

# SKAGIT VALLEY

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

It has been a good first year for me and our Society has had success with the publication of our "Snohomish & Skagit 1906 History" re-print and "1906 History Every Name" index, thanks to many hard working individuals, plus the printing of Grandview Cemetery and Census books 1885 and 1887. We will have the 1889 and 1892 Census done in the near future, and will soon start reading the Mount Vernon Cemetery IOOF on Fir Street.

John Fisher has resigned from the Project Chair and the Publication Committee. We need a replacement for the Project Chair. Hazel Rasar is helping out in that department until someone can be found.

*Please volunteer for this position!*

Thank you, *Pamela Denton*

**THE MAY MEETING IS THE ANNUAL MEETING.  
ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT & TREASURER.  
THERE IS ALSO A BY-LAWS CHANGE TO VOTE ON.**

## **SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS**

**MAY 22 ND AND JUNE 26 TH 2001**

Held in the

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

1511 E. Broadway, Mount Vernon, WA.

**at the GOOD SHEPHERD HALL at 7:00 p.m.**

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

**MAY 22:** ANDREA MC DONALD from Port Orchard, WA.

President of the Washington State Cemetery Association will speak on  
**"Cleaning Headstones and Preservation of Cemeteries"**

**JUNE :** PATTY Mc NAMEE of the Seattle National Archives will tell us what they have at the Archives **"Beyond the Census"** and how to find and use it.

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### THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS JUNE 5, 2001

Held the first Tuesday of the Month except July, and August at 10:00 a.m. in  
Burlington, WA. at the Washington Federal and Savings Bank Conference Room.  
All members are welcome.

### BITS AND PIECES FROM THE MAY BOARD MEETING

1. **LORETTA MOODY** has volunteered for the Treasurer's position. Vice Presidency is still open if you would like to volunteer. We will vote at the next general meeting for Treasurer and Vice-President.
2. The board approved the new budget which totaled \$ 6,485.00
3. A mentoring program was again discussed and will be presented at a general meeting as soon as it is formulated.
4. Mini sessions with small groups meeting before the General Meeting is in the works. Members might want to express their interests to the President. Several options are being explored and your input is desired.

### COMING EVENTS

MAY 16-19, 2001 at PORTLAND, OREGON, NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY to be hosted by Genealogical Forum of Oregon. The WSGS Conference and Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the conference.

See the Web site: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

SEPTEMBER 12-15 2001 at DAVENPORT, IOWA, THE FEDERATIONS OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES. See details on the web. <http://www.fgs.org>

## WIGS & SVGS TO SGS

### A report from Iona Raney, Secretary

In March I went with the Whidbey Island Genealogical Society (WIGS) to the Fiske Foundation Library and found that research facility better than I had expected. Although it is in the basement with strange steep stairs (a minus for old folks), the collection is good, arranged so it's easy to use and has something in all areas. New England, Northwest and Pennsylvania and New York are especially strong. The room is light and open, working conditions are good and they permit you to have lunch in the library, although there are also sandwich places nearby. Also the daily research fee is only \$ 5.00, which is nominal. Hours are strange, so that would have to be checked ahead of time.

**This May the WIGS group invites the members of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society** to share a research trip to the Seattle Genealogical Society (SGS) research library on Wednesday, June 6. The bus leaves the parking lot between Denny's and the old Ernst store, off College Way, Mount Vernon, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. on that day, and returns about 4 p.m. The cost for transportation is \$15, and we usually collect up to \$ 1 per passenger as a tip for the driver. There is a fee of \$ 5, to research in the SGS unless you happen to be a member already. This is a fine opportunity to go to a good research facility, use their collection and not have to drive into town. One other option exists..... For those of you who do not know, the SGS moved the first of May to 6200 Sand Point Way, NE in Seattle, into the former home of a pizza parlor, directly across the street from the Archives. You could ride the bus, go to the archives and return with us on the bus. What opportunities!!!! Call Iona Raney by phone or E-mail if you would like to go. [Iona1@juno.com](mailto:Iona1@juno.com) (that is **Iona** and a **numeral 1**.) Phone: 360-757-8099

**The Archives has a pretty complete set of City Directories** that will aid in the 1930 Census when it is issued, in 2002. Directories give us the ability to search an alphabetical list of people living in a given community. We can locate individuals in a city that is not indexed in the census. Knowing the address of the families you are searching will lead you directly to that person. Checking the organizations and churches in that neighborhood might lead you to finding where your ancestor was a member. The listings of streets can help you determine which Enumeration District the family lived when the census was made. Some cities list the births, deaths and marriages for the prior year, and the ads can give you a clue if your ancestor owned a business. So next time you get your hands on one of these jewels, explore to see what else you can learn about the town your ancestor lived. From Family Tree Finders. April 24, 2001, by Rhonda McClure.

