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President's Message

There is a lot of activity by members of our society in preparation for the Washington State Genealogical Society Conference and Annual Meeting. The program committee has worked hard to give us a great selection of classes. Sue Perrault has been busy working with vendors and other societies in our region that wish to have displays. Most of the society displays will introduce us to the activities of those societies. Diane Partington and her committee have been busy preparing items for inclusion in the registration packets, accepting registrations and coordinating those with Bob Witherspoon and Yale Gifford.

I encourage each of you to consider attending and supporting not only the state society but your local society as well.

Laura Sparr has another class going and is always open to attendees that want to attend individual classes. She has invited our general membership to "go along" when they go on field trips. For further information on her class schedule, feel free to contact her.

George Ridgeway has been doing a nice job of providing us with informative educational classes for our general meetings. I hope that you have been enjoying them as well. There is so much information available to us, both through our society lectures and on the Internet.

On a much sadder note, we must say good-bye to Hazel Pilkenton. Hazel had been in poor health for some time. She was one of our society charter members and has maintained a continuous membership since our society was organized in 1987. Hazel was also a member of our areas famous Gates family and was raised and lived for many years in Alaska. She enjoyed sharing stories about her life and that of her ancestors. She will be missed by many.

Enjoy your research. It is fun!

Hazel Razar,

President SVGS



Hazel M. Pilkinton, 86, passed away February 14, 2008, at her home in Burlington, Washington.

She was born November 10, 1921, in Rampart, Alaska, to Charles & Florence Knox. Hazel's mother was Full Athabascan Alaskan Indian and her father was a descendant (grandson) of Jasper Gates of Mount Vernon, WA. In August of 1944 the family moved from village life, Ruby/Galena area, to Anchorage, Alaska.

Hazel spent 25 years working for the USAF and retired from Elmendorf AFB in 1971. In 1974 she decided to move to Washington living in Edmonds, Sedro-Woolley, and finally in Burlington.

Hazel belonged to several organizations: 30 years with Daughters of the American Revolution; 30 years as a volunteer of Seattle Genealogy; Charter member of Skagit Audubon Society; Skagit Genealogical Society. She was a shareholder of the Doyon, Ltd., and Baan O Yeel Kon, native corporations of Alaska.

She loved traveling, photography, sharing her pictures and slides, and her life history with any that would listen... and they enjoyed her stories. She liked playing Cribbage, Bridge, Pinochle, Domino's and several other games. She also enjoyed her senior lunches that she attended, visiting with her friends, birthdays and everyday life.

Hazel was preceded in death by her father and mother and 4 siblings: Ruth Knox, Charles Knox, Bill Knox, Alice Daniel, and niece Debbie Daniels.

She is survived by her sister Norma Knox and sister-in-law Sharon Knox, both from Anchorage, Alaska; niece Donna Schopf and husband Stan of Burlington, WA; niece Allison Knox; nephews Denny Dean, Will Knox and wife Margaret, all of Anchorage, Alaska; great-nephews Kyle Dailey, and Shawn Dailey of Burlington; great-nieces and nephews Tisha Lamprecht, Sarah Dean, Kaitlyn Knox, Nicholas Dailey, and Ella Knox; also many cousins of the Notti, Pitka, Kangas, Peters, Littlefield, Carlo, Olin, Chute, Knox, Walton, Baker, Paye, Pronesti, and Parker families; and many good friends that will miss her dearly.

A special thanks to Hazel's caregivers during her last 3 weeks, Sonja and Kim. Also her niece Donna Schopf, great-niece Tisha Lamprecht, and cousins Fred & Betty Olin, for making it monetarily possible for her to stay in her apartment for her final days, as she wished.

Donations can be made to the Skagit Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1101 Mount Vernon, WA 98273; or St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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Comb Binding ...

For members, The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Arnold Stewart at 360-466-3288 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*

Calendar of Events

Upcoming 2008

General Meeting:

Start time 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the **Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington** No change in date or time.

March 25—Jessica Hacken, “ancestry .com”

April 22—George Ridgeway , working with “Power Point”

May—General Meeting is canceled this month due to the Washington State Genealogical Society Conference and Annual Meeting hosted by Skagit Valley Genealogical Society.

June 24— Brickwalls and Book Fair

Rewards! Don't forget SVGS when shopping at either Office Depot or Office Max. Our society has membership in the Rewards programs for both of these businesses. If you are purchasing office supplies or larger items - you may contribute your "Reward Dollars" to SVGS. At time of checkout, request that the salesperson credit your purchases to SVGS. You may use account numbers for Office Max "MaxPerks # 4005-73328" or Office Depot "Work Life Rewards member # 1202525968" or "Skagit Valley Genealogy Society" or phone number "424-6528" if you do not have one of our cards. SVGS is eligible to receive a Rewards Check for a percentage of the purchases on these accounts, up to \$200 spent in any quarter. This is a great way to contribute to the society.



