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### President's Message

Do you have your summer planned? Does it include traveling or just staying close to home because of our gas prices right now? Think about visiting NARA in Seattle or the Northwest Regional Archives in Bellingham for some of your research.

Genealogy is growing with all the programs and publicity on the television, but societies are still struggling. There is so much computer generated genealogy out there now. Are you one of those that does not get out and research or just sit in your chair in front of the computer? Remember not everything on the computer is always accurate; you have to research further to prove things.

With summer coming or at least I think it is, we take lots of pictures. How many of us have pictures we have taken or have been passed on to us that are not labeled? I was given a big box of some from my husband's cousin after his uncle died. His kids didn't want them and or did not know who these people were. My husband and I went thru them and labeled the ones we knew then we brought in other relatives to help identify the rest and we still have some we have no idea who they are, because the older relatives have passed and no one else remember or have seen some of these pictures.

Have you thought about all the research and work you have been doing? Try putting in a book with pictures and giving it to your children or grandchildren. Add stories of your growing up or other family memories included. This would be a great present and help preserve your genealogy for future dates to look back on when they are grandparents or just older.

I would like to THANK all the volunteers for their

hours they have committed. Sometimes we forget to say that you are very much appreciated.

Our library is growing. We have had another 80-100 books donated. These donations are so generous and very much appreciated. The knowledge in these books are helpful to other researchers.

*Dottie Chandler*

President

### Up Coming Programs

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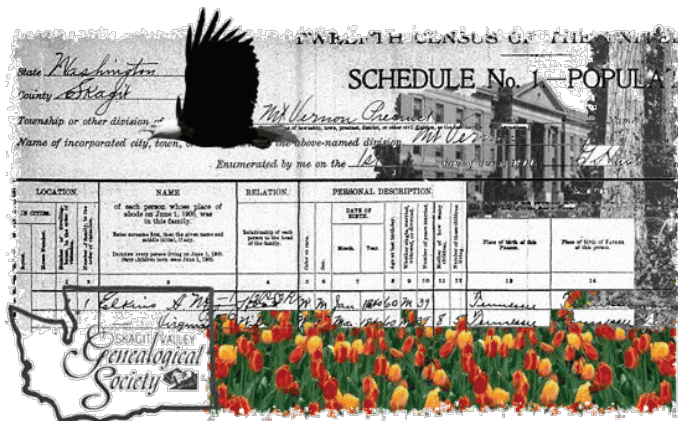
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December: Merry Christmas

January 24, 2012: Family reunions-how to plan

Check out our redesigned web page at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/>



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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. 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

### *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.*

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### **Burlington Public Library**

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Phone (360) 755-0760

Email:

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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



## Coming Events

5 May 2011 - Puyallup, WA

The Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PS-APG) presents "Tea at the Meeker Mansion" with Laura G. Prescott, APG President. While Laura is here in the Pacific NW, take this chance to meet and greet Laura and Cyndi Howells. The Mansion staff will serve the tea, in costume, and will then provide a tour. Fun and educational and allows time for visiting. The Meeker Mansion is located at 312 Spring Street, Puyallup, WA. Driving directions and details at their web site. Attendance is limited, so don't delay. You must RSVP by May 1 to Steven W. Morrison. Cost is \$12.00. Tea time is 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Click here for informational flyer. For more information on PSAGP, go to their website.

6 May 2011 - Bellevue, WA

The Eastside Genealogical Society German Interest Group. This month's topics will be: "Share Your Research Stories and Brickwall Questions." The Group will meet on May 6th (1pm to 3pm) at Crossroads Mall Community Meeting Room (near the Lotto/Information Booth), 15600 NE Eighth St., Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome.

