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President's Message

As I look back over the past two years it is with satisfaction with the events that our society has had. From our White Elephant sale, potluck dinners and the state conference, we have all been very busy. Volunteers are the backbone of the society. You are very much appreciated, and I thank all of you that have been of such value during my term of office.

We have recognized outstanding performance and dedication to our society to two people this past year, Joan Udd, Librarian and Arnold Stewart, past board and publication committee member. It is with sadness that both have been having serious medical problems and I sincerely hope that they have significant recovery in the near future. It is time to again be thinking about someone to recognize for the upcoming year. If any of you would like to nominate someone for one of the Washington State Genealogical Society awards, please let someone on the board know. The board makes the final choice, however all of you should be involved in the process.

We recently received a generous donation of over 250 genealogy related books by Billie Gilmore of Fir Island. Billie has been collecting genealogy material for over 20 years and she and her husband are downsizing. We thank her for her generosity and preservation of her library. Most of her materials are from the Southeastern states, Virginia, Georgia, etc. She also donated many Family Tree Maker CDs. This collection will be placed in our library as the Library Committee has an opportunity to catalogue them.

I would like to address an issue that many genealogical and historical societies are experiencing in this day of busy schedules and Internet access – loss of membership. Renew your membership, and encourage family, friends and neighbors interested in genealogy to join and support local societies.

Internet researchers should be aware that much of the information available on the many research sites is there because genealogical societies, all over the world, have done a wonderful job of abstracting and publishing that information. However, it is extremely important to check your sources. It is very easy to transpose numbers and misspell names. Both financial support and volunteers are needed.

I would like to welcome our new board members. We have several that are taking on some of our committees, Dottie Chandler, President; Muriel Neely, Secretary, Christine Cooper, Membership; Kevin Osborne, Newsletter/Webmaster; Margie Wilson, Librarian. Dan Royal will be our society Archivist and Jennifer Chandler will be heading the Sunshine Committee. Lorraine Rothenbuhler and Donna Hinds will be retiring from the board. I would like to thank them for their many years of volunteer service. Bob Witherspoon will also be retiring as our WSGS Region Representative and will be replaced by Stephen Baylor beginning in January.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to a “Good-bye Luncheon” for those departing the board on January 7, 2009 at Sager’s Homestead Restaurant on College Way in Mount Vernon.

Hazel Rasar, Outgoing President.



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Comb Binding...

For SVGS members. The Society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Arnold Stewart at 360-466-3288 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 the editor...

Calendar of Events

Upcoming 2008/2009

General Meetings:

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.

November 25, 2008 –

Dale Hastin, SVGS Publications Chair, 3 R's

December 3 – Board Meeting

This is an open meeting visitors are welcome!

No General Meeting, see you all in 2009!

January 27, 2009 –

Kevin Osborne - Google Earth, WebFerret, and Genealogy

February 24, 2009 –

Jeanie Bond - Researching the Dreyer family using the State Archives

Letter from the Editor:

Hello SVGS members! I'm Kevin and I have agreed to take on the task of publishing our newsletter and keeping an eye on the web site so Dan can focus his efforts on the society's upcoming book "[Skagit County Washington and Its People, 150 Years of Rich History and Heritage](#)". I'm not one for making change just for the sake of change so the newsletter will (for the most part) retain its current look and feel, however there are a couple of additions for the web page. I was looking for a simpler name, one that a normal human could remember fairly easily. SVGS.org was my first choice but the [Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society](#) already had it registered, so I registered [SkagitValleyGS.org](#). So now instead of trying to remember <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/> you can use <http://SkagitValleyGS.org>. The page is still at rootsweb, the new domain name just forwards to it. Now you can pass on the society's web page in casual conversation and there is a pretty good chance the person you are talking with will remember it. I have also heard a few of you were having problems getting to the newsletter on the web site. Let's give this a try; the current newsletters will always be available if you go to <http://newsletter.skagitvalleygs.org>! Bookmark this link. Previous methods of reaching the newsletter are still available as this address forwards to the old address/location. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me... Kevin

Looking for a springtime vacation destination?

