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Exciting news for our society will be a planned move of our monthly meetings and programs to the Burlington Public Library this fall starting on September 8, 2018. Our initial program will be "Goggle Tools for Genealogists" presented by our own society webmaster and technology go-to-guy George Ridgeway. There will be more details later.

Enjoy our upcoming programs and have a safe summer. Good luck with your research!

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As I write this article it is pouring rain but the weather lady promises a warmer and dryer streak later this week. I don't mind the rain but a few sun breaks are nice too until summer arrives. We do need a few breaks so we can mow our lawns.

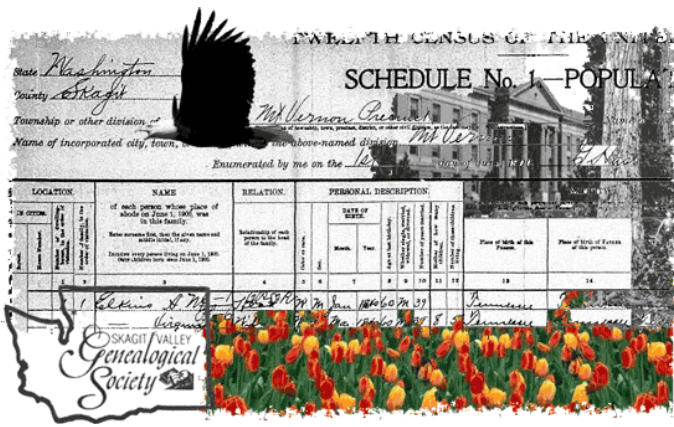
Due to a cancellation of our original May 12 program, V.P. Margie Wilson has done herself proud by arranging for Mary Kircher-Roddy to present a program titled “**Censational Census Strategies**”. The US Federal census and its “little brother” the state census, are among the major workhorses of genealogical research. But are we getting the most out of them? This program presents 20+ tips for finding missing ancestors and mining the census for more clues for follow-up research. This program is geared for all levels of experience so even I should understand it.

On June 9 we will have one of our own members, Barbara Johnson, speak on **“Planning Strategies for Visiting Ancestral Homelands, Libraries & Archives”**. She is back to share strategies to get the most out of your visit to distant ancestral homelands far afield. Advance preparations for these visits helps avoid frustration and disappointment. Barb will share examples from her travels as she prepares for her own next adventure overseas later this summer.

As you may recall we have no meetings in July and August so you can concentrate on family reunions, trips and further your genealogy research over the summer.

**TIP OF THE WEEK –**  
**GET THE MOST FROM ANCESTRY**  
**DNA**

If you have not linked a public family tree to your Ancestry DNA results you are not utilizing the most powerful feature of Ancestry DNA. If you have a public family tree in Ancestry, be sure to link it to your DNA results. If you don't have one, create one from scratch or upload one as a gedcom file. Without a linked family tree, Surnames, Maps, and Locations tabs will contain no information. You also need a linked public family tree for the DNA Circles function to work. The larger your tree, the more dynamic your results will be, but even a few generations is better than no tree at all.



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### SVGS Members,

We have a new BLOG on our website. If you are interested in participating in our blog go to skagit-valleygenealogy. Org/BLOG to see how you can register and log in.  
Thank you.

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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*

## UK Genealogy Quiz #1

1. **When looking at a parish register what name is often abbreviated to 'Jas'?**  
☐ John      ☐ Joseph      ☐ Jake      ☐ James
2. **What does 'visiting a RO' refer to in genealogy terms in the UK?**  
☐ Record Offer      ☐ Record Office      ☐ Round Orse      ☐ Right Office
3. **Who is your sister's brother's wife (all persons in this question are different)?**  
☐ Aunt      ☐ Sister In Law      ☐ Cousin      ☐ Niece
4. **With whom should you start your basic tree?**  
☐ Your mum      ☐ Yourself      ☐ Your dad      ☐ Your grandparents
5. **What are some possible reasons that records you're looking for are not in the local record office or Family History Centre?**  
☐ They were destroyed      ☐ They have been lost  
☐ Any of these      ☐ They are still in the church
6. **What website holds many records which are submitted by members?**  
☐ British Origins      ☐ FamilySearch      ☐ GRO      ☐ Free BMD
7. **What is the name of the popular history program shown in the UK on BBC1?**  
☐ Where Did you Come From?      ☐ When Were You Born?  
☐ What Do You DO?      ☐ Who DO You Think You Are?
8. **What is it called when you are stuck with research on a branch of your tree?**  
☐ Cul de sac      ☐ no go      ☐ brickwall      ☐ no entry
9. **Which of these is a family program ?**  
☐ RootsMagic      ☐ Family Tree Maker      ☐ All of these      ☐ Legacy
10. **On a tree you have a couple that have three children who were born between 1882 and 1890. Which census would be the best to search?**  
☐ 1871      ☐ 1881      ☐ 1891      ☐ 1901

Answers on pg 4

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ

### 1. James

Because space was limited on old parish registers names were often shortened. A typical example might read Jas Brown, son of Jas and Jane, bapt 21 Oct 1816.