Welcome New Member(s)

Donald Malidore Burlington, WA

Patricia Stromberg Port Townsend, WA

Jacquelin Lara Stanwood, WA

Thanks to the kind response on last years **Summer Journal**, the newsletter editor and Heritage Historian will continue with another issue this summer. The theme will be **‘School Census Reports for Skagit County’** and how they can be used for genealogical purposes. Other items of interest besides the theme can be used concerning genealogy and history in Skagit County. We would like to see contributions from SVGS membership; submission deadline will be May 31st of the current calendar year. Send your submission to **Dan Royal** or **Tom Robinson** via email or snail mail at 38090 Kelly Ln., Concrete, WA 98237. Email address and phone numbers can be found on page 2.

Burlington Public Library

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Hours: Monday – Thursday

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – Closed

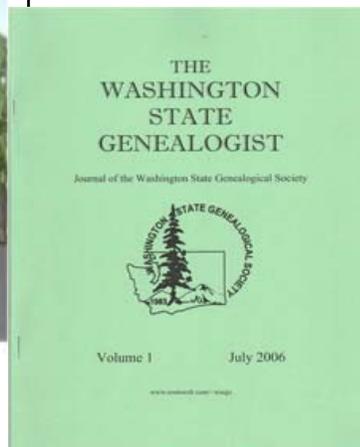
SVGS Library Collection

located here. SVGS

Volunteers available on

Mondays from 11:00—1:00 to assist with questions.

Joan Udd—SVGS Librarian



Robert G. Witherspoon, Editor of **‘The Washington State Genealogist’** is asking for submissions, preferably un-published original material for this years annual journal brought to you by the **Washington State Genealogical Society**. **Contact** Bob on email, rgwspoon@aol.com or by phone 360-734-9835. Deadline by June

15th of this calendar year.

Coming Events

Apr 5 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society—Spring Workshop Dr. Gary Zimmerman German Research and Fiske Library 3 Apr 2008 - Seattle, WA

Mac Genealogy Group Salute! Our country has been at war almost every year since its inception, from informal fighting with the locals to full-scale world wars. Almost every male (and some females) used to enlist in the local militia and there are records to be found. Where should you look for your family's war records and how do you want to enter them in Reunion and other programs.

5 Apr 2008 - Langley, WA

The Genealogy Society of South Whidbey Island presents their Spring Seminar featuring Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, author of *Forensic Genealogy* and co-author of *DNA and Genealogy*. Dr. Fitzpatrick has been featured on NPR's *Talk of the Nation* radio program (July 2005), and has written cover articles for *Internet Genealogy* (June 2006), *Family Tree Magazine* (April 2006) and *Family Chronicle* (October 2005). She also writes a regular column for *Ancestry* magazine. The seminar will be held at the Useless Bay County Club from 8:00 to 4:30. Topics, brochure, driving information and reservation forms will be available soon on the society website.

5 Apr 2008 - Olympia, WA

The Olympia Genealogy Society presents their Spring Seminar "The ABC's of DNA: Genetic Genealogy and its Uses," featuring Emily Aulicino, Lee James, and JoAnne Haugen. The seminar will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Olympia from 8:30 to 3:45. Topics, brochure, driving information and reservation forms are available on the society website - click on Seminars.

11-12 April 2008 - Tukwila, WA

The CzechoSlovak Genealogical Society Int'l., of St. Paul, Minnesota, has selected the Doubletree Guest Suites, Seattle Airport Southcenter, 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, (Tukwila) as site of their 2008 Genealogical and Cultural Symposium. Registration for the event is open to the public. Friday's events include a deluxe motor coach tour of the Seattle area. On Friday evening a dinner at the Doubletree will be highlighted by local and nationally known genealogist and author, Cyndi Howells, of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet. Her talk is entitled, "The Internet Made Me an Expert on Everything." Saturday's program at the Doubletree offers 10 presentations over 5 one-hour time slots given by expert speakers in the fields of genealogy, history, language and folk art. The Symposium will be capped off late Saturday afternoon and evening with a tour to Tillicum Village on Blake Island State Park for their famous Indian salmon bake, native dance performance, and folk art demonstrations. For additional information on the 2008 Genealogy Symposium contact Paul Makousky at (651) 739-7543 or PaulMCzech@comcast.net or visit the CGSI website listed above.

