



President's Message

We look forward with great anticipation to our spring seminar "O Canada! Children of a Common Mother" scheduled for April 21-23. Our Heritage Weekend kicks off on Friday with a reception honoring the 150th Anniversary of Canada's Confederation. A keynote address by Canadian historian and genealogy lecturer, Dave Obee, will be the highlight Friday evening at the Burlington Senior Center. The seminar on Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 1607 E. Division Street in Mount Vernon will feature two speakers Dave Obee and Mary Kathryn Kozy. Topics include "Destination Canada", "Mining the Canadian Census", "Naturalization and Ships' Lists" and "Tracing People Through Space & Time Using Time-lines". On Sunday a Guided Historic Walking Tour of Burlington will be offered beginning at 10 am. This tour is free and will be led by a living history interpreter.

Seminar registration information is available on our website at: skagitvalleygenealogy.org or on brochures currently available at our meetings and the Burlington Public Library in our Genealogy Section.

Our general meeting program on March 11 will feature Janice Lovelace, PhD, presenting "How Healthy is Your Family Tree?" Our ancestors lived in times where medical science was not as advanced as it is today. The names of illnesses, what people thought caused them and how their illnesses were treated will be discussed.

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On April 8 Donna Potter Phillips will present "SVGS 30th Anniversary". Donna is a Spokane area genealogist and popular speaker. Join us for a festive afternoon celebrating SVGS' 30 years of supporting the genealogy community. Note that this meeting will take place at the Burlington Library, 820 E. Washington in the conference room.

Oh, yes, please be sure your 2017 society dues are paid. We would like to keep you informed about our activities and help you overcome those pesky brick walls.

John Hayes

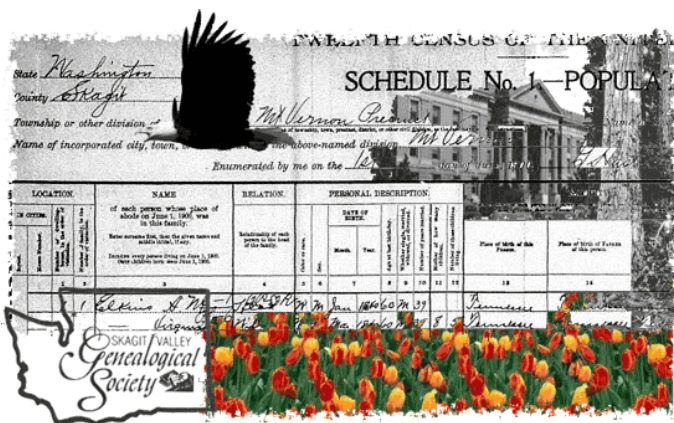
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Comb Binding ...

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.

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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skagitvalleygenealogy.org

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

Monthly Meetings Program Calendar 2017

Meetings: 2nd Saturdays, 1-3pm | Burlington Senior Center | 1011 Greenleaf | Burlington
skagitvalleygenealogy.org | genealogy0715@gmail.com

Sat., March 11 -- Physical and Mental Health in Your Family Tree - *Janice Lovelace, PhD*

Our ancestors lived in times where medical science was not as advanced as it is today. The names of illnesses, what people thought caused them, and how their illness were treated will be discussed.

Sat., April 8 -- SVGS 30th Anniversary and Speaker – *Donna Potter Phillips*

Location Update: Meeting to be at Burlington Library, 820 E. Washington, Conference Room

Spokane area genealogist, and sought after speaker, Donna Potter Phillips, will be traveling across the mountains to bring SVGS a timely and informative program. Stay tuned for details. Join us for a festive afternoon celebrating SVGS' 30 years of supporting the genealogy community.

Fri-Sun, April 21-23 – O Canada! Heritage Weekend – *Dave Obee & Mary Kathryn Kozy speakers*

Reception/Keynote: Fri. Apr. 21, 7-9pm, Burlington Senior Center

Genealogy Seminar: Sat. Apr. 22, 8-4:30pm, 1st United Methodist Church
1607 E. Division, Mount Vernon, WA

Walking Tour of Historic Burlington: Sun. Apr. 23, 10am-noon

Burlington Chamber of Commerce, 520 E. Fairhaven.