How about the NGS 2009 Family History Conference? The 2009 National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held 13-16 May, 2009 at the Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh North Carolina. Online registration is set to begin the 1st of December. For more information you can visit the NGS site at.

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/AnnualConference.cfm>

Burlington Public Library

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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.
Joan Udd—SVGS Librarian



We have a Blog (Web-Log)!

And it can be found at <http://blog.skagitvalleygs.org>. What the heck is a blog? Glad you asked! Think of our blog as a live newsletter where the readers can comment on posted articles. I am in the process of adding our current membership to the authors list. I will also be giving a 10ish minute ticker during the November meeting; I will go over logging in and, managing your entries / comments. Questions concerning the blog can be emailed to svgsweb@wrzwaldo.org.

Kevin

SVGS Genealogy Library Update

There has been a flurry of activity at the library on Mondays these past few weeks.

Thanks to recent book collections generously donated by Billie Gilmore, Shirlee and John Fisher, plus a new family history book by Dan Royal, a team of volunteers has been furiously cataloging, cataloging, cataloging over 250 books. It is rewarding to be part of a team effort filling in for SVGS Librarian Joan Udd while she recovers from a recent illness. It is also exciting to see the genealogy library shelves filling up with valuable new resource materials pertaining to the United States, Native American ancestry, as well as other countries.

Special thanks to genealogy library volunteers Laura Kennedy, Lorraine Rothenbuhler, Dale Hastin, Helen Bretvick, Joyce Liston, Hazel Rasar, Portia Stacey and Colleen Thulen, and many other dedicated Monday volunteers working behind the scenes, for their steadfast help these past few months. There's no doubt in our minds that it takes a virtual genealogy "village" to attempt to even keep up with Joan Udd's efficiency, organization and energy! Whew! Hopefully the next time Joan visits the genealogy section of the Burlington Library she will see well organized, fully stocked shelves with many valuable new editions to aid all of us in our research. Hurry back Joan, we miss you!

Other Library Business:

- **Microfiche/Microfilm Reader:** Mary Ann Arndt recently donated a microfiche/microfilm reader to the SVGS library. Since a microfiche/microfilm reader is already available at the library, the SVGS board decided that this donated equipment is to be put up for sale to the society membership. If you are interested in purchasing this machine please call Margie Wilson at 360-757-6224 with your suggested offer. I will also make this announcement at the upcoming November 25 SVGS meeting and take bids at that time. At the end of the meeting I will announce the highest best offer bid.
- **Duplicate books/CDs:** There are a few donated materials that are already in the library collection. These duplicate books I will bring to future SVGS

meetings for members to have an opportunity to purchase.

- **Gleanings:** While reviewing a recent issue of "Internet Genealogy" I came across a list of some new websites to try. The following websites are highlights from the list. Hope these prove productive for you:

www.ancestorhunt.com

www.behindthename.com

www.searchforancestors.com

www.wavosaur.com

www.cyndislist.com/courthouses.htm

<http://home.att.net/~weemonster/vitalrecords.html>



If you haven't stopped by the genealogy section of the Burlington Library recently, it is worth a visit to check out the many new volumes on the shelves. Similar to our internet searches, new material is frequently added and worth a revisit. Thanks to your generous family donations our genealogy library is a continuous work in progress.

~ Margie Wilson, SVGS Library Volunteer Team Leader

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Coming Events

Dec 3 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society Brick Wall Workshop at 6 pm. 7:00 pm, SkVGS members Barbara Johnson and Margie Wilson appearing in full costume, with stage setting, "*Witnesses to the Revolution: Abigail Adams Meets Anne Morton*"; an historic portrayal of the wives of John Adams and John Morton, signers of the Declaration of Independence; Mountlake Terrace Library, 23300 58th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace.

Dec 8 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island
Education Classes at 11:45 am.. Potluck luncheon at noon, followed at 1:00 pm "*Bring and Brag*", Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodward Road, Freeland.

