsletter

President's Message

2012! Can you even believe that? I remember we had to read a book by George Orwell called 1984 and that seemed like it was way out in the future to us. Now we are way past that year.

Have you thought about sitting down and writing about growing up as a child? Telling about school, siblings (fights, games, funny incidents), lessons, games, friends, music, clothing styles and chores you may have had to do for an allowance or just do to help out..If you don't want to write it down then record it or sit down and video tape it. Put a tablet by your chair and when you think of something write it down, I know that watching some movies I remember thinks when I was a child.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and you were able to spend quality time with your families.

The Society is getting ready to make their plans for the coming year. We are very close to finishing the Hamilton Cemetary book. We are planning classes for everyone interested but we have not decided which ones to start with yet. If anyone has any suggestions on ideas for programs or classes they would like to see, please fill free to let us know, sometimes it is not easy to try to figure out what you as members would like. You can email us at genealogy0715@gmail.com.

I would like to thank all of the Officers and Board members for the great job you did last year. Also, a big THANK YOU to Portia for the super job as treasurer for the last 4 years. All of you are very much appreciated. Welcome aboard Lois as the new treasurer and Joe as a new board member.

Dottie Chandler, President

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

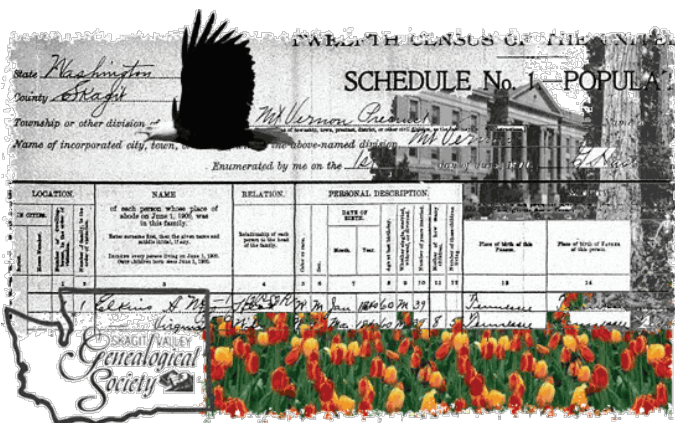
Your society's dedicated library volunteers are beating the rush this year and making their New Year's Resolutions early. While typically at this time of year visions of sugarplums dance in people's heads, your genealogy library volunteers are instead creating visions of goals and tasks for 2012. Working on these projects in 2012 will make the SVGS Library an even brighter shining star in the community.

Here is a brief Santa's List that the volunteers came up with:

- **Update the Library Holdings List.** Now that a large collection of over 100 books from Norene and Charles Schilter was added to the new expanded shelving it is time to update the listing for SVGS' collection.
 - Provide more regularly scheduled **training for the library volunteers** so they feel confident when helping patrons.
 - **Recruit more volunteers** from the SVGS membership and the community at large.
 - Create a **"Go-To First Research Guide"** to assist volunteers and patrons in answering that age-old question, "What do I do next in my research?"
 - Research some **grant opportunities** for the genealogy library to get a dedicated computer for genealogy research and several subscription based programs such as, Ancestry.com, Footnote, World Vital Records, and others.
- Adopt a numbering system** for the collection to provide volunteers and patrons a consistent means for re-shelving books in the correct order and thus make books easier to find.

So, you see there's a lot happening with the genealogy library to get involved in. Perhaps you've been thinking of volunteering but think, "Oh, I don't know enough to help others." Well, that is a question each of the volunteers, myself included, has wrestled with. But, here's the thing -- each time you volunteer at the library you learn a little bit more about the collection, about how to research, what other research challenges there are, and that each research situation is unique. It is just impossible to "have all the answers" for anyone research situation. So, as volunteers we just jump in with both feet, provide guidance, as we are able to. 100% of the time it is greatly appreciated by our library visitors, because guess what -- they really aren't expecting you to know all those answers anyhow! Sometimes they just want to browse on their own or share proudly their family pedigree charts or just have someone else to talk to about the fun they are having with their research! After all, it gets lonely out there just sitting in front of the computer in your jimmy

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



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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*

From Spokane Crime Stories 1909

LOST HER JOB SO SHE ELOPED

New York—"I lost my salary and I didn't want to come home without it. So I went and got married. Don't try to find me, for you can't for I'm living in Jersey.

Henry Raele, 218 East Fifty-ninth street, reported to the police that he had received a letter with the above information, written by his daughter, Louisa, 15 years old. He asked that a general alarm be sent out for the girl and that the man to whom she is married be arrested.