7 May 2011 - Tacoma, WA

The Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will host Laura G. Prescott, President of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Held at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites, 1425 East 27th St., Tacoma, WA. Topics will be: "Turning Fiction Into Fact," "Treasures Within the Ivory Tower: Finding Family in Academic Archives," "Timelines: Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective," and "The Rest of the Story: Using Manuscripts to create a Family History." Registration before April 20, 2011: \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members, \$20 for students (under 25 with student ID). After April 20, add \$5 late fee. A sandwich and salad bar lunch is available for \$15. Time 8 am to 4 pm. Here is a link to the brochure. Check the society's web site for more information.

9 May 2011 - Mercer Island, WA

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State presents a program on "150 Years of Jewish History in Washington State" by Rabbi Jim Mirel. Rabbi Jim Mirel will talk about the three waves of Jewish immigration into Washington, including Ashkenazi and Sephardic populations. He'll give highlights about the Jewish individuals and families that affected our state and our Seattle history. He'll also show historic pictures of these Jewish families and their synagogues, businesses, and social life.

Rabbi James "Jim" Mirel has been Senior Rabbi of Temple B'nai Torah in Bellevue since 1985. Before that he served as Rabbi at Temple De Hirsch Sinai in Seattle. He was educated at Reed College, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Washington. He earned his ordination from Hebrew Union College. He is the author of *Stepping Stones to Jewish Spiritual Living*. Rabbi Mirel has served as president of the Washington State Jewish Historical Society, the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis, University Kiwanis, and Washington State Coalition of Rabbis, and he's a founder of the Jewish Archives at the UW. He is also a professional musician, leading the Mazeltones and the Shalom Ensemble, two local Klezmer bands. Rabbi Mirel has lectured at most of the colleges in Washington and at many local churches and mosques. He calls himself an amateur historian and raconteur. His family calls him the family historian.

The program will be held at the Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island. Doors open at 7:00 pm, with the program starting promptly at 7:30 pm. WIFI and the JGSWS library will be available. Free admission for JGSWS members and one guest per year, \$5.00 for non-members.

11 May 2011 - Seattle, WA

The Fiske Library will offer a program on "Cemetery Records and Spellbinding Nuggets of Information." Guest speaker Paul Elvig has been Past President of the National Cemetery Association, National Cemetery Regulators Assoc., Washington State Cemetery Board and Evergreen Washelli Cemetery. Paul has testified in front of National Congressional Committees on cemetery obligations involving record keeping, has been appointed to help review the current confusion at Arlington National Cemetery and is scheduled to appear soon on "60 Minutes" in a segment about cemeteries. If there is anything that you want to know about cemeteries or funeral homes Paul probably has the answer. He is a highly experienced, humorous speaker and has been a genealogist for most of his life. You couldn't ask for a better informed person to talk about the cemetery business. Location: Fiske Library, 1644 43rd Avenue East, Seattle. Time: 10:00-12:00.

12 May 2011 - Bellevue, WA

The Eastside Genealogical Society General Meeting will have their version of 'Who Do You Think You Are', with some members showing pictures of their interesting ancestors and telling their stories.

The meeting will be held from 7 to 9 pm at the Bellevue Regional Library, NE 12th St and 110th Ave NE, Bellevue. Doors open at 6:30 pm for networking. Visitors are

always welcome.

For Special Interest Group meetings (Canadian, Czech/Slovak, German, Irish & Scots-Irish, Italian, Legacy or Scandinavian), check the "Calendar" and the "Special Interest Group Info" tabs on the website for meeting times, locations, etc.

14 May 2011 - Port Orchard, WA

The Puget Sound Genealogical Society will offer their "Second Saturday Matinee Movies. Location: PSGS Library, 2501 SE Mile Hill Dr, Ste. A102, Port Orchard, Washington. Time: 1:00 pm. This date will be showing ANCESTORS, Episodes 7 & 8: "Census Records" and "Cemetery Records."

18 May 2011 - Wenatchee, WA

The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society general meeting for May will be a field trip to the Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village at 600 Cotlets Way. We will enjoy a docent tour on the Native American tribes of our area, presented by native cultures authority and archaeologist Fred Harvey. Meet us at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday morning, May 18. An entrance fee is required: \$4.00 for seniors 62 and over; \$5.00 adults.

