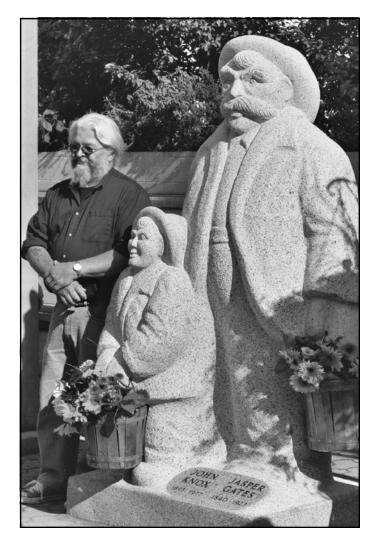


## Local News from Skagit County Jasper Gates Father of Mount Vernon



"He was the first settler to take a dangerous path through the mud and brush along the Skagit River and make a homestead in what is now downtown Mount Vernon...local historian Dick Fallis said it's high time that Jasper Gates received the recognition he deserves." Skagit Valley Herald

Formerly dedicated Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> at the corner of First & Gates St. in Mount Vernon the Jasper Gates statue was unveiled to the public after the dedicated six year persistence of Dick Fallis to see the original father of the town of Mount Vernon honored.

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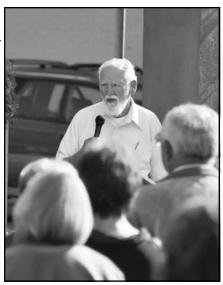
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According to the biography in the dedication brochure by Dick Fallis, Jasper Gates was born 9 April 1840 in Adair County, Missouri on the family farm. He married Clarinda Kimble in 1860 and by 1869 migrated west to the Skagit River area, then part of Whatcom County. He chose an area for his homestead close to the log jams in the river by the bends; this is the same site where the statue was dedicated. According to Dick, "the family greeted all persons coming into the area, provided hospitality and help in getting started in the new land. Jasper sold ten acres of his homestead land to Harrison Clothier and Ed English for purposes of getting the town and Post Office established...Jasper and Clarinda worked closely with the developing town, encouraging families to settle there and help establish needed services, schools, churches, medical facilities, hotels and restaurants, parks and public facilities." Mount Vernon was established as the county seat in 1883. Clarinda brought sheep to the area for the wool, learned the local Native American languages to establish friendly relations with the local tribes. Jasper Gates died in 1923.

The sculptor artist commissioned to create and complete the granite statue was Tracy W. Powell of Anacortes. Tracy also created the "Maiden of Deception Pass" located at Deception Pass Park. The Mount Vernon Arts Commission and the non-profit Mount Vernon Parks Foundation, with some local students', a grant and personal donations contributed toward raising the \$23,000.00 to see to its completion. The photo used to base the statue on was that of Jasper Gates with his grandson John Knox. *See photo on page 4* 

This statue could not have seen the light of day without the persistence of Skagit County Pioneer Association Historian

Dick Fallis - attending the dedication ceremony I noticed in the crowd a great deal of affection for Dick Fallis and Jasper Gates was not the only person honored that day. Dick was rightfully praised for his works, past and present; I knew the cheers and affection were genuine. Dick's next goal is to have a statue created of Jasper Gates wife Clarinda with her sheep set next to her husband at First & Gates.





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## Calendar of Events

Upcoming 2005/2006

General Meeting:

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

22 November Stephan Eric Baylor will be "Reviewing Basics of the Federal Census Research".

December-No Meeting Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

24 January 2006 SVSG Genealogist Diane Partington-"What Funeral Home & Cemetery Records Tell Me' also tidbits from her trip to Italy.

28 February 2006 SVGS Member George Ridgway... Tentative- "Search Engines: Using A Boolean Search"

#### Welcome New Member(s)

Richard Ball Mount Vernon, WA Harold E. Christenson Mount Vernon, WA Joyce M Liston Sedro Woolley, WA Tami Sneddon Mount Vernon, WA Jack Peavy Camano Island, WA Eva Christine Hildebrand Sedro Woolley, WA

**SVGS Welcomes Back** 

W.Bruce & LeeMatson Mount Vernon, WA Doris M. Rowe Oak Harbor, WA Margie Kott Oak Harbor, WA

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 Cost is: \$1.00 per book to book for you. cover supplies.