### **BOOK SALE**

Duplicate and extra books will be on sale at June 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting. You can buy these at such a low price you can rip any wanted articles out instead of paying for photocopying! If you have extra publications we will gladly accept them for sale. Bring them to the May Meeting.

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**NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL**

**Our trial run of sending the newsletter by E-mail went pretty smoothly. If yours did not come through as planned, I am sorry! The majority liked receiving it by electronics. We are now in the "Computer Age" !!!!**

**Remember you are helping your Society save money on postage and it will add up over a year. That gives us more money to pursue the education of our members.**

**ELLIS ISLAND**

The new Ellis Island Web site was swamped by traffic, bringing it near collapse on the first day of operation. It was so overwhelmed that 85 % of visitors were being turned away. Records of 22 million immigrants, passengers and crewmembers who entered the port of New York between 1892 and 1924 is what they were after. After 8 hours the site had logged 8 million visitors. With 100 million living descendants, about 40 % of the U. S. population, it's no wonder the site was deluged. The Statue of Liberty Foundation spent five years and put in \$ 22.5 million building the database. The group expects to recoup some of the costs when it starts selling reproductions of actual manifest pages and other historical info on the Net in about six weeks.

From the USA TODAY April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001 Web Site: [www.ellislandrecords.com](http://www.ellislandrecords.com)

**IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION**

If you know the date and ship your ancestors arrived on when they came to America, and you are interested in obtaining a copy of their papers, write to "IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION" 425 Eye Street, NW. Washington D.C. 20536 and ask for a copy of the "Intent" or the application. They cannot copy the certificate itself so specify that you do NOT need certification and it is for family history purposes.

**SEATTLE PUBLIC CENTRAL LIBRARY** The Seattle Public Library's Central Branch at 1000 4th Avenue, Seattle, will be closed in June to make way for the new building to be erected on the same site. On Friday, 08 June, at 6 p.m., the library will close. On Saturday, 7 July, at 9 a.m., the library will reopen at 800 Pike Street, with the same hours and staff. Call the SPL genealogy desk at (206) 386-4629 for information on classes/tours.

The **Washington State Death Index** is available at the library and at most large public libraries in the state. Also the LDS Family History Centers. It is also on microfilm in the collection at the Heritage Quest Research Library 909 Main Street, #5 Sumner, WA. It is also available from your society genealogist.

**WOODMEN OF THE WORLD** WAS AN INSURANCE COMPANY, NOT A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION. You can write to Gail Lewis, Historian at 1701 – First Ave. Rock Island, Illinois 61201. Send the name of the person you are interested in, date of death, where they lived. Taken from the King County News Vol. 15 No. 6 July-Aug 2000 page 11

**G. A. R. CEMETERY** in Seattle has work parties on the third Sunday of each month all summer. If you would like to help or have a loved one or ancestor buried there call for directions at the Seattle Parks Dept. 206-386-1419 Adam Cole or E-mail [adam.cole@ci.seattle.wa.us](mailto:adam.cole@ci.seattle.wa.us)

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**PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE BY YOUR SOCIETY**


