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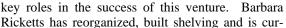
Washington State Genealogical Society Recognizes

Diane Lenore Ulrich Partington Barbara Harshman Ricketts Norma Keefe-Hills

For their outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's Research Committee have distinguished themselves by organizing and expanding the Society's capability for helping others locate genealogical data of Skagit County. Diane Partington has excelled in the performance of her duties as the Society's genealogist. She often goes above and beyond expectations to locate source infor-

mation for those persons who have requested information on local Skagit County families. She has served as a member of the Society's Board of Directors for many years and has recently taken on the responsibility for organization of the society storage facility. Her committee members, Barbara Ricketts and Norma Keefe-Hills, have played



rently responsible for clipping and mounting obituaries from all Skagit County newspapers. Norma Keefe-Hills has been helpful in filing obituaries and assisting Diane with research. She is a regular volunteer at the local Mount Vernon Family History Center. The work that this team has achieved as a committee is outstanding and greatly appreciated. Diane has spent many hours volunteering her time to provide genealogical assistance at the Burlington Library.

Given this 8th day of April in the year 2006, at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Olympia, Washington.

President Stephen Eric Baylor

Washington State Genealogical Society Recognizes Arnold Stewart of LaConnor, Washington

For exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Arnold Steward has distinguished himself in support of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society through his untiring efforts to disseminate the Society's genealogical publications. He is past chairperson and has been a longtime member of the Publication Committee. In

this capacity he has shown adeptness in the proofing of final copies of our cemetery series and is currently spending much of his time and effort in getting all society publications printed and assembled, including comb binding, and readying them for sale by the society. He has spent several years on the Board of Directors of the Society.

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Photos left clockwise: Diane Partington, Arnold Stewart, Norma Keefe-Hills, no photo avaiablefor Barbara Ricketts.

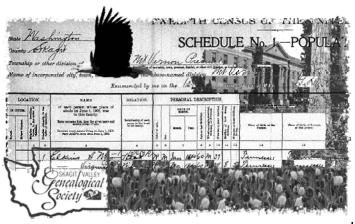
Skagit Valley Genealogical Society is extremely proud of our volunteers.

Presidents Message

Are you able to take a research trip this summer? If NOT, here are some suggestions to facilitate the

great research you can do from home. Pretend you are going on a trip and get all of the available information together, for example: The state archives - check out their website or call them and ask for information regarding their holding to be mailed to you. Do the same with the state genealogical and historical associations. At the county

level: Request information from the county about their holdings (or check such things as the Redbook or Handybook or their on-line site). Order the appropriate documents (birth, death, marriage, divorce, court proceedings, etc.). Find out what the other societies in the county have in their files, as well as putting a query in their newsletter, then contact the local libraries (ask if they have vertical files on families, or newspaper morgues of individual articles or obituaries), the funeral homes, the cemeteries.



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Calendar of Events

Upcoming 2006 General Meeting:

Start time 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church 1511 E. Broadway; across from S.V. Hospital

- 23 May 2006—Sarah Thorsen Little instructor in the genealogy program at the UW will give us a presentation on the resources of the University of Washington Suzzalo Library
- 27 June 2006—Laura Sparr will present a discussion on using the resources of the Regional and National Archives.

No meetings in July and August



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The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter is now accepting 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 to be posted in the newsletter again, I certainly wouldn't be opposed to it. Ye Editor

Comb Binding ... For members

The society owns a comb binding machine. If I vou 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.

COMING EVENTS

May 13, 2006. Langley Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island Spring Seminar. Speaker: Christine Rose
This a date change from April 8, 2006. 8:00 am—4:30 pm
Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case; 'olving'
The Problem in 25 Hours or Less!; Transcribing and Abstracting: The technique and Legalese; Avoid the Crooked
Path! Genealogical Problem Solving. Registration Fee:
\$45.00 includes lunch. Door prizes visit www.rootsweb.com/~wagsswi for registration form.

Jun 2-4, 2006 DoubleTree Inn, San Jose, California Chapman Family Association, 6th annual reunion—for further

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June 7-10, 2006 NGS Conference in the States to be held in Chicago, Illinois—National Genealogical Society

June 9-11, 2006 Kennedy Co. Wagon Train of 1862 descendants would like to invite all descendants of the Wagon Train to their Reunion in Baker City, OR and at the Oregon Trail Interpretative Center. If you think your family may have been on this train but aren't sure, contact us and we will help you determine if they were or not. Reconstructed Roster Surname List is available. If you know they were: WE WANT YOU!!!!!! Best Western Sun Ridge Inn, 1 Sunridge Lane, Baker City, Oregon. For more information please contact: Ella Jane (Jayne) Allison McCarley jaymccarley1@comcast.net

July 12-16—Portland, Oregon Plan ahead: Germans From Russia National Convention For further information, visit their website www.grhs.org

1-4 Aug 2006 - Provo, UT

The 38th annual Brigham Young University Family History and Genealogy Conference will be held August 1-4, 2006, in the BYU Conference Center. More than 100 classes will be offered throughout the conference allowing participants to gain new skills and helpful information. Classes will focus on Beginning Family History, Family History Center Support, Computers and New Programs, Europe/Nordic Research, British Research, U.S. Research, Methodology, and Publishing Family Histories. We invite you to attend the conference to learn new techniques and to build and strengthen your family ties through genealogy and family history. The conference will be held in the BYU Conference Center (770 East University Parkway, Provo, Utah). For reservations and information, go to their website listed above.

