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# Genealogy News Alert: Ancestry to Acquire Archives.com

After coming out of the "shadows" with a more public image at RootsTech earlier this year, Archives.com has made a name for itself in conjunction with the 1940 census roll out. It's not surprising therefore that Ancestry.com has had an eye on the start up.

Today Ancestry.com announced it's plans to acquire Archives.com in the following press announcement. The press release I received included an additional note from Tim Sullivan, CEO of Ancestry:

"In some ways, we view our deal with Archives.com as a coming-of-age moment for the online family history category....We very much view the acquisition of Archives.com as a way for us to accelerate our strategy of serving multiple customer segments with well differentiated offerings. I want to emphasis that our plan is to keep Archives.com as a distinct brand and site, to continue to nurture its existing partnerships, and to continue to invest in new content, product and technology."

It's clear now that Archives.com considered it's "customer segment" to be family history newbies, offering affordable pricing and emphasis on more commonly known and available records. If Ancestry keeps Archives in tact as is the stated plan, Archives will offer Ancestry a unique portal for beginners that can then funnel them up to Ancestry membership.

Do you see this as a positive or negative for the genealogy marketplace? I look forward to your comments.

Family History News and Views from Lisa Louise Cooke, host of The Genealogy Gems Podcast at

### **TRIVIA**

Metropolis the home of Superman really exists in Southern Illinois.

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#### **Cheap Sleeps**

Skagit County's hotels aren't what they used to be - fortunately. Mount Vernon's first hotel, built in 1877 was one room and a kitchen, with a loft overhead, reached by climbing a ladder through a trap door, and lighted by a tallow candle, where travelers spread their blankets to sleep. Of course, a hearty bacon and egg supper was included.

Another hotel, opened in LaConner in 1877, also served as a jail, hospital, poorhouse, and detention center for people bound for the territorial asylum, as well as lodging for Congressional delegates, judges, and the territorial governor.

#### No Peeking!

When Mount Vernon's Lincoln School was built in 1891, boys and girls were kept separate at recess by a high board fence, which divided the playground. Peeping through knot holes was forbidden, but it didn't stop boys from throwing dead snakes over the fence at their segregated female schoolmates.

<u>Washington</u> is home to three National Parks, nine National Forests, and 100 State Parks.

The first Aquarium opened in Chicago, 1893

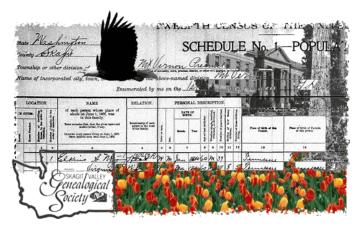
Illinois has 102 counties.

Illinois had two capital cities, Kaskaskia, and Vandalia before Springfield.

#### **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. Christine Cooper

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* 

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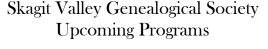
#### **Burlington Public Library**

820 E Washington Ave Burlington, WA 98233 Phone (360) 755-0760 Email: blibrary@ci.burlington.wa.us 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 Volun-

teers available on Mondays from 11:00—1:00 to assist with questions.

Margie Wilson—SVGS Librarian



#### 2011-2012

May 22 – Sharon Johnson – Land records – I Know where they lived, so why look up their Deed? - Sharon has been researching for years and has great tips on searching through land records.

<u>June 23</u> – This is our 25th anniversary. Come meet some of the original members and chat with others (<u>This is a Saturday from 1:00-3:00 at the library</u>)

<u>Sept 25</u> - Clark McAbee—Skagit County Historical Museum.

Oct 23 - Brick walls and election of officers

Nov 17 - Barbara Allen - updated family search.org

We meet from 7:00-9:00 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at Burlington Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf Avenue, Burlington, Washington, during the months of September, October, March, April, May and June;

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, from 1:00-3:00pm at the Burlington Library, 820 East Washington Avenue, Burlington, Washington during the months of November, January and February.



Your advice is needed. If you have suggestions of program topics for next year. Or if you just can't wait to present a program yourself, please contact Barb Johnson at raptorwoman.com or 360-856-0870. She will happily take your ideas to heart.

## President's Message

Are you ready for summer to begin, with nice weather, fresh vegetables and fruit? I know I am! Family reunion set for August, now I need to add any info I have found and put last year's picture in the reunion album. Each year we have a reunion, we take pictures and videos of everyone and any interviews with the family members about what they remember or cherish when they were growing up, whether it was a family member or grandma's cookies. When someone brings up something a lot of times it sparks a remembrance in another member and then it snowballs and it is fun to listen to all of the views.