### 2. Record Office

These places hold parish registers and many other documents that are helpful to the genealogist.

### 3. Sister in law

Your sister's brother is your brother, so his wife is your sister in law.

### 4. Yourself

It is generally accepted that the best person to start a family tree is with yourself and then work backwards.

### 5. Any of these

Many church registers have been lost, damaged, destroyed or are too fragile. But many remain in the churches if they have not been filed.

### 6. FamilySearch

BritishOrigins is a pay per view site with numerous resources such as census and burial indexes.

FamilySearch is a mine of information but much has been submitted by members and has not always been taken directly from registers, so beware.

GRO is the General Record Office that holds a copy of every entry in a parish or register office register. You can order birth, death and marriage certificates online or by post from here.

FreeBMD is a search site for births, deaths and marriages and supplies the reference to order from the GRO.

### 7. Who Do You Think You Are?

"Who Do You Think You Are?" has become a popular program on BBC1 and has encouraged genealogy to escape from dusty cupboards and become a main stream hobby. I

### 8. brick wall

This is a term that many genealogy groups use when they can't find any more information on a branch of their family tree. You find it used often on genealogy forms.

### 9. all of these

There are many family tree programs out there. Use the trial versions to find which suits you the best. Many people try several before settling on the one that fulfills their requirements best.

### 10. 1901

As the children were born after the 1181 and before the 1891 census, the best one to start with would be 1891. Then double check with the later census. Census were released every ten years starting in 1841 and still continuing today, although you have to wait 100 years for each to be released.

The latest one has been released in 2011. This is the 1911 census which was eagerly anticipated by genealogist around the world but especially in the UK.

## Meet the SVGS Board

*How did you decide to “do” genealogy?*

About 1997 I saw a photo in the local newspaper showing a local genealogist (John Fisher) kneeling near a grave recording the grave site information. Seems like there was beginner genealogy classes being offered about this time also. I had the time and the curiosity to attend.

*How long have you been researching?*

Since about 1997 when the genealogists involved in the class offered guided trips to the Family History Center in Everett, National Archives on Sand Point, etc. I volunteered to drive if someone would be our guide. A nice lady named Carol was more than happy to coordinate the trip and be our guide. I won't forget the doughnut shop near the archives. Carol made us leave so we would arrive a half hour before the archive opened. Our group enjoyed a doughnut before our all-day research session.

*What countries/states are you researching?*

Besides Washington, Texas, Illinois, Montana, North Dakota, Wisconsin and New York have taken most of my time. I did most of my research the old fashioned way using microfilm at the FHC and archives.

*Where did you grow up?*

Acme, Washington a small town north of Sedro-Woolley.

*Are you still working? Retired? What do/did you do for a living?*

I retired after 35 years as an engineer for the WSDOT. Most of my last 20 years was spent at an office in Mount Vernon. We handled highway design and construction projects in Whatcom, most of Skagit and the north half of Island Counties.

*Have you traveled to your ancestors' places?*

Only within the states of Montana and North Dakota.

*Do you have other hobbies besides genealogy?*

I'm involved in square dancing, gardening and trying to keep up with my yard.

*Do you have pets? (type/names)*

No. Rosie had two cats when I met her but fortunately I outlived them both.

*Do you have descendants? (OK, children, grandchildren, etc.)*

I have two daughters Kathi and Kristi and three grandchildren Michael, Michelle and Nicole all adults. No rug rats yet however.

*Describe yourself in one word.*

Simple.

*Anything else you'd like to add?*

I enjoy coordinating my class reunions/picnics and even monthly breakfasts at the Acme Cafe with my old Acme gang. My biggest reunion involves our annual Mt. Baker High 51+ Alumni Reunion at the Deming Logging Show Grounds with up to 380 alums, spouses and friends attending a catered luncheon. Our last one had two members of the class of '37 celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> reunion.





# Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

## Monthly Meetings Educational Program Calendar 2018

\*Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 1-3pm | Burlington Senior Center | 1011 Greenleaf Ave. | Burlington  
*Beginning in September: Burlington Public Library | 820 E. Washington Ave. | Burlington*  
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*Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to join SVGS!*

**Sat., May 12**

***Note: Topic Change: Censational Census Strategies***

The US Federal census and its "little brother" the state census, are among the major workhorses of genealogical research. But are you getting the most out of them? This presentation presents 20+ tips for finding missing ancestors and mining the census for more clues for follow-up research. Good for all levels of experience. Mary Kircher-Roddy, presenter.

**Sat., June 9**

***Note: Topic Change: Planning Strategies for Visiting Ancestral Homelands, Libraries & Archives***

Barbara Johnson is back to share strategies to get the most out of your visit to distant ancestral homelands far afield. Also, not all archives and libraries have the same procedures. Advance preparations for these visits helps avoid frustration and disappointment. Barb will share examples from her travels.

