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### Something to think about during the break

## President's Message

Summer is time for traveling, visiting with relatives and sites. Do some research by taking along a tape recorder or video camera so while visiting or at reunions you can ask question and then have them documented , so when you get home you can go over it again without having to remember what you heard and trying to decipher what you wrote down.

Our goal of reading some of the remaining cemeteries is coming along. It is nice to be able to have volunteers willing to help in different capacities. But, remember we can never have too many volunteers. Being a chairman does not mean you have to do all the work. It is to supervise the volunteers that are willing to help.

I hope everyone has a nice safe summer and is able to do lots of research if that is your goal. Otherwise just enjoy this summer and we will see you in September with lots of stories of success.

*Dottie Chandler*

*President*

### **Important Tax Information!**

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization as determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be "exempt from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3)" and "Donors may deduct contributions" as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, or gifts for use by the society are deductible for federal estate and tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of the Code.

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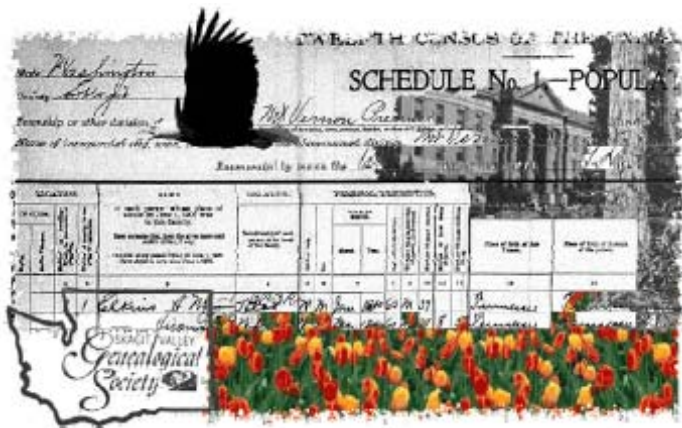
We have an election this year! The positions up for election are Vice President and Treasurer. As the Nominating Committee Chair I (Kevin Osborne) am calling out to the membership. Let the Nominating Committee know if you are interested in running for either of these positions. The responsibilities of these two positions are defined in Article VII – Duties of Officers, in the Societies BYLAWS. While we are on the subject, I need two volunteers for the Nominating Committee. The duties are simple, nominate candidates, prepare and mail ballots, and count the ballots at the annual meeting in October. If you are interested please email or call me.

## Pioneer Certificates

Secure your families place in Washington State History. Series IV of the pioneer project is now under way and will be ongoing. This phase is for both pioneers and first citizens who must have arrived in the state prior to 31 Dec 1900. Certificates will be issued to descendants, of those pioneers and first citizens, upon satisfactory completion of the application and approval by the WSGS Certificate Chairman. The instructions and printable application are available at the [WSGS web site](#), look near the bottom of the page. Our point of contact is Diane Partington.

### Board Meetings:

Jan 7 - Feb 4 - Mar 4 - Apr 1 etc  
 Always 1st Wednesday of the month  
 @ 10 am Burlington Community Center  
 Members and visitors welcome as these are open meetings.



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**Calendar of Events**

*Upcoming 2009*

**General Meetings:**

*Start time 7:00 p.m*

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

**July , 2009 – No Meeting**

**August, 2009 – No Meeting**

**September 22, 2009 –**  
Bob Witherspoon –Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness

**October 27, 2009 –**  
George Ridgeway – Jeopardy, Skagit Style

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 the editor...

## Coming Events

### Janet Ann (Burns) Hamilton

Janet Ann (Burns) HAMILTON 4/14/17~5/26/09  
 On May 26, 2009 Janet Ann Hamilton joined her beloved husband, George T. Hamilton who preceded her in death in 2003. Janet and George, who were married over 60 years, enjoyed a rich and full life together. Theirs was a wartime romance which evolved into a lasting love and friendship. Above all, Janet treasured her family, and was always there for her children and extended family in time of need. She adored her granddaughters and had great fun taking them to Disneyland and our Nation's National Parks. She always had a jar full of cookies and could easily be talked into a walk and picnic on the beach. Janet and George lived in Seattle, Lopez Island, Anacortes, Bellingham, Adak and Metlakatla, AK. Janet loved the majestic beauty and quiet solitude of Alaska. One of her favorite trips was riding the Alaska State Ferry up the inside passage. Another favorite spot was the American Southwest with its rich heritage of Native American culture and ruins. They had a grand time in Scotland and Ireland as well as enjoying a Paddle Boat ride on the Mississippi. Although she never considered herself talented, Janet enjoyed playing the organ. She and George spent countless happy hours researching the family genealogy, passing on a wealth of information to her family. Janet shared her love of needlepoint with several granddaughters and a daughter-in-law. Janet's faith was a quiet one, demonstrated rather than spoken. She and George were active in whatever parish they found themselves in. Of particular joy for them was working with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist on Shaw Island. Janet is survived by her loving children: George (Pamela) Hamilton, Robert (Geraldine) Hamilton, Therese (Kristopher) Larson, and Norie Hamilton. She is also survived by her granddaughters: Cindy Walkingshaw, Jill VanCamp, Ann Eng, Dawn Hathaway, Jennifer Rabing and Carrie Engbert, as well as 9 great grandchildren. A viewing will be held on June 3, 2009, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. At Bonney Watson Funeral Home, 1732 Broadway, Seattle, WA. A Funeral Mass will be held June 4, 2009, 10:00 a.m. At Assumption Catholic Church, 6201 33rd NE, Seattle, WA. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity. We love you mom/grandma and are so happy you are with Dad.