Dec 8 Whatcom Genealogical Society Social gathering, *silent auction and a holiday & genealogy quiz*, 7:00 pm St Paul's Episcopal Church, 2117 Walnut Street, Bellingham.

Dec 9 Stillaguamish Genealogical Society 1:00 pm StVGS Library, 135 Olympic Ave, Arlington.

Dec 9 Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers 1:00 pm. *Show 'n Tell*" time for everyone to share at the Christmas Party at Fire State, 2720 Heller Road, Oak Harbor.

Seminars & Conferences

7 Mar 2009 - Seattle, WA

Pacific Northwest Historians Guild will hold its annual conference at the Seattle Museum of History and Industry. The theme is the centennial of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (AYPE). The world's fair took place in Seattle from June 1 to October 16, 1909. For more information go to their website above or check out their flyer at <http://www.pnwhistorians.org/News/PacNWHisGuildFlyer.pdf>. October 15, 2008 is the deadline for submission of proposals for papers and presentations. Submission directions are on the flyer

7 Mar 2009 - Surrey, British Columbia, Canada

British Columbia Genealogical Society and the Surrey Public Library are co-sponsoring an all day seminar with Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak.

Topics: Trace Your Roots with DNA; Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones; Introduction to Ancestry.com; Cases That Made My Brain Hurt. See their website <http://www.bcgsc.ca/> for details.

Apr 4, 2009 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will be the *ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR*. Watch the YVGS website for further details.
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wayvgs/>

Apr 30, 1-2 May 2009 - Rusagonis, New Brunswick, Canada

The Calkins Family Association is sponsoring its 5th tri-annual International Calkins Family re-union to be held in Syracuse NY Apr 30, May 1st and 2nd, 2009. The invitation is extended to all descendents of our original ancestors, Hugh and Ann Calkins,

who landed in North America in 1638. Thursday evening: meet, greet, with refreshments. Friday: all day bus tour of historical places in the area. including lunch. Saturday: morning workshop, catered lunch afternoon, business meeting and evening banquet with world wide known genealogist, Gary Boyd Roberts as our guest speaker. For information and costs contact Minnie Frese 509 Rusagonis Rd., Rusagonis, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 8Z3, phone 506-357-3841 . Email: minmin@nbnet.nb.ca

Sep 2-5, 2009 Federation of Genealogical Societies 2009 Conference "*Passages Through Time*" Additional information: <http://www.fgs.org/2009conference/index.php>

Sep 11, 12, 13, 2009 Washington State Genealogical Society Conference and Annual Meeting in Spokane at the Davenport Hotel. "*Looking Forward to Your Past*"

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 display⁷ 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.

Local News

While dismantling a shed on the Mount Vernon City Cemetery property several headstones were discovered under the building. A few have been located but these three remain. Anyone interested in doing some research and attempting to locate where these stones belong is more than welcome. Please notify Derrick Flaig if or when you discover any information.

derrick@mountvernoncemetery.com

Ray E. Marshall 1885-1940
Edward Tapley 1872-1940
Marion A. Watson 1872-1933

Welcome New Members

Kevin Osborne
Jaretta Osborne

Coming soon to a Skagit Valley Genealogical Society meeting near you!

I am pleased to announce that starting this month (November 2008) we will have internet access available for both the general membership and board meetings. The connection to the internet will be via Verizon Wireless Broadband. Access from your laptop can be either wireless (WiFi) or a wired connection via a Linksys router/firewall. I will demonstrate/test the connection at the meeting on the 25th of this month.

If you have questions (pertaining to this internet access) I'm ready with almost all the answers.