NEED A VITAL RECORD?

Vital Records from the State of Washington cost \$20.00. However, as a fundraiser for SVGS, it will cost you \$3.00 (and that's only if one is found)! The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has vital records (b,m,d) from many states. Not all records are available in all states. Their holdings can be found at <familysearch.org>. Click "Library", click "Family History Library Catalog", click "Place Search"; enter state you're searching for from the records list, select "vital records". Do this for all states you might be interested in. If you think your record may be in SLC, I will search and photocopy the record, Interested? E-mail, mail or phone me with as much of the following information as possible, name, event, date of event, place, parents. Remember, you only pay if something is found. Information deadline to Sharon Johnson is no later than February 9th. 360-445-5483 or lsjohnson@myfrontiermail.com

Burlington Public Library

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Burlington, WA 98233
Phone (360) 755-0760
Email:
library@ci.burlington.wa.us
Hours: Monday – Thursday
11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday – Closed
SVGS Library Collection
located here. SVGS Volunteers
available on Mondays from
11:00—1:00 to assist with ques-
tions.
Margie Wilson—SVGS Librarian



Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Upcoming Programs 2011- 2012

January 28, Saturday – John Ruhlman - Planning a Family Reunion – John will give us tips for having a successful reunion.

February 25, Saturday – Brick Walls – Do you still have unfound relatives who don't want to be found? Let us help you break down those brick walls.

March 27 –1940 Census – Carol Buswell from the National Archives and Records Administration in Seattle will fill us in on the soon-to-be-released 1940 Census.

April 24 –Mary McGoffin – “Under the Red Roof” – Mary will discuss her book about Northern State Hospital and its fascinating history and architecture. She suggests one read the book prior to our meeting. She'll be signing copies of the book. She suggests one read the book prior to our meeting. She'll be signing copies of the book.

May 22 – Sharon Johnson – Land records – Sharon has been researching for years and has great tips on searching through land records.

June 26 – Barbara Allen – Updated familysearch.org – What's the latest about the New And Improved Family Search web site? Come and find out.

We meet from 7:00-9:00 pm on 4th Tuesday of the month at Burlington Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf Avenue, Burlington, Washington, during the months of September, October, March, April, May and June;

We meet on the 4th Saturday, from 1:00-3:00pm at the Burlington Library, 820 East Washington Avenue, Burlington, Washington during the months of November, January and February.



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.

Taken from the Washington State Genealogical Newsletter

Feb 11, 2012 The Seattle Genealogical Society will host an open house at the SGS Library from 10 am to 3 pm. It is an opportunity to learn about the SGS Library collection and how to get started or dig deeper in your genealogical research.

<http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/>

May 12, 2012 The Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar: —When Genealogy Meets Technology,|| by Cyndi Howells & Emily Aulicino. Location: La Quinta Inn and Suites 1425 East 27th St., Tacoma. WA. Check this link out for more information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html> Time: 8 to 4 pm. This link is to the brochure

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/2012TPCGSSeminarflier.pdf>

March 17, 2012 The South King County Genealogical Society will present a Mini Seminar: —Records of the Blue and Grey: Civil War Era Records. The Bounty Lands: Early Military Pension and Land Records,|| by Eric Stroschein. Time is 9:30 am. Location: First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th St., Kent, WA. For more information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/>

May 19, 2012 The Seattle Genealogical Society will present an all-day workshop featuring George G. Morgan from —The Genealogy Guys.|| More information to follow at the SGS website: <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/>

July 28, 2012 The Genealogical Council of Oregon will host their Summer Genealogy Fest, a state wide conference. Featured Speaker is John Phillip Colletta. Call for Papers for this fest is at this link:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/conf2012/call4papers.pdf>

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Library to Move!

On November 11, 2012 it was announced that an agreement with the Arlington School District for a new location to house the SVGS Library has been reached. The Arlington School District has offered them a rent-free location for the library. Lease arrangements were settled and the SVGS Board voted to accept their offer.

The new location is at 215 South French Street, just south of the Arlington High School a building that now houses the Christian School. SVGS will have the first floor of the building which is about 1150 square feet (200+ more than they have now), two 'real' bathrooms, and a full kitchen. There will be plenty of room for our regular meetings, as well as a separate area for the Rug Rats meetings, Legacy classes, and Board meetings. The overriding reason was to save in rental costs and the annual savings is considerable.

The library will be closed all of January 2012 and reopen on February 2, 2012. There will be an open house on March 10 from 10 am to 2 pm. The move is being done. The job will be to pack up the contents of the library and that includes all 5000 books and everything else and then unpack them all again in the new location.