*-- July-August -- no meetings --*

**\*SVGS is moving to the Burlington Library, 820 E. Washington Ave. in September 2018**  
**Same schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month | 1:00-3:00pm**

**Sat., Sept. 8**

***\*New Location: Burlington Public Library!***

**Google Tools for Genealogists**

Please create an online Google account prior to this session if you don't already have one. This will help you follow-along during the program. George Ridgeway, SVGS webmaster and our technology go-to-guy will introduce you to the numerous ways that Google can assist genealogists with their research. Easy to do alerts and ways to most effectively use Google for information will make your research more productive and streamlined. Appropriate for beginners to advanced researchers.

**Sat's., Sept 29,**

**Oct. 6, 13 & 20**

**10am-Noon at**

**Burlington Library**

**Genealogy Workshop (Intermediate Level)**

Barbara Johnson and George Ridgeway lead the instruction for this intermediate level workshop. \$15/person per class or \$50 for all 4 classes. For details and to register online: [www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org) or at the workshop class.

**Sat., Oct. 13**

**This is My Family's Story -- SVGS Members Show and Tell**

Your family is invited to join us at this special meeting. This will be an opportunity for you to share the results of your many months/years of relentless detective work in pursuit of your ancestors. Bring your family memorabilia, displays, albums, etc.

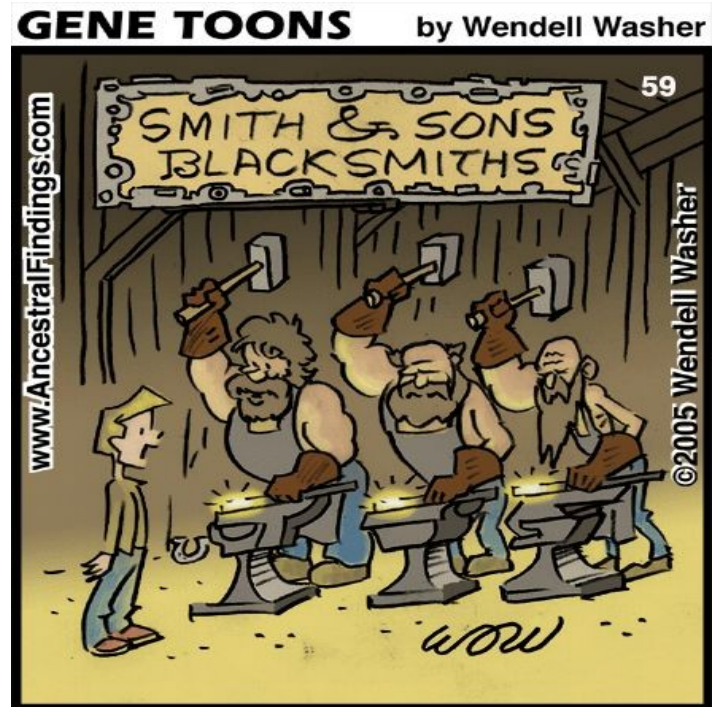
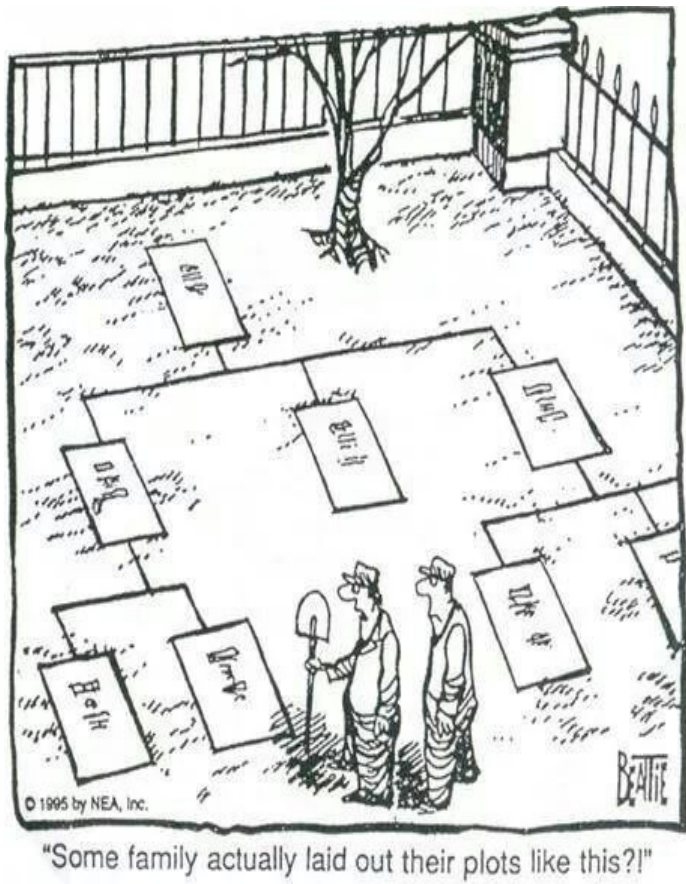
**Sat., Nov. 10**

**SVGS Annual Meeting and Research Brickwalls Troubleshooting & Strategies**

Members please bring your research challenges for a "Wisdom of the Crowd" solutions from experienced genealogy researchers on a variety of topics.

*-- December -- no meetings -- See you Sat. January 12, 2019 at the Burlington Library --*





Mister Smith, could I ask how you got your name?

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