## **President's Message**

This month I want to be sure each of you has the opportunity to learn more about the wonderful things the **national archives** now has available online, so I'm going to give you some information and then hope that you spend time getting familiar with how to research on that site.

Once you are on the site: www.archives.gov

be sure to scan the lefthand column, as you will find great hints for help, as well as a lot of information.

If you go to the right hand side of the page, under databases, you will see large letters printing ARC (Archives Research Center) and AAD (Access to Archive Databases) When you click on ARC you will find subjects such as African American; American History; Court Records; Genealogy; National Parks; Native American; patents/inventions; Science, Technology, National Resources, Environment; Women, and More Topics. After clicking on Genealogy I was presented with categories such as African American; Court Records; Federal Employees' Immigration and Emigration/Aliens, Chinese Immigration, Naturalization; Military Records - American Revolution, Civil War, Military Personnel Records, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Native American, including Guion Miller Roll Index and Index to Final Rolls (Dawes).

If I were to go to the AAD site I would find is has 400 data files with millions of records available online. They are grouped by series. When I went to the WW II series I found Enlistment records available. There are some tricks to printing, so be sure to read the instructions and use the printer-friendly version. I hope you will enjoy everything you find on this site - explore and spend some time there. Be sure to let me know of your results. Happy Ancestor Hunting.

Hugs and smiles, Laura

## **Genealogical News**

#### The Washington State Genealogist

The WSGS Board has agreed to produce a journal of articles submitted by societies and individuals from all regions of the state. Titled "The Washington State Genealogist," the journal should be especially useful for small societies or groups who do not have their own journal in which to publish genealogical records of their local area.

The journal will not replace the WSGS Newsletter, which will continue to announce activities, programs, workshops and conferences around the state, along with short articles of genealogical news.

Our pioneers traveled throughout the state using coastal and river boat routes, following the advancing railroads, looking for gold or productive farm land and more timber to cut and mill. Without air conditioning and cruise control, many early families moved from one region to the next, leaving records helpful to today's family historians. Records from the upper Columbia may be of value to a Skagit Valley researcher and vice versa.

To fill the 30-40 pages planned for each journal, we would like to receive articles up to 4 pages in length. Longer articles may be split among two or more issues. The articles should be sent to Bob Witherspoon at rgwspoon@aol.com as a Word or WordPerfect document or in RTF (Rich Text Format). For more information please email Bob at RGWSPOON@AOL.COMor call him at 360-734-9835.

## 1910 CENSUS PROJECT It's Done!

The 1910 Census Index for the entire State of Washington has been completed. The index in its entirety will be uploaded and available for research from the Washington State's Historical Records website at: www.secstate.wa.gov/history/search.aspx. WSGS goal is to have it on the website by Nov 1, 2005.

The Secretary of States office is planning to move all extracted files to the Digital Archives in Cheney in the near future. Watch for this change to occur.

Since the beginning of this project, many individuals have helped in the transcription of this index. However, CON-GRATULATIONS go to Sue Semenza Ericksen and Frank McLean of the Yakima Genealogical Society for their hard work and continuing efforts in transcription and providing corrections, adding soundex codes and completing this index. It has been a long and difficult process.

## [WSGS] Temp Close of Yakima Valley Gen Society Library

The day is fast approaching when the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society and library will move into their new building. The library will close on Monday 31 October, so the collections can be inventoried, packed and moved to the new facility. The move is estimated to take up to 4 weeks to complete (depending on weather and muscle soreness). Watch this mailing list for announcement of the grand opening.

For additional info: Frank McLean, fl635@nwinfo.net Bob Witherspoon 360-734-9835

# [PSRoots] CamWood Obituary Project update

Hello, List Folks!

I've just updated the index to the CamWood Obituary Project at http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasnohom/camwoodintro.htm

The obituary collection covers the Stanwood and Camano Island area (Snohomish and Island Counties respectively); the data file now contains almost 5400 lines.