Here is the link to the Stillaguamish Valley website: <http://www.stillygen.org/>

National Conference Spotlight

February 1, 2012, Professional Management Conference of the Association of Professional Genealogists in Salt Lake City. Conference theme is "Techniques, Tools and Technology." The conference will be located at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Salt Lake. APG is hosting Rootstech.

<http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html>

February 2-4, 2012, Rootstech, Family History & Technology Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, Salt Palace Convention Center. The theme is "Innovation through Collaboration." For more information and to register go to: <http://www.rootstech.org/>

May 9-12, 2012, The National Genealogical Society's Family History Conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Duke Energy Convention Center. For more information visit http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info Registration is now open.

August 29 to September 1, 2012, The Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama. More information to follow at <http://www.fgs.org/2012conference/>

Washington State Genealogical Society
 Region One Report
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 Jan. 16, 2012

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.

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.

Feb. 13: Susan Prescott and Michael Seraphinoff will give a presentation entitled, "Civil War - Daily Letters from a Captain to His Wife."

Mar. 12: Maureen MacDonald will speak on "An Apple a Day, Keeps the Doctor Away," which will focus on historical medical practices.

Apr. 9: Gary Zimmerman of the Fiske Foundation will be featured speaker on a topic to be determined.

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society - SkVGS. Meets fourth Tuesdays at 7 PM at the Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf, Burlington, WA.

Jan 28: A Saturday meeting at the Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington, at 1 PM has John Ruhlman on Planning Family Reunions.

Feb. 25: Also a Saturday meeting at BPL at 1 PM will feature a brick wall session.

Mar. 27: Summer schedule at the Community Center resumes with Carol Buswell discussing the soon to be released 1940 Federal Census.

Sno-Isle Genealogical Society - SIGS. Currently meets first Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the Humble House, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood. Preceded by workshops at 6 PM next door at the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society Library.

Feb. 1: 1 PM meeting, Program TBA

Mar. 7: 1 PM meeting, Program TBA

April 4: Summer 6 PM schedule resumes, Program TBA

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society - StVGS. Meets Second Tuesdays at 1 PM at the society library, 215 S. French Ave., Arlington, WA

Feb 4: Library opens to public at new location on regular schedule, Tuesdays noon to 4 PM, Thursdays 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM.

Feb. 14: Loren Kraetz will give a photo presentation on historical schools of Arlington.

Mar 12: Four week Beginning Genealogy classes begin at the society library, 6:30 PM to 8 PM with Steve Baylor, instructor.

Mar 13: Jerry Magelssen will give a photo presentation on Barns of Camano Island and Surrounding Areas.

April 10: Penny Buse will speak about the history of the Warm Beach community. Copies of her book, "Stuck in the Mud" will be available for purchase.

Whatcom Genealogical Society – WGS. Meets Second Mondays at 7 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 2117 Walnut St. Bellingham.

Feb. 13: 1:30 meeting, Program TBA

Mar. 12: 7 PM Summer schedule resumes, Program TBA

Apr. 9: Program TBA

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

Feb. 14: Gary Zimmerman will speak on Accessing Digital Books Online.

Mar. 13: Dave Thaler will discuss "Advanced U.S. Census Research of 1790 - 1840."

Apr. 10: Jim Johnson will talk on Military Records on the internet.

Three Genealogy Powerhouses Join Forces to Publish 1940 US Census

SALT LAKE CITY—Three leading genealogy organizations, Archives.com, FamilySearch International, and findmypast.com, announced today they are joining forces to launch the 1940 US Census Community Project. The ambitious project aims to engage online volunteers to quickly publish a searchable, high quality name index to the 1940 US Census after it is released in April 2012 by the National Archives and Record Administration of the United States (NARA). The highly anticipated 1940 US Census is expected to be the most popular US record collection released to date. Its completion will allow anyone to search the record collection by name for free online. Learn more about this exciting initiative or how to volunteer at www.the1940census.com.

The 1940 US Census Community Project is also receiving additional support from leading societal organizations like the Federation of Genealogical Societies, National Genealogical Society, and Ohio Genealogical Society.

The population of the US in 1940 was approximately 130 million. NARA's census images will not have a searchable index. The goal of the 1940 US Census Community Project is to create a high quality index online linked to the complete set of census images as soon as possible. The index will allow the public to easily search every person found in the census and view digital images of the original census pages. The collection will be available online for free to the general public at Archives.com, FamilySearch.org, and findmypast.com, the sponsors of the community project. This new collection will open access to family history research like never before for this period in the US.