6-13 Sept 2006 - Vancouver, BC

Millenia Corporation presents a seven-day cruise from Vancouver, BC, Canada, to Juneau, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Ketchikan and back to Vancouver. Genealogy classes taught by Dave

Berdan, Ken McGinnis, Geoff Rasmussen and Jim Terry will be offered on the days out to sea. Learn the features of Legacy 6.0. For reservations and information, go to their website listed above.

9 Sept 2006 - Silverdale, WA

Puget Sound Genealogical Society is holding a seminar on Saturday, September 9, 2006 featuring Donna Potter Phillips at the Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way, Silverdale, WA. Donna will speak on "Immigration to America, Migration across America, Military Records and Leaving a Legacy." Pre-registration is \$25.00 before Aug. 16 and \$30.00 after Aug. 16. For information, go to their website listed above, or email Seminar Chairman at cindys@wavecable.com.

7 Oct 2006 - Spokane, WA

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will have Michael John Neill, of Moline, IL, as their Fall Workshop key speaker in Spokane, WA. Mr. Neill said this will be his first visit to the state of Washington. A national speaker, he writes a column for Ancestry Daily News, administers a RootsWeb message board, as well as being a co-writer for several mid-west states in the famous "Red Book". More information will be forthcoming. Program chairman, Pat Mielbrecht, can be reached at pastout@direcway.com

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Locate newspaper articles; there is great information on the web now. Check GENWEB for your state and county to see if there is information about which you were unaware. Is there a special organization or facility in the area?

For instance, in Illinois the IRAD system has wonderful wealths of knowledge. In our own state of Washington we have the State Archives Regional Branches, as well as a Seattle City Archives and many other facilities. Check out the local ethnic organizations and the churches, as well as the church archives. Have you used PERSI (the Periodical Source

Index) to find out about published articles? Have you used NUCMUC (the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections) to see if there is information about your family or ancestor? Some of the yearly book publications are online at loc.gov and other years are available in larger libraries. Have you checked The Draper Papers? The full microfilm collection is available in Ellensburg at CWU. There is a guide for using the collection (published by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin), as well as many calendars (lists of names, information, dates, etc.) that have been published.

The above suggestions are only intended to get you started in your research, not as a complete list of appropriate possibilities, but the idea remains the same - get armed with the information you would want if you were making a trip and then order or look at the papers you would then find. Good

Ancestor Hunting! Hugs and smiles, Laura



Message *from* Joan the Librarian

Thank you to all who sign up for library duty on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the coming weeks these volunteers are scheduled. May 15-Hazel Rasar, May 22-

Vonda Anderson, May 22 the library will be closed for the Memorial Day weekend, June 5-Rita Schulze, June 12 -John and Shirlee Fisher, June 19 is open,, and June 26- Barbara Johnson and Shirley Christenson.

Learn more about what is in your SVGS library and read the latest magazines on genealogy. It's fun and inspiring at the same time! Phone Joan at 757-7907 to sign up.

A new acquisition to our library collection was donated by Bob Witherspoon - New York: State Censuses & Substitutions. This is the newest book by William Dollarhide and more are planned resulting from a series of his articles on state censuses that were in the Genealogy Bulletin, a bi-monthly publication from Heritage Creations. The library has these articles also. They are located in the top drawer of the four drawer file nearest the book stacks.

Do you have a special book that you would like to purchase for yourself but it is a little too expensive? Let your SVGS library help. We have a program in place where we will provide half of the purchase price if when you are finished with the book you can then donate it to our library.

Society News

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society would like to offer its condolences to member Dale Hastin's for the recent loss of her father Lt. Col. USAF, Retired James Dale Hastin, age 83, of Mount Vernon who passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

Genealogical News

IRS to Increase Fees for Societies

The Internal Revenue Service is planning to increase fees to any non-profit organization seeking to form or convert to 501c3 status. Genealogy societies in the U.S. typically file as 501c3 organizations. The application fee to become such a tax-exempt organization will double from \$150 to \$300 on July 1, 2006. The IRS web site explains:

"The Office of Management and Budget has directed federal agencies to charge user fees reflecting the full cost of providing goods or services when the benefits to the recipient otherwise exceed those received by the general public. Many IRS user fees had remained unchanged for years; the new fee structure more accurately reflects the resources expended. Although the fees have increased, the Service continues to be sensitive to the financial resources of smaller organizations." You can read more at http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0..id=151893.00.html.