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\_\_\_\_\_ **Skagit County, Washington Cemetery Records - Volume I Union Cemetery, Sedro-Woolley, WA. 1889-1992 @ \$40.00.** A annotated index of Burials, Tombstone Inscriptions, Sexton Records, Cemetery Map, Section and Plot numbers with obituary and family information where available, as well as information about unmarked graves. It has 470 pages.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Skagit County, Washington Cemetery Records. Volume II Green Hills Memorial Cemetery, Burlington, Washington 1900-1993 @ \$20.00** A listing of Burials at the Burlington City Cemetery, including lists of burials where there is no stone with a complete alphabetical index with 175 pages.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Skagit County, Washington, Cemetery Records, Volume III Grandview Cemetery, Anacortes, Washington 1897-1995 @ \$ 25.00.** A record of burials and tombstone readings. 220 pages.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pioneer Book of Skagit County, Washington** – An alphabetical listing of over 4000 Skagit County Pioneers whose deaths were recorded between 1926 and 1955. It includes date, town where death occurred, plus additional information on some individuals. There are 78 pages @ \$ 9.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **Skagit County, Washington Death Records 1891 – 1907** The index copied from the County ledger that is the only record of deaths during this time period, alphabetically sorted by name of deceased, by father of deceased and by mother of deceased. 36 pages for \$ 8.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **Skagit County, Washington Index to Funeral Home Records** More than 44,000 names, alphabetically indexed, of all available funeral home records in the County from 1908 to 1994. Each person is listed with, as available, year of death, age at death, birthplace, mortuary reference and cemetery where buried. It has 280 pages for \$ 30.00 (microfiche - \$8.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Every Name Index For the 1906 History of Skagit & Snohomish Counties, Washington** is comb bound for \$ 18.00. 150 pages.

\_\_\_\_\_ **1906 Illustrated History of Skagit and Snohomish Counties, Washington** includes Index. Hardbound has 1265 pages @ \$150.00 plus \$10 postage/handling.

[The supply is gone- will take orders if desired for a future reprint.]

\_\_\_\_\_ **1910 Federal Census for Skagit County, Washington** with 965 pages including alphabetical index in a 3-ring presentation binder @ \$75.00 plus \$ 5.00 postage & handling.

\_\_\_\_\_ **1910 Federal Census Index for Skagit County, Washington** 262 pages with comb binding @ \$20.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **1885 Territorial Census, Skagit County, WA.** 55 pages comb binding \$ 10.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ **1887 Territorial Census, Skagit County, WA.** 74 pages comb binding \$ 10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **1889 Territorial Census Skagit County, WA.** 150 pages comb binding \$ 20.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ **1892 Census State Washington, Skagit County, WA.** 170 p. comb bound \$ 20.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **Generation to Generation** – Recipes included represent the heritage of only a few of our members. Many have been passed from generation to generation, from mother to daughter and even, in some instances, from son to grandson. (87 pages. \$ 5.00)

Publications are 8 1/2" x 11" in size except the recipe book which is 8 1/2" x 5 1/2". All are comb bound. The 1910 Census comes in a 3 ring binder. Postage & Handling: \$ 3.00 for the first item ordered plus \$ 2.00 for each additional item. **SVGS members receive 10% discount. Send orders and inquiries to: Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 715 Conway, WA. 98238-0715**

**THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE** would like to thank all those volunteers who assisted with the preparation of our new publications. Those who assisted with reading of GrandView Cemetery, computer work and proofing include; **EDNA BAINTER, DOTTIE BURR, BRITTA CARLSEN, MARGARET COOKSON, PAMELA DENTON, MARILYN DYE, JOHN R. FISHER, SHIRLEE W. FISHER, MARY HANDSTAD, BETTY HOFFMAN, CAROLYN HOUSER, R. HAGEN, DON JONES, JANETTE JONES RUDE, LAURA KENNEDY, CORA KYLE, J. MORRILL, DONNA PANGBURN, DIANE PARTINGTON, HAZEL RASAR, LINDA REAM, CHARLES STOCKER, AL SWAPP, LOIS THEODORATUS, and CAROL THOMSON.**

**OUR APPRECIATION ALSO GOES TO VALORA MENDUM AND ANDY TUBBS**, employees of the City of Anacortes, for their efforts in supplying the society with maps of the cemetery and also for allowing our members access to the city record books for the Grandview Cemetery. Appreciation also to the City of Anacortes for allowing our genealogical society to photocopy and use the cemetery maps in our publication

**The Society has received a HERITAGE QUEST CD by Sierra** which gives you an automatic installation of Adobe Acrobat so you can easily read the CD. “Thanks to Member **Al Swapp** for writing a review, which allowed the Society to receive this CD free of cost. This CD covers the first fourteen years of the “Heritage Quest” magazine. In using the search engine included it is very easy to locate numerous articles of interest on any given topic.”  
HazelRasar Publications Chair

