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President's Message

Fall is upon us, as is the rain, so we can come indoors and get back to our genealogy with dedication and a new visibility; let's set a specific goal to accomplish in the next two months. Share your goal with me, and then share your successes toward that goal; it will be wonderful to see what strides each of us can make in our personal search.

Please plan to hear our September speaker; she AND her message are full of knowledge and not to be missed.

Remember to thank our many volunteers; they are what makes this society the great organization it is. We would love for each of you to become volunteer's as well; if you're interested we can discover together where your talents lie and then make use of them. Join us....

Happy Ancestor Hunting!

Laura

Society News

Hazel Rasar, publications committee, reported the publication of several cemetery books and reported also progress on three continuing projects.

All publications are available to SVGS members at a 10% discount on the published price. If we know ahead of time, we can bring a specific publication for pick up at a general meeting, thus saving you postage. Contact Sharon Johnson if you desire her to bring a copy to one of our meetings.

Mount Vernon Cemetery publication is available for purchase for \$30.00. This publication covers burials at the Fir Street location from 1899 through 2000, the book includes maps of the cemetery, a complete alphabetical listing of burials including those without headstones, and an alphabetical listing of all veterans buried there. 305 pages

Forest Park in Concrete, WA publication is available for purchase for \$10.00. This publication also contains an alphabetical listing of all persons buried, plus an alphabetical veterans directory. Information is included on burials without headstones and also from an unknown source, which is presumed to be obituary type information on family relationships.

Bay View Cemetery, Bow Cemetery and Northern State Burials are computerized and in final stages of preparation for publication in the near future.

A new project, under the auspices of the Publication Committee will be started in the near future. This will involve the formation of a subcommittee to develop guidelines and criteria for a SKAGIT PIONEERS BOOK, for presentation to the Board of Directors. This could involve oral and/or written history of Skagit County pioneer families. The goal being to develop something similar to the 1906 History Book of Skagit and Snohomish Counties. Anyone interested in helping with this long term project, contact Hazel Rasar at 360-424-6528 or Dan Royal at 360-826-6141.



Sept-Oct 2003
Attention !!
Calendar of Events
General Meeting:
23 September Marlys Rudeen-state Librarian on Territorial Census Project.
28 October Bob Witherspoon President Washington State Gen. Society on WWI draft registration records.
25 November Laura Sparr President SVGS on Passenger Lists.

Message from your Newsletter Editor & Webmaster:

As of this writing I'm currently researching and looking at past newsletters from this society and others in the state. I would like to produce the best newsletter and website I possibly can for the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society.

It's been a pleasure to become a historical & genealogical researcher of Skagit Co. the last few years when I started expanding on my own family tree and my pioneer roots right here in the upper Skagit Valley. I'm continually learning from everyone around me on the importance of source material in research and documentation.

Becoming associated with SVGS gives me even more opportunity to contribute to something valuable to folks seeking their own family roots. The board members and volunteers who've been with the Society for years and contributed to the fine works available for research are to be commended.

I've got some ideas for both the website and newsletter -as mentioned before- I will work toward incorporating during the next months and of course welcome all suggestions I can get.

So don't be shy- Dan Royal

SVGS Website:

Visit our website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/wasvgs>

Do you have a family or personal website you would like to have listed with a link on our website, let us know. If you would like to have a website, our webmaster *Dan Royal* will

Publications:

Hazel reports that the Mount Vernon Cemetery as well as the Concrete Cemetery are now published and available for purchase. **Thanks to Molly and Leroy Sackman, Lois Theodoratus & Betty Hoffman for the many hours they have spent in reading cemeteries this past year.**

She also read a thank you note from Kern funeral home in response to our donations of the Mount Vernon Cemetery book for the Cemetery Office and at Kern Funeral Home.

Telephone Committee:

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Yvonda Anderson for volunteering to chair the telephone committee. Hopefully, many of you will be hearing from this committee again in the near future.