If you find Persons of Interest listed in the index, you can contact Charlotte, Carmella or Bill of the CamWood Genealogical Project (email addresses are on the project's Intro Page).

### **Coming Events**

#### 5 Nov 2005 - Seattle, WA

The Seattle Genealogical Society announces their Annual Fall Seminar, featuring presentations by Sherry Irvine on Irish, Scotts-Irish, Scottish, and English Research. The Seminar will be held Saturday, November 5, 2005 from 9:00 am to 4:40 pm in the Lower Hall of Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, Washington. The site is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Sherry Irvine is an internationally known seminar leader, teacher, writer and columnist on Irish, Scots-Irish, Scottish and English family history. In addition to seminars in this country, she has lectured in Canada, New Zealand and Australia; conducted study tours, and taught courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University in Alabama. Additional information and a printable registration form are available at their web site or by telephone at (206) 522-8568. Registration fees are \$35 for Seminar only, \$45 for Seminar + Box Lunch. Those wishing a box lunch must register by October 21. See their website for more information.

#### 5 Nov 2005 - Vancouver, WA

Clark County Genealogical Society announces their Annual Fall Seminar, featuring Ron Bremer, author of the "Compendium of Historical Sources," speaking on the "World of Genealogy." The Seminar will be held Saturday, November 5, 2005 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, Washington. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members. Bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be available and cold drinks available for purchase. See their website for a downloadable registration form and more information.

#### 10-11 March 2006 - Provo, UT

Brigham Young University's Department of Conferences and Workshops will hold their ninth annual Computerized Genealogy Conference at Brigham Young University. This conference is designed to be a how-to guide for everyone, including beginning, intermediate, and advanced researchers. The focus of the conference is to learn how new computer programs and advancements in existing programs can help you be more effective in genealogy and family history work. The featured presenter for this conference will be Cyndi Howells. Topics at this year's conference will include improvements in genealogy software, managing genealogical databases, and finding useful tools on the Internet. For additional information please visit their website.

#### 7-8 Apr 2006 - Olympia, WA

**The Washington State Genealogical Society** will hold their 2006 Annual Conference and Business Meeting. Theme is, "**Invading the British Isles.**" The featured speaker will be John M Kitzmiller II AG, FSG, FRSAI, FSA (Scot), one of the premier British genealogists in North America. It will be hosted by the Olympia Genealogical Society. Details will be posted as they become available, but be sure to mark your calendars now, so you don't miss the date!

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#### DNA...IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!

WANT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEDI-CAL ADVANCES IN DNA TECHNOLOGY? AN EXCIT-ING PROGRAM ,DNA,GENETIC HEALTH AND GENEAL-OGY WILL OFFER THREE WORLD RENOWNED EX-PERTS, TWO FROM THE UW, PROVIDING INFORMA-TION ON DNA AND INHERITANCE, THE BENEFITS OF GENETIC COUNSELING, AND DNA TECHNOLOGY WITH RESPECT TO GENEALOGY. ALL QUESTIONS AN-SWERED, REFRESHMENTS SERVED. JOIN US ON SUN-DAY, **MARCH 26TH**, 12:30 TO 4:30 AT THE **MUSEUM** OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY, 2700- 24th AVENUE EAST, SEATTLE. THE COST IS \$15.00 PER PERSON/ \$25.00 PER COUPLE AND YOU RECIEVE THE SURGEON GENERAL'S FAMILY HEALTH TREE. FOR MORE IN-FORMATION CALL MYRA ROTHENBERG, 425-868-5577 OR CHECK WWW.JGSWS.ORG. ADMISSION AVAIL-ABLE AT THE DOOR.



This will be a life size granite sculpture of Jasper Gates, Father of Mount Vernon, Washington, and his grandson John Knox. The image, as represented in this picture of my scale model, is taken from the newspaper photo just below it. The picture dates from the early 1900s, and shows Jasper and John carrying buckets of vegetables from their garden. The garden location was near the current corner of Gates and First Streets in downtown Mount Vernon.

Tracy Powell Sculptor Artist www.powellstudios.com (see page 1)

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They are happy to dolookups for you; they do not charge for this service, but might mention in a soft voice how WONDER-FUL it'd be if you'd send a small donation to the Stanwood Area Historical Society.