“ Data on this CD ranges from very good to really out of date. The information that is outdated is mainly what pertains to use of the computer. The information is easily searched by content, author or title. Being in a PDF format, it also prints very well. In general, this is a very nice piece of research information software”.  
Al Swapp

### **PIONEER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

\$ 5.00 Each.....Send for yours today

1. **SKAGIT COUNTY FOUNDING PIONEER**  
(Ancestor was in Skagit County before it was declared a county on 28 November 1883.)
2. **SKAGIT COUNTY TERRITORIAL PIONEER**  
(Ancestor was in the county between 28 November 1883 and 11 November 1889.)
3. **SKAGIT COUNTY PIONEER CITIZEN**  
(Ancestor was born in Skagit County prior to Statehood on 11 November 1889.)
4. **SKAGIT COUNTY CENTURY PIONEER**  
(Ancestor was a resident of Skagit County more than 100 years prior to date of application.)

**Sharon Johnson, Ways and Means**, asks members to see if they have old copies of 1987-88 issues of Heritage Quest Magazines: # 13, # 14, # 15 & # 16 to complete our collection. An index is available for 50 cents. Lee Matson lives a few blocks East of the Chuckwagon, so call her and tell her you would like to borrow some of those magazines she keeps for your use.

## **MEMORIAL**

**OUR SYMPATHY TO MEMBER DOLORES GAMBLE** on the passing of her husband **GEORGE EDWARD GAMBLE** a resident of Lake Mc Murray who passed away April 22 nd, 2001, after a long battle with cancer. George and Dolores were married 51 years.

**BOOKS AT THE BURLINGTON LIBRARY DONATED BY JANN JOHNSON****NORTH CAROLINA;** Marriage Records by William Clemens

Caswell County, NC Will Books 1777-1814 by Kendall &amp; Donaldson

Caswell County, NC Marriage Bonds 1778-1868 by Kendall &amp; Donaldson

Southwest NC Quarterly Fall 1992

**NEW ENGLAND**

Volume I – Genealogies Circulating Library Catalog

Volume II – Research Aids Circulating Library Catalog

Townsend's Missing Links 1630-1850 Volume I

**US GENERAL**

Hayward-Howard and Littlefield by G.H.Allen

Finding Our Fathers (Jewish Genealogy) by D. Rottenberg

Colonial Settler &amp; English Adventurer by N. C. Briggs

**NEW JERSEY**

Gloucester County NJ Marriage Records by H. S. Craig

Gloucester County NJ Under the Proprietors by F. H. Stewart

Gloucester County NJ Court Minutes 1686-87

South Jersey Marriages compiled by H. S. Craig

History &amp; Genealogy of Fenwick Colony by T. Shourds

Records of Trinity Episcopal Church-Gloucester County NH

NJ Marriages 1665-1800 by William Nelson

**Help is needed** entering data from obituaries on the computer. The earliest obituaries are from 1981. It is a good job, so volunteer! Contact Hazel Rasar [hrasar@usa.net](mailto:hrasar@usa.net) or 360-424-6528

**“Thank you to the 8 persons who volunteered to read the Mount Vernon Cemetery at the last meeting.”**  
Hazel Rasar- Publications Chairperson

**VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II**

The Skagit County Museum at LaConner is looking for Skagit Veterans to help prepare an exhibit by participating in the “Memory Book” project. The Memory books are designed to help the writer focus on details and are written accounts, essentially oral histories, without the oral interview. Any County resident can pick up a book and write down his or her recollections. Also photographs will be included. If you know someone who would like to participate call Karen Marshall or Pat Doran at 360-466-3365.

**MISSING KOREAN WAR SOLDIERS**

Do you know someone who was declared missing in action in the Korean War?

Or maybe you know someone who served there? You might want to consider helping them access a Web site. They may have information that they may not realize is useful to find some missing soldier's families who have moved and the information will give a greater chance to solve some soldier's cases.

The U. S. Army's mission is to locate the families of soldiers who are still unaccounted for some 50 years. Visit <http://www.koreanwar.org>

**DON'T FORGET TO SAVE WESTERN FAMILY BARCODES AND ROBERTS RED APPLE SLIPS**

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