Centre for Resource & Research

Laura Pemberton Sparr announces the opening of her Source Library for Genealogy, located in the Prime West Complex at 2203 Highway 99 South, Suite #10, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Open 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Wednesdays & Thursdays. She will be offering Genealogy Classes, Workshops and individual instruction at the Centre. She can be contacted by cell phone at 425-231-6945 or leave a message at 360-424-5783

Education:

We are still in need of someone to coordinate our classes and special events. If you are interested, contact any board member or come and visit us at our monthly board meeting.

If you are interested in being a mentor for new members of our society, please let Donna Hinds in membership know so we can put your name on the list.

Membership:

Donna Hinds reports that total membership is down to about 129. If you know of members that have not renewed their membership but still want to receive the newsletter, remind them to send in their dues. Membership badges are available, contact Donna if you need to order a new one or to order a replacement. Members are being asked to wear name badges at SVGS meetings.

Projects:

John Fisher, projects; reported Mollie and Leroy Sackman are now reading the Fir/Conway Cemetery. Betty Hoffman/Lois Theodoratus will soon be reading the Hamilton Cemetery, followed hopefully by the Lyman Cemetery. I have taken care of several of the very small cemeteries like Blanchard, Equality Colony, Cockreham. Fairview, Evangelical Lutheran, & Liberty Freewill Baptist. Diane Partington & I will read the Eden Cemetery on Guemas Island. Diane & Hazel [if possible] will read the Clearlake Cemetery in the near future. John Fisher at 360-293-4986

Traveling Library:

New for circulation is a CD Rom of Heritage Quest Magazine from Sep 1985 thru December 1999, containing 10,000 pages of genealogical expertise, donated by Hazel Rasar. See Shirlee Fisher at the next meeting if you would like to borrow any of our traveling library materials for your research.

Library:

Joan Udd, librarian, reported the supply of brochures in the library has diminished greatly, suggesting that people have been picking up brochures while visiting our collection through the summer. Joan reported also that the Hamiltons had made another donation of several books on Michigan and Ohio. She also reported a CD is available for purchase, containing many of the immigration records published by Filby. She is considering purchasing this for the traveling library. Let her know if you would like to see this addition in our traveling library.

Comb Binding .. For members

- **The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call John Fisher at 360-293-4986 he will make arrangements to bind your pages into a book for you. Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supplies.**

The DAR Library receives a gift of the National Huguenot Society Library.

Following an agreement signed in early April 2003, the National Huguenot Society, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, has donated the contents of its entire library to the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. The collection, naturally, focuses on the history and genealogy of French Huguenot immigrants to the American colonies and the story of Protestants in France. Previously, the library has been housed in NHS's office and was only accessible in a very limited fashion. NHS wanted the materials to be placed in a large genealogical library and approached the DAR in late 2002. The Washington location will place the collection near some of the areas on the east coast that received large Huguenot populations in the 17th and 18th centuries.

The DAR Library will begin to catalog and arrange the collection in the near future. All holdings will appear in the DAR Library's catalog (www.dar.org). The books will remain a separate special collection within the library and be called The National Huguenot Society Collection. Members of the NHS will have complete access to the collection and free access to the DAR Library for the next ten years with presentation of a NHS membership card.

We hope that your patrons interested in French Huguenot ancestors will come to the DAR Library and use this important addition to our holdings.

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Washington State Birth and Death certificates increase from \$13.00 to \$17.00 effective 26 July 2003.

State Society Recognition Awards

Washington State Genealogical Society has requested input from all WSGS member societies to recognize local and personal contributions to a local society. At the last board meeting, President Laura Sparr suggested that John Fisher and Hazel Rasar have their names submitted. Laura will forward to WSGS officials the nomination of John Fisher for organizational work; the nomination of Hazel Rasar for her contribution in records preservation. Awards will be presented at the WSGS Annual Meeting Sept 19-20 in Tri-Cities area.

Genealogical Resources

Resources at the WSL - Skagit County territorial census has been submitted to the Sec of State's office and are now online through their website. Hazel

New! - The State Library in cooperation with the State Archives is currently indexing census data collected in Washington. You may now search for individuals and view scanned images of original census documents. New data is being added weekly.