In your research of your family, I know most of us dig for the old stuff about our ancestors, but thinking about it, we need to gather information on the youngers ones and those still living. Life is so precious we never know when it will slip away or end. They could be gone tomorrow. We need to find out about their likes, hobbies, sports, favorite songs, and shows, etc.

Our library renumbering is going good, they are about half thru the alphabet. Thank you volunteers for all your hard work.

This June we are having a celebration of our society being in existence for 25 years. Come out and meet some of the older members and new members. For more details look further in the newsletter

In August we will be having a seminar with some excellent speakers. They are Eric Stroschein, Claudia Breland, Stephen Baylor and Teresa Schulze. Check out the flyer in the newsletter for more details.

It is coming to that time of the year when we need members to step up, because we have offices coming up for election. One is the president and the other is the secretary. We also have other volunteer positions open. Volunteers are what keep a society going and we have had some good ones thru the years to keep it going for 25 years. Thank you to all of you who have

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contributed to make it a success. You do not need to know anything to volunteer, I didn't when I first started. We have other volunteers willing to help and assist each other. As members we need to be there to support our officers, volunteers and other members. If interested in helping let one of us know.

Have a great and safe summer.

Dottie Chandler, President

# **TRIVIA**

#### The Edison Gold Rush

Gold brought thousands of prospectors up the Skagit River, but the great Edison gold rush was nothing but a hoax

Late one May night in 1891, a logging camp cook swaggered into a local saloon with a lot of gold-colored dust, and let on that he'd found it on some nearby land in Edison. That sparked a rush, and hopeful prospectors spent the rest of the night staking out claims by lantern light, then rousing the justice of the peace out of bed sometime after midnight to register the claims. They kept him up until dawn.

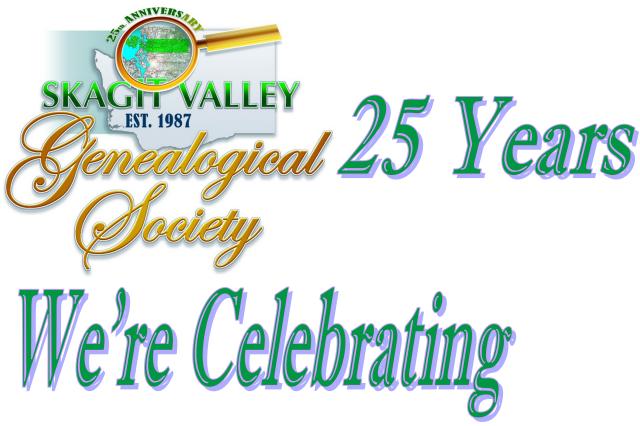
The truth came out when one of the would-be prospectors declared his intention that morning to head for Seattle to have the bag of 'gold dust' he'd collected assayed. To stop him, practical jokers confessed that they had filed all that 'gold dust' from several pieces of bronze and brass, which they'd salted over the property under cover of dark.

#### **Summer School**

If you could make it through the eighth grade, you could teach school, in Skagit County's early days. School sessions were three months long, and because getting there often required walking miles, school was usually held for three months in the summer. Teaching jobs paid between \$40 and \$50 a month.

Seattle was the first city in the US to play a Beatles song on the radio.

The world's first soft-serve ice cream machine was located in an Olympia Dairy Queen.



And

# You're Invited

Saturday, June 23, 2012 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Burlington Publc Library 820 E. Washington St., Burlington, WA 98233

We'll be honoring our Charter Members and our Lifetime Members for their service to our society & the community Open To The Public

We would like to encourage all former and present members to come visit with us Refreshments will be served



# Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

### Summer Seminar

Saturday, August 25, 2012 -- 8:00 am -- 4:30 pm Creekside Retirement -- 400 Gilkey Road Burlington, WA 98233

# EXIPOSING YOUR ROOTS WITH FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH



Eric Stroschein: APG, Professional Genealogist, Member Skagit Valley Genealogical Society plus several local and national organizations; Keynote Address; Military Research; Federal Land Records; & Sources, Proof Standards and Documentation



Claudia Breland: APG, Professional Genealogist Finding & Using Historic Newspapers; and Beyond Ancestry, Parts 1 & 2 (includes Researching the 1940 Census before indexing



Stephen Eric Baylor: Region One Regional Representative Basics of Using Ancestry.com; Basics of FamilySearch.org; and Using the Washington State Digital Archives



Teresa Schulze Electronic Genealogy Scrapbooking



Name:	 	
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- \$30 SVGS Member Registration, \$45 after August 10<sup>th</sup>
- \$45 Registration plus SVGS membership thru 2013
- \$40 Non-member Registration, \$45 after August 10th
- \$10 Buffet Lunch (provided by Creekside Retirement) or Bring a sack lunch
- Printed Syllabus \$5 Syllabus free on CD with Registration