### Seminars & Conferences

[Free webinar: "Genetic Genealogy Made Easy":](#)

[Wed., July 8, at 8 PM EST.](#)

- Posted by [Wendy Jessen](#)
- June 24, 2009

On Wednesday, July 8 at 8 PM, we'll introduce family historians to the basics of DNA testing for genealogy. We'll walk you through a very simple overview of the science behind the test. And we'll also show you exactly what you can expect and do with your Ancestry.com DNA results. [Register](#) for the webinar now.

I'm constantly impressed at how much our members know...so a word of caution...If you already have a basic knowledge of how genetic genealogy testing works and how to use our service, you may want to skip this presentation and wait for future webinars to address advanced concepts. This webinar is perfect for people who are completely new to DNLee MatsonA testing.

#### **Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership**

Just a friendly reminder that 2009 dues are now due. Our membership year is Jan 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. \$12.00 for single and \$15.00 for family.

**July 11, 2009 Sumner, WA**

[Heritage Quest Research Library](#) - Jim Johnson offers "Canadian Research" (new and previous class material) \$10 fee 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Jun 27, 2009 - Sumner, WA**

[Heritage Quest Research Library](#) - Bonnie Jean MacDonald offers "Wills, Probate and more" \$10.00 fee 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Classes are held at Heritage Quest Research Library unless otherwise noted. You may preregister by leaving a message at 253-863-1806 or [e-mail us](mailto:herquest@herquest.com)

[Visit the HQRL web site for the remaining 2009 schedule.](#)

**Sep 2-5, 2009 Federation of Genealogical Societies**

2009 Conference "*Passages Through Time*" Additional information:

<http://www.fgs.org/2009conference/index.php>

**11-13 Sep 2009 - Spokane, WA**

[Washington State Genealogical Society](#) Annual Conference, featuring Megan Smolenyak. The conference is hosted by the [Eastern Washington Genealogical Society](#), and will be held at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. The Davenport Hotel is taking reservations. Be sure to tell them you're attending the conference in order to receive your discount! This is a one day seminar with four tracks and two special lectures by Megan Smolenyak. Also available will be a special dinner with Megan Friday night and breakfast Sunday morning. Details will be posted as they become available.

**Legacy User Group:** Mary Buzzell is leading a Legacy User Group on the *first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1 to 3 PM at the Stillaguamish Library in Arlington*. Anyone interested in learning about using a genealogical computer program is invited to attend. While the focus is on the Legacy Family Tree program, much of the information is transferable to other brands. Mary has acquired a video training CR program from Millennia, Legacy's producer. The training subjects are: a 12 step Process for using Family Tree; Mastering Events and Chronologies; Ultimate Guide to Sources; and Tagging and Searching Made Easy. Mary visited with the Legacy folks who had a display<sup>7</sup> at the Washington State Genealogy Society Annual Meeting last May in Mount Vernon. They offered to post our sessions on their website and assist us in any way they can.

**Queries**

I'm trying to locate any descendants of Dr. Edward Lee Russell, who was the Orange County (California) Health Officer in the 1960s. A few years ago, in a box of auction items, I obtained an old tape recorder with several magnetic tapes. One of them is labeled "Conversation with Mother Russell, June 21, 1970." The tape was in a small mailing box with a label from Dr. & Mrs. Edward Lee Russell and to Dr. & Mrs. Frank C. Russell, Orcas, Washington. I've done some internet searching (which is how I came up with Dr. Edward Russell's Orange County connection), and did find a Social Security death record for Frank C. Russell in Eastsound which I believe matches the Frank C above. I'm assuming that there was no family interested in the tape recorder, etc. since it ended up at an auction. Perhaps there may be other family members related to Dr. Edward or Dr. Frank that would like the tape. If you could share this request with your membership, I'd appreciate any information that might be available. With many thanks, Sue Mancer 1520 Cleveland Mount Vernon, WA 98273 [skmancer@comcast.net](mailto:skmancer@comcast.net)

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Prices:

Up to 112 sheets (5/8") - \$2.00, non-members \$3.00

113-168 sheets (1") - \$4.00, non-members \$5.00

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Starting the 24th of March there will be a Discussion Table available prior to the General Membership Meeting at 6:30 P.M. - you can discuss or ask questions about your genealogy and brick walls!!!!

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2009**

**APPLICANTS NAME**

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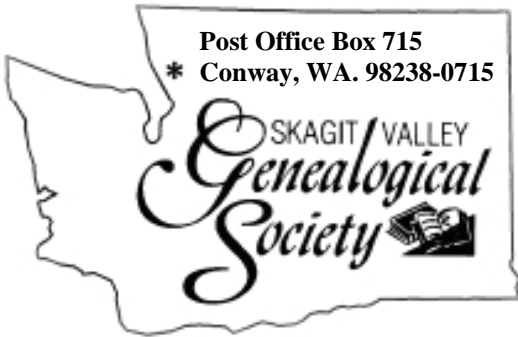
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