On-line registration opens Jan. 2, 2017. For details and registration: skagitvalleygenealogy.org

Sat., May 13 -- Time Will Tell: Using Timelines to Understand Our Ancestors – *Mary Kircher Roddy*

Mary Kircher Roddy returns with her program about designing timeline to place our ancestors in place and time. This is a research technique that all family historians can use to deepen their understanding of world and local history and how it influenced their ancestors' lives and decisions.

Sat. June 10 -- What's in a Name? The Origin of Surnames – *Margie Wilson*

Ethnic groups vary in their naming traditions and patterns. Discovering these diverse traditions just may help you with a brick wall. Learn the roots of our surnames and why they varied over time.

Library Report

Every now and then I come across a book that I just need to rave about. I've always been a bibliophile but taking up the hobby of genealogy has really exposed me to some very fine authors and print materials. Since SVGS is going to be hosting a seminar this spring on the theme "O Canada! Children of a Common Mother," I purchased for the SVGS collection a sorely needed resource book on the subject of French-Canadian Sources. In fact, that's the title of the book, *French-Canadian Sources: A Guide for Genealogists* compiled by several authors from the French-Canadian/Acadian Genealogists of Wisconsin.

The hardbound book is attractive, well organized and the material spot-on helpful. One aspect I appreciate is the inclusive of an image of a handwritten vital record, that is in French, but below the photograph of the document the author's wisely include the original French text and a side-by-side English translation. Oh, if all my German and Polish documents could be so nicely presented with a translation, now that would make life a whole lot easier.

And that's not all, the book has Appendices from A-H. Covering a dictionary of key French words for genealogists, addresses for libraries and archives in Canada, Charts of Canadian Census records, time lines, a bit of history...its incredibly comprehensive. Makes me wish I had some French-Canadian ancestors so I can regularly browse through its pages.

So, come visit the SVGS collection at the Burlington Library. The book is in the "Other Countries" section, in the Canada books area. You'll be delighted with the books helpful guidance.

Also, thanks to Carol Nersten for her donation of a book on the history of Clear Lake, Sharon Johnson for her donation of a British book on *Tracing Your Ancestors at the Public Records Office*, and to Dan Royal for his donation of two family history books on the "Bumpus", and "Thorp" families.

Remember, the 1st Saturday of the month (except holiday weekends such as July 4 and Labor Day), there is a genealogy volunteer stationed at the Burlington Library in the SVGS book section. Bring your questions and data and the volunteers will orient you to the collection and be of assistance.

For those of you who enjoy making New Year's Resolutions, here's one for you....include a regular visit to the SVGS collection to see what materials there may further your research. Good luck!

--- Margie Wilson



Burlington Public Library

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Burlington, WA 98233
Phone (360) 755-0760
Email:
blibrary@ci.burlington.wa.us
Hours: Monday – Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday – Closed
SVGS Library Collection
located here. SVGS Volunteers available
on 1st Saturday from 11:00—1:00 to assist
with questions.

Diane Partington from our society says that if anyone is looking for funeral or burial records from someone who died in Skagit County she can retrieve those records from 1908-1994.

If you are needing help with your genealogy give her a call. Her phone number is in our newsletter on page 2 under genealogist.

SVGS Secretary & Raffle Chair Needed

Hi Folks,

Our society needs a **Secretary** and at this point we can make it a full time or a part time position. The pay is the same...my gratitude and ditto from our board. You can volunteer for a meeting or two as a tryout. This is a volunteer position for two hours to take minutes on the second Saturday morning of each month except July, August and December. The same position is also available for our second Saturday afternoon meetings. Let me know if you or anyone else might be interested in giving it a try.

Our **Raffle Chair** for many years, Sharon Johnson, has resigned this position so we are looking for a volunteer to take over this committee. This involves coming up with two or three raffle items for each of our Saturday afternoon meetings. At the meetings the chair sells raffle tickets and after the meeting break the winning tickets are drawn. The society reimburses the chair for any items purchased. Remember with no Raffle Chairperson, no raffles!

Refer your questions to me and if I can't answer them, I'll ask Sharon. On this point I'd like to thank her for adding fun to our monthly meetings for many years.
Thanks, Sharon!

John Hayes
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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.