18 May 2011 - Bremerton, WA

The Puget Sound Genealogical Society will have a meeting of their Swedish Special Interest Group on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Family History Library, 2225 Perry Ave., Bremerton. Contact Dorothy Lindquist at [dorothy\\_lindquist@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothy_lindquist@yahoo.com) or call the PSGS library at 360-874-8813.

21 May 2011 - Seattle, WA

The Seattle Genealogical Society will present their Spring Seminar on Saturday, May 21st, from 9 am to 4 pm, at the Nordic Museum (in Ballard), 3014 NW 67th Street. The seminar will feature Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, FSPiE, author of *Forensic Genealogy and DNA & Genealogy*. She will present four lectures: GENEALOGY and SIX Degrees of SEPARATION - explains how to find almost anyone in the world using advances in technology to help overcome your brick walls; FORENSIC GENEALOGY - shows new ways to look at the information you have gathered to find new clues and use the information to the best advantage; THE DATABASE DETECTIVE - explains how to mine databases for genealogical success as the size and number of online databases grows; and A DIFFERENT KIND OF DNA TALK - connecting with other family members, gaining insight into family history and understanding DNA results has become easier than

before. This promises to be an informative day for beginning and experienced family history researchers.

Registration (\$35 SGS members; \$45 Non-members) includes syllabus and welcome bag. Box Lunch available (\$12). Registration deadline for seminar and lunch is 14 May 2011. Learn more on the SGS website. For a registration brochure, contact SGS at (206) 522- 8658 or email [sgsseminar@gmail.com](mailto:sgsseminar@gmail.com).

1 June 2011 - Seattle, WA

The Fiske Library. Ever been curious about the workings of a cemetery? The Fiske Library will sponsor a tour of Evergreen Washelli Cemetery on Wednesday, June 1, at 10:00-12:00. The Washelli Columbarium Mausoleum, unclaimed cremated remains storage, funeral home, chapel and office will be included as well as a presentation of the history of the property. Please sign up for the tour with Karl Kumm at [k.kumm@comcast.net](mailto:k.kumm@comcast.net) to receive additional information about meeting place, etc.

3-5 June 2011 - Montreal, Quebec, Canada

The Quebec Family History Society will host ROOTS 2011 - An International Conference on Family History Research. This event will be the largest English-language genealogical conference ever held in Quebec. There will be numerous well-known speakers discussing all aspects of family history research, computer demonstrations, and a book fair. All lectures and events are in English. Location will be at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. For complete program details and registration form visit the QFHS website (above) or e-mail: [roots2011@bell.net](mailto:roots2011@bell.net) You may also write to: ROOTS 2011, Quebec Family History Society, P.O. Box 1026, Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada H9S 4H9 or call: 514-428-0236

13 June 2011 - Mercer Island, WA

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State presents a program on "Carved in Stone: Tips for Cemetery Research" by Deb Freedman. Tacoma's Deb Freedman will share some tips for doing genealogy research in cemeteries, including cemetery etiquette and how to read a tombstone. She will also reveal her recently discovered method for photographing headstones. Deb will bring ideas for accessing mortuary records and obituaries, and for making virtual visits to cemeteries. You'll learn basic abbreviations used on many stones, plus methods for figuring out Hebrew names and dates. Don't miss this passionate speaker and her lively topic!

Deb Freedman is retired from a 20-year career as a Youth Services Specialist for the Tacoma Public Library. That position helped her to develop the research and genealogy

skills necessary for digging into original research. Deb is a charter member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State and a past board member of the Tacoma Historical Society and the Washington State Jewish Historical Society. She is currently a board member of Tacoma's Home of Peace Cemetery Association and has completed a book of transcriptions of those tombstones. Deb is also an award-winning author. She has just received the Pierce County Heritage League's Individual Achievement Award for writing a third-grade local history supplement titled Tacoma's Twenty-One Tales. She is currently writing a book on Tacoma's 19th century Jewish merchants, to be titled Dry Goods and Wet Goods.