12 Apr 2008 - Federal Way, WA

The South King County Genealogy Society is sponsoring a Heritage Fair, Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 34815 Weyerhaeuser Way South, Federal Way, Washington. Dozens of non-profit historical, genealogical, heritage and ethnic-related organizations will exhibit during the Fair, distributing information about each unique cultural focus. This is an opportunity to gain an understanding of the past interaction of people and events of South King County and to learn about the resources, specific programs and special events sponsored by these organizations today. In addition to the exhibits, South King County Genealogical Society is programming special entertainment, demonstrations, and classes throughout the day. Pre-registration is not required. Admission is FREE; the public is invited to drop in between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information go to www.skcg.org, or call Sylva Coppock, 425-235-8076 or email her at SylvaCop@comcast.net.

19 Apr 2008 - Vancouver, WA

Clark County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar. Gary Zimmerman, Director of the Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle, will present an all-day workshop on New England and colonial research. 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Brown Bag Lunch, seating limited to 100, Registrar Early. More information and registration form on their website or at the CCGS Library - call 360-750-5688.

1 May 2008 - Seattle, WA

Mac Genealogy Group YOU FOUND THEM WHERE? ALL THOSE OTHER RECORDS. We'll discuss various sources, but we'll only have time to cover a few of the basics - like land records, courthouse records, church, school, historical society holdings, online libraries.

May 14-17, 2008 National Genealogical Society Conference Kansas City, Missouri. The 2008 NGS Conference and Family History Fair will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center. <http://crowncenter.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>

16-17 May 2008 - Mt. Vernon, WA

The Washington State Genealogical Society will hold their 2008 Annual Conference and Business Meeting in Mt. Vernon, hosted by the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. Featured speaker will be Kory Meyerink of Salt Lake City. Be sure to mark your calendars now, so you don't miss the date! Click here for conference flyer and here for conference packet and registration form.

5 Jun 2008 - Seattle, WA

Mac Genealogy Group Send Me the Family History! What do you do when your long-lost cousin calls and wants you to send "everything!" ? You're willing - but how to translate those piles of paper, computer files, documents, and letters into something that won't put the cousins to sleep and how do you protect your work from getting misused? We'll also cover reports and charts in Reunion.



Joan the Librarian

Three new books are being added to the Society collection. They are the result of members wishes to contribute to the payment of particular books that are of interest to their research. When there is special need for an addition to the library a flyer will be brought to the general meeting. This invitation extends to all members, of course. The library committee is working on finding these areas.

The books mentioned above are: Early Ohio Tax Records by Esther Weygandt Powell, a reprint of 1971 that now includes an index to the Early Ohio Tax Records; In Search of Your German Roots 4th edition, by Angus Baxter, a complete guide in tracing your ancestors in the Germanic areas of Europe, the library has other books by this author; and Erin's Sons, Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada, 1761-1853, by Terrence M. Punch. These books will be catalogued and on the shelves as soon as those requesting them have finished using them for their research.

The library committee has also been helping with a large donation from a community member. Many of these books have been processed and are now on the shelves. But there are a number of them that are duplicates and will be for sale at our annual book sale in June. So far there are eighteen that will be for sale, but there has just been another donation and this has not been evaluated as yet, so there may be more. Many of the books for sale are for general reference and in very good condition. So, bring money to the June meeting and get some bargain books. The money raised will be used for the library.

When you come to the library the next time be sure to look at the recent magazines -NGS News Magazine, Internet Genealogy and Everton's Genealogical Helper in particular. They have excellent and timely articles of interest.

Happy Hunting, Joan

Sharing Family Lore by George G. Morgan

I have often wished that it was possible to share all the things I've learned with a younger or less experienced person. It's not that I feel superior to him or her in any way, but I would love to teach them a lot of human lore that could save them time, trouble, and perhaps even danger and grief.

The North and South American Indians were assumed to be ignorant savages by the first European explorers, but how wrong they were. The indigenous people had centuries of knowledge that helped assured their survival, even with primitive tools and weapons. They had a culture of knowledge, lore,

religion, and traditions that sustained them. They passed this culture intact from generation to generation using stories, demonstration of skills, and repetitious practice. The Indians were, in many ways, far more intelligent and advanced than the Europeans. In fact, without the Indians' assistance and instruction, the settlers could not have successfully hunted nor could they have raised many of the crops that kept them from starving in the unfamiliar new environment.

We seem to have lost a significant portion of the knowledge and lore that was passed down through families. Yes, we have schools, colleges, and universities to teach the masses. However, who is there to teach the younger generations the skills that could maintain their lives if there were no grocery stores, kitchen appliances, GPS devices, and computers? Not one child in a thousand knows how to harvest and grind flour and make bread. Very few could plot a travel route for themselves using the stars. And how many do you think could build a rudimentary house without a calculator, power tools, and nails and screws?