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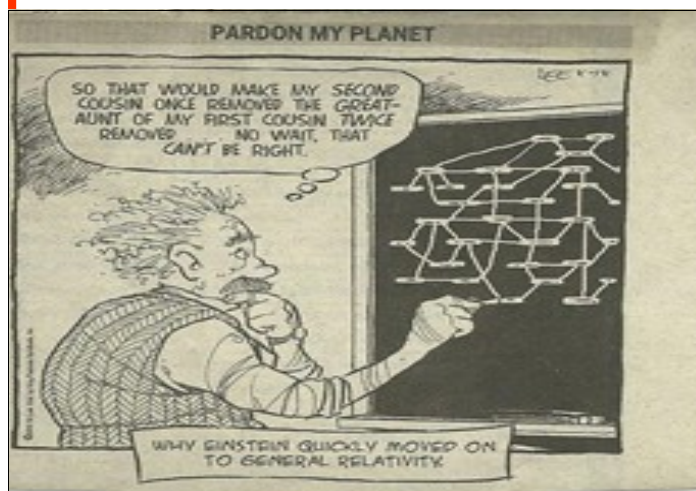
So please go to these sites and help us out. It is appreciated.

"He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash lightning."

Old English Proverb

"We are the children of many sires, and every drop of blood in us in its turn Betrays its ancestors."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's **HERITAGE WEEKEND**

April 21-23, 2017

O Canada!

CHILDREN OF A COMMON MOTHER

featuring Canadian & U.S. Genealogists:

Dave Obee and

Mary Kathryn Kozy

Fri. April 21 • 7pm-9pm

RECEPTION / CELEBRATION

Dave Obee, Keynote Speaker

Burlington Senior Center

1011 Greenleaf Ave. • Burlington, WA

Sat. April 22 • 8am-4:30pm

O CANADA! GENEALOGY SEMINAR

1st United Methodist Church

1607 E. Division St. • Mount Vernon, WA

Sun. April 23 • 10-Noon

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC BURLINGTON

Burlington Visitors' Center

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In honor of
**Canada's 150th
Anniversary**
of Confederation
we invite our
Canadian and Pacific NW
cousins and friends
to join us for a

HERITAGE WEEKEND

Enjoy a weekend of
genealogy activities in
Skagit Valley, Washington
during the Tulip Festival!



Register on-line: skagitvalleygenealogy.org or contact: (360) 755-9071 or genealogy0715@gmail.com for a mail in form to be sent to you.
O Canada! Heritage Weekend is made possible by the City of Burlington's Lodging Tax Fund 2017. See reverse side or skagitvalleygenealogy.org for a listing of Burlington's accommodations.

About the Seminar Speakers:

Dave Obee

is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Times Colonist* in Victoria, B.C., a contributing columnist for *Internet Genealogy Magazine* and *Family Chronicle Magazine*. He has written a dozen books on both history and genealogy and given over 400 presentations in the U.S. and Canada since 1997. Dave has received numerous awards for his historical research, community volunteerism, and professional journalism. He has visited 17 European countries conducting genealogy research. He is a past-president of the Federation of East European Family History Societies and continues his service as FEEHS' webmaster. Dave brings his extensive research, historical perspective, wit and wisdom to this Canadian themed seminar.

Mary Kathryn Kozy

is one of the most popular genealogy lecturers in the Puget Sound area. She will be presenting the U.S.' perspective on immigration research and overcoming its many challenges. Mary Kathryn has been a genealogist for over 30 years. Over the years her research has focused on the United States and both Western and Eastern Europe. She currently serves as the Region 2 Representative for Washington State Genealogical Society and serves on the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State board. She also coordinates five USGenWeb counties, and teaches seminars to whoever will listen! She recently completed her second bachelor's degree, in Information Technology and Systems and has started serving as a part-time FamilySearch.org Support Missionary for the LDS Church.

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Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

invites you to a special heritage weekend in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Canada's Confederation. Weekend activities include: An opening reception with keynote speaker, Dave Obee; a full-day genealogy seminar; and a living history walking tour. Plus, while in the Skagit Valley, take time to also enjoy the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival's many activities or outlet shopping.

Thank You to the City of Burlington

O Canada! Heritage Weekend's three days of genealogy and history events were made possible by the City of Burlington's Lodging Tax Fund 2017.

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For more visitors' information contact:

Burlington Chamber of Commerce

& Visitors' Information Center

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For the Tulip Festival visit: tulipfestival.org

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