The program will be held at the Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island. Doors open at 7:00 pm, with the program starting promptly at 7:30 pm. WIFI and the JGSWS library will be available. Free admission for JGSWS members and one guest per year, \$5.00 for non-members.

20-24 July 2011 - Spokane, WA

The Germans from Russia Heritage Society will hold their 41st annual conference at The Davenport Hotel & Tower in Spokane, WA July 20-July 24, 2011. The library and bookstore will be open on Wed. July 20th, and a city tour that day as well as a dinner cruise that evening on nearby Lake Coeur d'Alene is planned. Opening Ceremonies begin Thursday morning followed by a variety of workshops on genealogy, history, cultural cooking and programs relating to today's technology in using DNA. Visit our website and click on the Convention page for more information or call the GRHS headquarters at (701) 223-6167. Special rates are available for convention attendees if you mention "Germans from Russia". Hotel reservation number is (800)899-1482.

The annual GRHS convention is an exciting time for all Germans from Russia to come together in one location to learn more about their history, their German customs and heritage. They have the opportunity to do genealogical research in our library, take in interesting topics in the workshops and share good food while enjoying the company of new-found relatives and new and old friends. We hope to see you there!

16-17 Sep 2011 - Richland, WA

The Washington State Genealogical Society will present their 2011 Annual Seminar, sponsored by the Tri-City Genealogical Society. Featured speaker will be Patricia Walls Stamm, GC, CGL, from St. Louis, MO. In addition to a bonus session on Friday night, Patricia will present three topics on Saturday, along with many other presenters with many topics. There will be three concurrent top-

ics of four each.

Location: Richland Baptist Church, 1632 George Washington Way, Richland, WA.

Time: Fri. 5:00 - 9 pm. Sat. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Registration at 7:30 am.

Click here for seminar flyer. More details to follow so check back often at this link: <http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wiki/doku.php> MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW so you won't miss this event!!

1 Oct 2011 - Spokane, WA

The Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present Dr. George Schweitzer, from Tennessee. He will give three presentations on the causes and the resulting records of the Civil War. Check their web site for more details, as they become available.

*Source: Washington State Genealogical Society website*

## Genealogical News

From: Alma Greenwood

Date: 3/28/2011 9:49:38 PM

To: WSGS MEMBERS

Subject: [WSGS-MEMBERS] Washington State Library

Genealogists should be aware of a bill (HB 2033) that has been introduced in the House to create a new Department of Heritage, Arts, and Culture which would include the Washington State Library but not the Archives and reduce their funding by an estimated 20%. As you know the Secretary of State has been a strong supporter of genealogists and this would remove that support.

For more information you can go to this website:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?year=2011&bill=2033>

If you are close enough to Olympia, you can attend the public hearing on Thursday. Otherwise, you may wish to voice your opinion to the sponsors and Committee on State Government and Tribal Affairs.

Alma Greenwood, Membership Chair  
Washington State Genealogical Society

## Magazine Report from Sharon Johnson

### Family Chronicle, March/April 2011

Canadians at War: (review of a Canadian research source); Top Websites to Save you Money! (saving on genealogy websites, trips & supplies); Roots of a Genealogist: David Allen Lambert (interview with the author, historian & genealogist); Become a Brickwall Mechanic! (diagnosing the problems); All in the Family: A Case Study (concerning how a Morgan almost became a Murphy); Solving Two Legends With Military Records (showing why it's important to learn all one can concerning a person & the collateral lines); Researching Italian Names; Workhouses: The Last Resort (England resources available); Avoid These Hometown Pitfalls! (assumptions made concerning hometowns); Getting Kids Hooked on Family History; England's Hearth and Window Taxes; The Search for Elusive Female Ancestors (different records that may contain maiden names); The Mystery Behind Your "Black Irish" Ancestors (origins of the term); Autosomal DNA Testing and Your Genealogy; Be a Smart Genealogist: Cite Those Sources! (how to validate your research claims)