“The 1940 Census is attractive to both new and experienced researchers because most people in the US can remember a relative that was living in 1940. It will do more to connect living memory with historical records and families than any other collection previously made available,” said David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch.

The collaborative project will also pool the collective resources, know-how, and marketing reach of Archives.com, FamilySearch, and findmypast.com to engage and coordinate the volunteer workforce needed to deliver the ambitious project. Additionally, Archives.com and findmypast.com will make substantial financial contributions to make the 1940 US Census online name index possible and work with nonprofit FamilySearch to bring additional new records collections online—making even more highly valued family history resources available to the entire genealogical community.

Archives.com launched in 2009 with a focus on making family history research simple and affordable. Archives.com was recently awarded the opportunity to host the 1940 census for the National Archives as part of a separate project. Its involvement with the collaborative 1940 US Census project reiterates its commitment to the genealogy community and leadership in the space.

“As a forward thinking company, we understand the critical importance the 1940 Census will have on US family history research. We are proud to be a primary sponsor of this community initiative, giving us another opportunity to take a leading role in the genealogy industry. We'd like to encourage and thank volunteers in advance for their essential contribution to this project,” said Matthew Monahan, CEO of Archives.com's parent company, Inflection.

FamilySearch has developed an impressive global online community of volunteers over the past 5 years to help create free indexes to millions of the world's historic records. The scope and size of the 1940 US Census Community Project will require tens of thousands of additional volunteers.

Findmypast.com is one of a series of leading family history websites owned by the online publisher, brightsolid, which hosts over a billion records across its genealogy brands. The company, which has been at the cutting edge of online family history since 2002, has a wealth of genealogy experience, including the recently digitized historic newspaper archive for the British Library (britishnewspaperarchive.co.UK), which is set to digitize up to 40 million pages over the next 10 years.

“By supporting this ground-breaking initiative, we hope to capture the imagination of the public to bring millions of people together to create this remarkable document of, and tribute to, the Greatest Generation. At brightsolid we are committed to making family history accessible for all and believe access to these records will transform the family history market in the US,” said Chris van der Kuyl, CEO of findmypast.com's parent company, brightsolid.

About Archives.com

Archives.com is a leading family history website that makes discovering family history simple and affordable. The company has assembled more than 1.5 billion U.S. and international historical records in a single location, including vital, census, newspaper, immigration, military, and more. Archives.com is free to try for seven days, allowing anyone to explore the benefits of membership without risk or obligation. Archives.com is owned and operated by Inflection, a fast-growing data commerce company, chosen by the National Archives to host the 1940 Census. Find more information at <http://www.archives.com/1940census>.

About FamilySearch

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessor organizations have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

About brightsolid and findmypast.com

Since 1994, brightsolid group has been delivering online innovation and pioneering the expansion of the genealogy market with leading family history websites including the findmypast global network, **Scotland-
sPeople**, GenesReunited, and britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk, together servicing over 18 million registered customers worldwide. The sites connect people via their innovative family tree software and deliver access to over a billion records dating as far back as 1200. Family historians can search for their ancestors among global collections, relating primarily to people with UK and Irish ancestry, of military records, census, migration, occupation directories, newspapers, as well as birth, marriage and death records.

Barry J. Ewell launches Barry's Blog on Genealogy

Barry J. Ewell, founder of MyGenShare.com and nationally known writer, presenter, researcher and mentor of genealogists launches a daily blog. The content will include articles, podcasts, slideshows, and videos. Barry's Blog on Genealogy will help new and experienced genealogists to:

- Find, access, and explore genealogical resources quickly
- Develop, expand, and sharpen your genealogy research skills
- Discover clues to trace and explore your family ties
- Quickly identify which record collections to search first
- Resolve genealogical brick walls
- Learn to find and use specific country, state, and county records

Come join Barry at Barry's Blog on Genealogy.

Link: Barry's Blog on Genealogy

Seattle Genealogical Society

28 January, Saturday - **DNA INTEREST GROUP**
10:00 am-12:30 pm; at a location to be determined.

Topics for our meeting include:

Review of DNA Testing (first 45 minutes)

Comparison of FamilyTreeDNA and 23 Me Test Results (1 hr)

Testing Results Review Presentations given by Virginia Curulli and Dorothy Landeen.

To get on the member list for meeting notification, email us at: sgsdnasig@gmail.com

FIND \$22,000 AND IT DRIVES HIM CRAZY

Synder, Okla.—Digging up what looked like \$22,000 in paper money while he was plowing a field, William Murphy, farmer, became insane when he learned that the money was worthless. He had carefully guarded his find and gloated over it for two weeks before he learned that it consisted of Confederate bills.

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