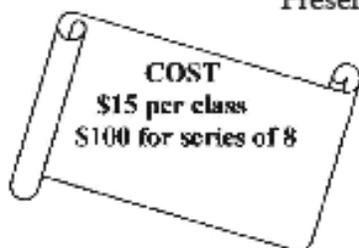
Genealogy is much more than collecting names, dates, and locations. It involves studying history, geography, sociology, architecture, religion, and culture—all in context of the times in which our ancestors lived. When I am researching, I am always eager to examine historical events, especially those in the county or local area where my ancestors lived. These historical writings sometimes include my ancestors. But even if they don't, I gain an insight into what their lives must have been like and the people with whom they interacted.

You and I would say to one another that any time is a good time to discuss genealogy and family history. However, the holidays are especially good times to share the stories and the family lore that you have. Perhaps you have made a great discovery of a U.S. federal census agricultural schedule that details what livestock and crops were raised on an ancestor's farm. You may have made candied citrus peel from a recipe your aunt or grandmother gave to you. And then, of course, you have probably already become the family archivist for treasures such as the family Bible, boxes of photographs, old letters and cards, your grandfather's christening dress, or your great-grandmother's patchwork quilt. By showing and talking about one or two of these items at a family gathering, whether it is during the holidays or not, you expand the knowledge of other family members.

The information you pass on may pique the curiosity of another budding genealogist. However, it is more important to share some knowledge of the family's heritage and life. You may not be communicating the essential survival skills that the Indians and previous generations of our family members taught to each new generation. You are, though, sharing the family lore and that is a priceless gift to this and the future generations.

Excerpt—23 Dec 2007 Ancestry Weekly Journal

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH METHODS



Presented by the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
and the Mount Vernon Senior Center
1401 Cleveland, Mount Vernon, WA

Thursdays beginning March 6, 2008

\$15 per individual class
\$100.00 for the series of 8 classes

TIME OF CLASS

May vary due to
conflicts with use of
computer room
Internet use ea week

Hours may vary depending on availability of computer stations at the senior center
Check with instructor: Laura Pemberton Sparr (425-231-6945)

1. March 6 – 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Using Family Group Sheets in your research
 Completing the form
 Using the form for where to look next
 How to complete your source citation

2. March 13 - 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
 Using the Records of the National Archives in person and on the web.
 Using the Census Records; Using other records at NARA including military records,
 ARC, ADD and understanding the records

3. March 20 -The value of State, County, City, Town and Parish Records
 Courthouses hold a wealth of information

4. March 27 -Facilities in which to research:
 Family History Library and Family History Centers, Using familysearch.org
 Using Census Records What do they tell? Libraries, Historical Societies and Archives

5. April 3 Ship Passenger Lists; How to locate published lists; and
 Using the Web; What to expect and to learn from the lists

6. April 10 Immigration and Naturalization: Locating records
 Learning the Laws

7. April 17 Migration, Immigration and Emigration records
 Where to find them; How to use them; What to expect from them

8. April 24 Filling in the gaps with Land Records, Manuscripts, and Unusual Sources

For information and/or to register, call Hazel Rasar at 360-424-6528
or Laura Sparr at 425-231-6945

Washington State Genealogical Society Conference & Annual Meeting

Hosted by
Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Friday May 16 & Saturday, May 17, 2008
First United Methodist Church
1607 E. Division Street, Mount Vernon, WA

"LEAVING FOOTPRINTS - Past, Present & Future"



KORY L. MEYERINK, BS, MLS, AC*, FUGA

Friday Evening, May 16, 2008, Bonus Lecture at 7:00 p.m.

Genealogy Jeopardy

You know the answer, but, do you know the question?

Saturday, May 17, 2008, Featured Speaker

City Directories: More than Just Census Substitutes

What Could Have Happened: Creating and Proving Hypothesis to Solve Tough Problems
Digging up the Roots of Electronic Family Trees: Sourcing an Unsources GEDCOM File

Other topics of interest include:

What Will I Find at the Regional Archives-James Copher, & Scott Roley

What's available at the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies-Ruth Steele

Native American Research & the Five Civilized Tribes & Using the Online NARA website-Carol Buswell

Basic Genealogy, Using Your Computer & Internet Genealogy-Mary Kozy

Following the Footsteps of the Past Using Land Records-Bill Ronhaar

Using Maps in Genealogy-Mary Douglass

Genealogical Research in Libraries-onsite and online-Sarah Thorson Little

Researching Your Female Ancestors-Laura Pemberton Sparr

This is not your Mother's Genealogical Society, Adapting to Virtual Reality-Stephen Baylor

Sorenson Molecular Institute - DNA

Pre-registration Friday evening May 16, 2008 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Doors open Saturday May 17, 2008 at 8:00 am

Program from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

For registration packet or further information contact:

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