See you at the meeting -- Kevin

Queries

BARTOLINE/BARTOLINI, GAETONI, PANELLA, D'ERRICO, HASTIN

Would like to correspond with others researching Pasquale Bartolini b. Italy, d. NY, mar. Elisabetta Gaetoni, b. Italy, d. NY. Their son Francis/Francisco Bartoline b. 10 Mar 1900, Kings Co, NY, d. 15 Apr 1959, Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY, mar. Catherine Marie D'Errico b. 11 Dec 1903, prob. Kings Co, NY; d. Bellingham, Whatcom Co, WA, (d/o Francis D'Errico b. Italy, d. NY and Angelina Panella b. Italy, d. NY). Their dau. Elizabeth Bartoline mar. James Dale Hastin. E. Dale Hastin, 2610 E. Section St., Mount Vernon, WA 98274-6107; edhastin@gmail.com
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HASTIN/HASTINGS, DENT, HAYGOOD, FRANCISCO

Would like to correspond with others researching John Chapman Hastin/Hastings b. 13 Jan 1831, Henry Co, TN, (s/o Absalom Hastin Jr. and Evaline Dent); d. 21 Apr 1913, Carroll Co, TN; mar. 23 Nov 1854, Benton Co, TN to Diane Francisco b. 22 Apr 1833, Hawkins Co. or Benton TN; d. 22 Jan 1901, Carroll/Henry Co. TN. She was the dau. of George Francisco and Diana Haygood. E. Dale Hastin, 2610 E. Section St., Mount Vernon, WA 98274-6107; edhastin@gmail.com
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PERKINS, IDE, SWARTOUT

Would like to correspond with others researching John Perkins poss. b. PA?, KS?, d. poss. Wright Co., MN; mar. Feb 1855, Monroe Co, WI to thirza Ide, b. VT? MA? Their dau. Helen b. 8 Jul 1859, Monroe Co, WI, d. 31 Mar 1913, Dutton, Teton Co, MT, mar. Leonard Lewis LaGrande Swartout 15 April 1873, Wright Co, MN. Lewis supposedly d. 14 Apr 1881 Ogle Co, IL E. Dale Hastin, 2610 E. Section St., Mount Vernon, WA 98274-6107; edhastin@gmail.com
(need documentation!!!!).

SWARTOUT, ROBERTSON, SEDORIS

Would like to correspond with others researching James Robertson and wife Margaret Sedoris both d. NE. Their dau. Myrtle Lee Robertson b. 5 Aug 1877, Nemaha Co, NE; d. 4 Mar 1907, house fire in Waldick, Atkin Co, MN. E. Dale Hastin, 2610 E. Section St., Mount Vernon, WA 98274-6107; edhastin@gmail.com
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SWARTOUT, LEWIS

Would like to correspond with others researching Abraham Swartout b. 28 Mar 1778, Dutchess Co, NY; d. 1859, Dakota Co, MN; mar. 1805, NY to Hannah -?- d. 1856, Washington Co, NY. Son Miranda Swartout b. 13 Mar 1813, NY, d. supposedly 16 Jan 1881, Ogle Co, IL (need documentation!!) mar. 2 Jun 1843, prob. Saratoga Co, NY to Lydia Mills Lewis b. 21 Apr 1827, NY; d. ?1889?, ?Albion Co?, MN?. E. Dale Hastin, 2610 E. Section St., Mount Vernon, WA 98274-6107; edhastin@gmail.com
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Honoring the Past

Memorials present an opportunity to pay tribute to departed friends and loved ones at Skagit Valley Genealogy Society. Memorial funds are used to purchase books for our library. If you are interested in a particular book or CD, on a state, region or country you may specify on your bequest. Mail to our society address or give to our treasurer at any meeting.

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Recently we have lost several members: Iona Raney on August 6, 2007, Hazel Pilkenton on February 14, 2008; Judy Ray on July 8, 2008; Harold Christenson on August 19, 2008 and Edna Bainter on September 4, 2008.

Enclosed is my gift of:

In Memory of: _____

I would be interested in: (book or CD)_____

Given by:_____

Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

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APPLICANTS NAME

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AREA CODE ()

TELEPHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

New Member

Renewal

Previous Member

FAMILY \$ 15

INDIVIDUAL \$12

INSTITUTION \$12



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