This is obviously a hardship on small societies with limited funding. If you are thinking of filing, you might do so before July 1 when the application fees double.

National Archives and Records Administration

Genealogy Workshops 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 phone 206-336-5115

Seattle.archives@nara.gov

http://www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/seattle

The NARA Web site was redesigned in 2005, and it continues to grow with more information and other research tools. It is a very large site, so it is helpful to have a guide to some of the best places to start research.

NARA home page http://www.archives.gov is a splash page with links to the most popular parts of the Web site.

Genealogy http://www.archives.gov links you to information about great genealogy resources available from NARA.

Check out this website and locate all the tools that will be helpful to you in furthering your research.

This website now explains your options: online, by mail, in person, and by hiring a private researcher.

Excerpted from NGS NewsMagazine January/.February/ March 2006

Let's also meet for lunch at the "brick wall", the SECOND Thursday of each month. Bring your lunch and your brick-wall problem and a group of archivists will meet you upstairs between 11:30 and 1:00. FREE

Cost: A fee of \$10 is payable by cash or check at the door, (except for the "Brick Wall" series, which are free.)

Thursday June 1, 2006 10:00 AM—12:30 PM-

Citing and Recording Sources—Taught by Dr Karl Kumm. An in depth class covering methods and reasons for good record keeping in all historic and genealogical research. \$10 donation requested.

Saturday June 10th 2006

The Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files

Demonstration of fascinating examples from these revealing records and how they can be used to study ethnic, social, urban and family history. \$10 donation requested.

Pacific Northwest Indian Records at NARA

American Indians have a unique relationship with the Federal Government. Therefore, many of their records, usually held by the State, are in the Federal Archives, such as school records, heirship records, land records, as well as special census schedules [in addition to the regular Federal Census for many years]. Come learn to find and use these records as well as see examples of what's available. \$10 donation requested.

Thursday, June 8th 2006

Brick-Wall Discussion 11:30 AM—1:00 PM— Upstairs Meeting Room. Come bring your brown bag lunch and your "impossible genealogy problem" and our knowledgable staff will brainstorm possible solutions! **FREE**

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Queries & Surnames

Thomas Benn

My research has brought me to Skagit Co. I'm hoping to connect with living cousins! My ggg grandfather Thomas BENN b. abt. 1813 in Ireland, died in LaConner, Skagit Co. April 1884. Thomas and his wife lived in Ontario Canada until Barbara died in 1850, where they had several children.

Thomas and at least 2 children: Elizabeth BENN b. 1850 and Francis BENN b. 1848 turn up in Skagit Co. where all 3 lived & died. Elizabeth married Francis BURNESS in ILL. and she died April 2, 1909 in LaConner, Skagit, Co. Francis BENN died July 11, 1887 in Fidalgo, Skagit Co. Are there any 'cousins' still out there? Is there anyone on the list I can pay to pull these 3 obits? Or is there a genealogy society I can connect with? Thank you in advance.

Cousin Mary Kahkola in Michigan.

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John S. MILLER (1891 - 1966) -/- Gladys H. MILLER (1900 - 1983)

John S. MILLER, b. 8 Dec 1891 - MO., d. 17 Nov 1966, Anacortes, Skagit Co., WA. Reportedly died in Seattle. Last known residence; Anacortes.

Gladys H. MILLER, b. 25 Oct 1900 - MO. Born Gladys Henrietta SARVER in DeKalb Co., MO. d. 3 May 1983 in the ? Island Hospital?, Anacortes, Skagit Co., WA. Last known residence; 1105 26th St., Anacortes. Burial performed 6 May 1983 in Grandview Cemetery in Anacortes, by Evans-Engdahl.

Couple were married in MO., sometime after 1930 & migrated

to Anacortes, WA., sometime around - before - during, or after World War II.

Gladys was my paternal Aunt & was last seen by my family sometime prior to her departure from MO.

I am trying to contact any friends, family, associates, relatives, children, or anyone, etc., & obtain any information, writings, documents or whatever pertaining to this couples life in Anacortes. Pictures, as either as primary or secondary subjects, would be wonderful. All I have now is Gladys?s Death Certificate. I do have Gladys?s rather extensive Family History prior to her departure from MO.

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Special History Project

At one of our Society meetings, someone handed me a typewritten manuscript titled

"There Was Always An Annie", relating to a house on the Skagit City Road on Fir Island. At the time I was talking to someone and placed it on the table. I do not know who gave it to me.

It is a wonderful story and I would like to know who gave it to me so that I can correctly identify the person who submitted it. Please contact me at a meeting, by telephone 360-424-6528 Xt 5 or by email hazelrasar@msn.com HAZEL

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