You might be curious about the CamWood Genealogical Project - here's how they describe their group on the Project's web page..."Though about 80% of our members live on Camano Island in Island County, we meet in Stanwood, which is in Snohomish County, thus our association with the Snohomish County USGenWeb Project site.

"Our workshop has been functioning since 1990, when a few folks decided to get together and talk about their common interests in genealogy. Through the years our membership has grown, but has always remained at a level comfortable enough that we've never had to abandon our informal approach to our meetings. We don't even have a president! We do meet regularly at 1 o'clock on the second Monday of each month in the Stanwood Area Historical Society Museum."

Regards, Marge

#### BCG Credentials Press Release BCG Press Release

17 October 2005 BCG Credentials For immediate release For additional information contact: Connie Lenzen, CG, at clenzen@dialoregon.net

The Board for Certification of Genealogists announced that, effective immediately, it has consolidated three research categories into one category that will be called Certified GenealogistSM. All those holding a current credential as Certified Genealogical Records SpecialistSM, Certified Lineage SpecialistSM, or Certified GenealogistSM will hold the designation of Certified GenealogistSM. The board also established application requirements for the single credential and voted to continue the existing renewal requirements for those already certified.

The Board reached the decisions after extensive talks at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in Salt Lake City on October 16. Incoming board president Connie Miller Lenzen, CGSM, of Portland, Oregon, explained that the change has been made for two reasons. "First, regardless of the type of work they do, all genealogists have the same skills. Second, having three research categories was confusing to both the genealogical community and the general public. The categories were different, but the differences were not well understood. We expect that the public can now more easily hire a certified person without being concerned about the differences. The one thing that will not change is the Board's commitment to excellence in genealogical work."

In May 2004, the Trustees approved the following motion, Lenzen continued: "Anyone demonstrating competence in all general skill areas of research, evidence analysis, kinship determination, and reporting should be eligible for certification as a

genealogist, without further distinction or limitation. Upon implementation, all certified persons in any research category would hold the designation Certified GenealogistSM." After more than a year of discussion, soliciting input, planning, and writing, the Board voted on the final draft of the revised application guide.

The new requirements have been designed to test the four skill areas used by all genealogists. The requirements are:

- 1. Acceptance of the Genealogist's Code.
- 2. Background resume
- 3. Document work with a BCG-supplied document: transcribe, abstract, and evaluate the document, prepare a research plan.
- 4. Document work with an applicant-supplied document: transcribe, abstract, and evaluate the document, prepare a research plan
- 5. Research report prepared for a client
- 6. Case study of conflicting or indirect evidence
- 7. Kinship determination project. The project is to include at least three couples in successive ancestral generations. The project may be in the form of a narrative genealogy, narrative lineage, or narrative pedigree.

Complete details for each requirement will be posted on the BCG website, www.bcgcertification.org, by December 1 of this year. Beginning January 1, 2006, only applications using the new requirements will be accepted. The new BCG Application Guide will be available at the National Genealogical Society conference in Chicago in June 2006.

The trustees also determined that individuals certified by BCG will still need to renew their certification every five years and that requirements for renewal will remain the same as they are now, regardless of the certification category previously held. Those requirements include an updated resume and the submission of up to four work samples. Current holders of the CGRSSM and CLSSM credentials will have until November 1, 2006 to make the transition to the CGSM credential. BCG's teaching categories, Certified Genealogical LecturerSM and Certified Genealogical InstructorSM, are not affected by the change to a single research credential.

Also unchanged is the two-step application process. Individuals file a preliminary application form and then have up to one year to submit their completed portfolio. Those who have already filed a preliminary application form will have the opportunity to decide whether to continue under the previous requirements or convert to the new requirements. Any preliminary applications filed on or after January 1, 2006 must follow the new requirements.

Since its founding in 1964, The Board for Certification of Genealogists has promulgated--in research, lectures, and publications--attainable, uniform standards of competence and ethics that have become generally accepted throughout the field. Its publication, The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual, sets forth the currently accepted standards for all areas of genealogical research.