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to Skagit Valley Genealogical Society or SVGS
Mail to: Hazel Rasar, 401 No. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Apt #116, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-3400
Questions: Call Hazel at 360-630-0170 Walk-ins welcome \$40 - lunch available until Aug. 23rd
Registration available by PayPal at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs

#### Ancestry.com Publishes Collection of WWII Cadet Nursing Corps Card Files

The following announcement was written by Ancestry.com:

In Honor of National Nurses Week, Online Family History Leader Adds More Than 300,000 Cadet Nursing Corp Files to Its Military Collection

PROVO, UT, May 07, 2012 -- Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, announced today a collection of more than 300,000 WWII Cadet Nursing Corps Card Files is now available at <a href="https://www.ancestry.com/nursing">www.ancestry.com/nursing</a>. The records date between 1942 and 1948 and detail the history of the Corps, providing personal information about Cadet Nursing Corps members, offering a glimpse into the backgrounds of the young women who joined this important program. Ancestry.com is the exclusive location to search the entire Cadet Nursing Corps collection online, making it easy to review this piece of American history and discover personal connections to former Corps nurses.

Upon the United States' entry into World War II, the Cadet Nursing Corps was established to increase the number of nurses available for war efforts. This collection tells the story of more than 124,000 young women between the ages of 17 and 35 who committed to serve in the nursing profession during this time. As a part of the program, cadets went through an accelerated training that fit a 36-month course into a 30-month period. Senior cadets then served their last six months in civilian, military and veteran hospitals and other public health agencies, which freed up registered nurses to help with the war effort. All cadets received a scholarship and a monthly stipend, effectively giving these young women an education they otherwise may not have been able to afford.

"As a former member of the Corps, I am excited to have this important part of our history not only acknowledged, but made available for more people to learn about this unique wartime effort," said Thelma Robinson, RN MSN PNP (retired). "I consistently speak with fellow Corps members who are trying to find information about this period of their lives. Putting these records online provides an invaluable resource for them and their families."

The Cadet Nursing Corps not only served to meet the needs of the United States during World War II, but also promoted the profession of nursing among women. There was a unique social aspect to the program for this period in history -- the Corps was non-discriminatory and trained nurses from a wide variety of backgrounds including Native Americans, African Americans and even displaced Japanese Americans. Unlike other professions, where women left to pursue other interests after the World War II, 85 percent of all US nursing students in the late 1940's were a part of the Cadet Nursing Corps.

"While much of the focus around World War II remains on what happened overseas, groups like the Cadet Nursing Corps are an important reminder of the dedication of the U.S. Citizens on the home front," said Dan Jones, Vice President of Content Acquisition, Ancestry.com. "We are proud to honor those who served as a part of this distinguished group and provide new generations with the opportunity to learn more."

To access the collection, users can visit <a href="www.ancestry.com/nursing">www.ancestry.com/nursing</a>. Ancestry.com offers a free 14-day trial for all new visitors to the site.

#### **Magazine Report by Sharon Johnson**

Internet Genealogy

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Top 10 Websites for Researching Your Polish Ancestors! (history, how to's, and location of digitized records online); Organize Your Bookmarks and View Them From Anywhere (creating order of your bookmark chaos by creating folders and subfolders); Using PERSI To find Your Ancestor! (stands for Periodical Source Index compiled by the Allen County Public Library. It can be accessed through Ancestry.com or Heritage Quest.); Finding the Family of Charles Robert Storey (using only the Internet to find an ancestor's family); Common Surname Search Secrets (tips on improving your surname search accuracy in Google); Scrivener: Your Family History Story Board (a tool for managing your writing projects); The British Newspaper Archives (digitized newspapers from 1711 to 1950 with most being in the 19th century. The site has a charge for records. www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk Check with the local LDS Family History Center for a free site containing many of the 19th century papers at http://newspapers11.bl.uk/blcs/; Review: The Guide to FamilySearch Online; (covers searching and browsing records; manipulating any found digital images; taking advantage of "Learn More" links; accessing the catalog; courses & articles); Bawdy Courts and Your Genealogy (church courts had jurisdiction over major and minor breaches of religious and moral conduct...how to find the records); Pseudonyms, Signatures and Secrets (one man, two names???); Smooth and Simple: PAWriter II Review (for Apple Mac users); How to Avoid A Data Disaster! (importance of having a plan to protect *your computer & data*); From Footnote to Fold3 (a subscription site, with some free collections, concentrating on military records); Canadian Headstone Photo Project (how to search www.canadianheadstones.com ).

August 29 to September 1, 2012, The Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama. More information to follow at http://www.fgs.org/2012conference/

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