### NGS Magazine, January/March 2011

Cemetery Research in Italy; Last Rites for the Honored Dead: Records of Military Burials in National Cemeteries (finding burial lists and records); Leave no Stone Unturned **by our member Eric Stroschein** (learning what is in the records before searching the military records at NARA); Organizing a Cousin Camp: Linking families to each other and their ancestors (focused on children ages 6 to 14 but can include adults); Finishing the Story (starting with WWI and died in France, building a more complete story); Voyage of Discovery: finding the Story of a WWII Sailor (starting with a sailor's diary); Researching Volunteer Soldiers of the War of 1812 (five easily accessible federal records); Major Types of Collections and their Access (found in a repository); The Power of Family Legends: How I am Related to Roy Rogers; Genealogical Finger Prints: Making Sure of Identity (establishing certain identity across time and space); Keeping Your Computer up to Date; Ledgers—an Underexploited Resource ( using merchants' account books).

### Internet Genealogy, April/May 2011

Skype Your Genealogy! (five ideas for using); Florida Memory Project: An Online Goldmine; Genes Reunited: Share Your Family Tree! (a United Kingdom site with databases and family trees, some info free and some requires a membership); Civil War Genealogical Resources, State-by-State: Part 2 (Nevada through Wisconsin); Jewish Transmigration to a Promised Land (available records tracing their journey 1881-1914); Turning Online Genealogy Data Entry into an Application (how to make a large database...ie, 49,000 individuals and 18,000 families in the BURDICK genealogy. If you have Burdicks, you may want to check [www.burdickfamily.org](http://www.burdickfamily.org) Facts at Your fingertips: Almanacs and Annual Reviews (various ones have existed ie, Farmers Almanac, during the Civil War one was published for the Confederate and another

for the Union, and some published in other countries); Scandinavian Roots and Family Search (using Family Search databases); Are You Ready for the 1940 Census?! (release date April 2, 2012, contains 132 million people with half of these living in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, California, Texas, Michigan, Massachusetts and New Jersey); Vital Records at Your Fingertips! (finding vital records online); Using Upper Canada Land Petitions for Research (now online); Five Ways to Use Social Media to Find Your Family!; Cool Tools for Publishing Your Family History.

## How to Play Cemetery Tag

Person 1 calls Person 2.

After chatting Person 2 talks about needing to go to Lyman Cemetery with Person 3. Person 1 states she will help.

About 11:50 p.m. Person 2 says "Oh my God, I need to leave, I'm meeting Person 3 at 12:30 p.m." The call is ended between Person 1 and Person 2.

Person 1 prepares a sandwich and water, jumps in her car about 12:15 to meet Person 2 and Person 3 at Lyman. Arrives about 12:36 p.m.

Meanwhile, Person 2 arrives at the meeting place at about 12:20 p.m. but no one is there. She waits, calling everyone and leaving messages – strange that no one answers. Tired of waiting and confused, Person 2 leaves for Lyman about 12:50 p.m.

Person 1 tired of waiting at Lyman and confused thinks maybe Hamilton was the meeting place. Person 1 then leaves for Hamilton about 1 p.m.

Now here comes Person 3 arriving at the meeting place about 1:05 p.m. She waits for everyone to arrive.

Person 2 arrives at Lyman about 1:05 – no one is there – she waits.

Person 1 arrives at Hamilton, does a drive around and finding no one there decides to check out Lyman again.

Person 2, waiting at Lyman, decides to check out Hamilton, so she leaves.

Person 3, at the meeting place, tired of waiting leaves for Lyman to work by herself.

Person 1 returns to Lyman, again no one, she waits a short time, then leaves for home.

Person 3 finds no one at Lyman and since she doesn't have the necessary papers for Lyman leaves for Hamilton.

Person 2, at Hamilton, leaves, checks Lyman, finding no one, goes home.

Person 3 finds no one at Hamilton, can't work on her own and leaves for home.

And that is how you play cemetery tag!

Written by Rita Schulze

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