The Castle Garden Database is now online. You can presently search New York passenger arrivals from 1830-1892. CastleGarden.org offers free access to an extraordinary database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened.... From 1855 to 1890, the Castle was America's first official immigration center, a pioneering collaboration of New York State and New York City. CastleGarden.org is an invaluable resource for educators, scholars, students, family historians, and the interested public. Currently the site hosts 10 million records, and support is needed to complete the digitization of the remaining 2 million records, beginning in 1820, from the original ship manifests.

#### http://www.castlegarden.org/

Thanks to David Blackwell for sharing this great piece of news!!! If you've not had luck searching at the Ellis Island site, this may be the one

## Civil War Soldiers' Graves Online Database

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was the largest fraternal organization for Union veterans. It was a very active organization in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Only Union veterans were permitted to join the GAR. As the members aged and then died, the organization eventually disappeared. However, it was replaced by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with membership restricted to descendants of Union Civil War veterans. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War inherited most of the records of the national GAR organization, as well as many of the records of local chapters (called "encampments").

From Eastman Online Newsletter Aug 9, 2005

#### FAMILY TREE MAKER 2006

A new version of the world's most popular commercial genealogy program has been announced by MyFamily.com. I have not yet had a chance to use the new version, but the company's web site lists the following new features:

#### Enjoy improved searching and merging

Change web-search criteria in various ways without ever changing your data in Family Tree Maker®. Merge Ancestry.com records and images with any individual in your records and edit citation information before merging. Another helpful addition: all records stored in Family Tree Maker® 2006 can now be linked directly to the related source records on Ancestry.com

#### Manage sources better than ever before

View all the sources associated with a single fact or person in the new, Source Usage Report. Easily connect a single citation to multiple facts with the new Copy and Paste feature. You can also quickly identify and replace duplicate master sources without losing any information.

#### Streamline your data entry

The new and improved Edit Individual box simplifies the process of entering basic information about a person from the Pedigree view. It also makes it easier for you to see related sources for that person. And now you can enter four times as many notes in the Notes field — up to 1MB of text.

Easily create a variety of colorful charts and reports

Use the new Charting Companion <sup>TM</sup> for Family Tree Maker ® to view, customize, print and publish generations of your family tree. Choose from a variety of formats and more than 16 million color options.

#### Make sure you never lose your family history

Now you can quickly jump to the people in your tree that you view most frequently by creating bookmarks or viewing your editing history. Bookmarks are set by you to identify the individuals you access frequently. The History feature automatically tracks the last 30 individuals you edited, enabling you to jump to recently changed people. You can use bookmarks and history in both the Family View and the Pedigree View.

#### **Family Facts and Research Tips**

Get interesting and helpful research information about your family surname – see where your ancestors are likely to have originated, the meaning of their names, where they lived, their most likely occupations and more. FTM will also provide with you tips on which records to search for more information.

For more information, look at http://www.familytreemaker.com

#### Is it Protected Under Copyright Laws?

Dick Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter http://www.eogn.com/blog/index.htm

Genealogists often republish materials from old books as well as from archives, courthouses Web sites, and other sources. Sadly, many modern day genealogists simply ignore copyright laws. Doing so can result in an unpleasant notice from a law firm appearing in your mailbox. The laws that limit someone's right to copy a work have changed in recent years. Your awareness of the current laws can protect you from land mines of liability as you prepare your research for publication.

The question quickly arises: "How can I tell if a work falls under copyright protection or not?"

There are many articles available that discuss U.S. copyright laws, but many of them are written in a strange language called "legalese English" that leaves the reader with as many questions as he or she started with.

Attorney Lloyd J. Jassin has written "New Rules For Using Public Domain Materials," an article that even I could understand. It does not specifically address genealogy issues, but the rules discussed there apply to all works in the United States, whether genealogy-related or not. Best of all, Jassin writes in plain English. Here is one short excerpt:

"One helpful rule-of-thumb is that all works published in the United States before 1923 are in the public domain in the United States."

Another says:

"Prior to January 1978, the duration of all copyrights was split into two 28-year consecutive terms. Once the work was published with a valid copyright notice, the copyright lasted for an initial term of 28- years. However, the copyright owner was given the option to renew the copyright for an additional period of 28-years during the last year of the initial term."

## A Great Time to Celebrate History and Heritage in Skagit County

Dan Royal & Hazel Rasar Co-Chairs 'Special History Projects'

Since the inception of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's book project 'Skagit County Washington and Its People 150 Years of Rich History & Heritage' in late 2003; the society has received up to 130 submissions from early Skagit Valley families which included their family biographies and stories.

The idea early on was to create a book that was a sequel of sorts to the classic history of Skagit County, "An Illustrated History of Skagit & Snohomish Counties, Washington." - hereafter called the 1906 History. Published by Interstate Publishing Company in 1906 to outline the early history of the counties with biographies of pioneers, it has become one of the most

valuable resources to local historians.

T h e Skagit Valley Genealogical Society in conjunction with the Stillaquamish Valley



Genealogical Society of Snohomish County re-published the 1906 History in hardbound and sold out fairly quickly. The society also produced an 'Every Name Index for the 1906 History' in 2000 that had not been included in the original work, making it easier to find an ancestor; this index is still available for purchase.

Unfortunately, while the biographies of the early pioneers in the 1906 History are an important resource to family historians, they were paid submissions. Thus, not all pioneers and early settlers were represented, most just couldn't afford the price of being added to the book.

With this new volume we not only wanted to add those pioneer families and settlers who were absent from the 1906 History, we also have no interest in being paid for adding these biographies. Also, with close to 100 years since the 1906 History came out, there are far more people who have moved to Skagit County from all areas of the United States and other countries. All have contributed a great deal to the growth and economy of the county; not only as business elite or politicians, but also as farmers, loggers, fisherman, builders of homes, roads and dams, homemakers etc.

It is the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's desire to have a fair representation of the cultures and ethnic backgrounds that make up the backbone and lively composition of Skagit County and its growth.

Our goal is to have as many historical and present family stories as we can gather. We would like to have your contributions slanted toward the life of the primary ancestor you have chosen, i.e., a grandparent, great grandparent, parent, yourself and/or a sibling, with connections to Skagit County. Please identify the location in the county, if known. You may enter as many names with life stories as you choose, as there is no charge for submitting your information. The questionnaire is a guideline for the information we are seeking, however, you may submit a narrative if you choose. Narratives may be sent via email if desired. We reserve the right to edit all information for publication.

Photos of family groups, individuals, businesses, churches or schools may also be submitted. Group photos should have identification of those included in the photos as well as a written consent for publication of anyone that is still living.

We are accepting submissions for this new publication *thru the end of December 2005*. A questionnaire is available on our website at <a href="www.rootsweb.com/~wasvgs">www.rootsweb.com/~wasvgs</a> or by email request at <a href="genealogy2@verizon.net">genealogy2@verizon.net</a>. A request may also be sent to <a href="SVGS">SVGS</a>, P.O. Box 715, Conway, Washington 98238-0715 or by calling 360-424-6528 ext 4. We look forward to receiving

many more biographies and/or family memories for this publication. Our society would like to thank everyone for submitting your own or your

ancestors' information. We look forward to celebrating with you our mutual history and heritage in Skagit County.

Deadline for submissions are closing in at the end of this year. Please don't let your family be left out. Everyone is important to the history and development of Skagit County. Hazel and Dan

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Mr. Jassin also describes how to check to see if a pre-1978 copyright was renewed, noting that less than 15% of all copy righted works of that period were ever renewed. Here is another quote:

If you are interested in older – permission free – works published between 1923 and 1963, you will need to investigate whether the work's copyright was renewed. In this case, you'll need to do a copyright search by contacting the Copyright Office, or a qualified copyright search firm or intellectual property attorney.

This article should be required reading for any genealogist who is thinking about publishing data on the Web or about publishing a book. It even applies to anyone who contributes data to one of the big online databases, such as RootsWeb, FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com and others.

You can read Lloyd J. Jassin's "New Rules For Using Public Domain Materials" at <a href="http://copylaw.com/new\_articles/">http://copylaw.com/new\_articles/</a>
<a href="PublicDomain.html">PublicDomain.html</a>

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