The Washington State Library has a small genealogy collection that deals only with Washington State. Visitors are extended courtesy service based on their ability to use resources on a self-serve basis. We are not able to offer any research or copying services. Please contact your local library first for assistance identifying resources which may be borrowed from our collection.

Newspapers. We hold microfilm copies of Washington newspapers from nearly all time periods. Most microfilm is available for interlibrary loan. We will loan any library system up to 10 reels of microfilm per request per person for a 3-week period (including mailing time), with no renewals. Your local library can assist you with this process. Information on newspapers is contained in the Washington State Union List of Newspapers on Microfilm, which is held in many libraries or may be borrowed through interlibrary loan. We have the Washington Territorial Census Rolls on microfilm covering 1859-1892. The census varies by county as to available dates. We have Federal census records for Washington State for 1850, 1860, 1870, 1900, 1910, and 1920. These may be borrowed via interlibrary loan. Some local genealogical societies have published indexes to these censuses, which may be identified in our catalog, and borrowed through interlibrary loan.

Death index. We have a copy of the Index to Vital Records (1907-1995), a.k.a Death Index, on microform. The microfilm (1907-1979) may be borrowed through interlibrary loan. Requests should indicate the year(s) desired.

Vital records. Depending on the date, original birth, death, marriage, and divorce records are held by either the Washington State Department of Health Center for Health Statistics or the regional branches of the Washington State Archives. Our holdings do not include any original vital records.

Additional resources, such as city directories and the Washington name and subject index, are available in-house only. Self-service photocopies are .10 cents per page, and exact change is preferred.

For information on genealogical societies in Washington, please visit the Washington State Genealogical Society's web page...

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs/wsgsocs.htm>

Coming Events

Sep 19-20, 2003 Tri-City Gen Soc Autumn 2003 Conference, with the WSGS Annual Meeting. "Trails and Heirs of Our Ancestors" -

[The Tri-City Genealogical Society](#) is hosting an Autumn Conference, "Trails and Heirs of Our Ancestors," and the **WSGS Annual Meeting** at the Battelle Auditorium in Richland. Featured Speaker is Karen Clifford AG, covering topics from resources Online and in the area, Using your genealogy computer program to it's fullest, Ethnic Migration to and in the Americas in the 1800's, Making research and planning effective. \$25.00 to TCGS Members, and \$30.00 to non- TCGS members. All day price includes lunch. Check the society website (above) for more details.

Local News From Skagit county

The Skagit County Historical Museum

Our current exhibit "Over Here, Over There: Memories of Skagit County during WWII" will be coming down after the 1st of the year and if any of your members haven't seen it, now is their chance. The Skagit County Historical Museum is open Tuesday thru Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., located at 501 S. 4th Street; LaConnar, Wa. (most easily accessed by taking Maple Street to Washington Street-turn right, then left at the stop sign on 3rd Street, left again on Benton Street, and left again on 4th Street to the top of the hill). Seniors & Children over 5 are \$3, Adults \$4, Children under 5 are free, Museum members are free, Families \$8.

Obituaries

Rogers Pemberton

Condolences to SVGS President Laura Pemberton-Sparr who recently lost her father. Rogers Pemberton, age 88 of Seattle passed away on 7 June, 2003. He is survived by his wife LaVerne Lane Pemberton; two daughters, Laura Pemberton-Sparr and Jo Pemberton Rutelonis; one son Mel Pemberton.

Richard J. Hunter Hastings

Former SVGS member Richard James Hunter Hastings, age 59, a resident of Mt. Vernon, passed away on Thursday, 21 August 2003 at the Skagit Valley Hospital and Health Center. He was born 27 June 1944 in Seattle, the son of Nadine and James Hunter M.D. He is survived by two aunts; Hazel Hastings and Merrle Carpenter, both of Mt. Vernon; and many cousins. He was proud of being the greeter at Mitzel's Restaurant and at Costco. Richard was a member of Skagit Valley Genealogy Society from 1996-1998.

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1900 Census and PERSI

Heritage Quest has started loading 1900 census index data, and Texas is included in the first batch. The states loaded so far are AZ, CA, FL, HI, KS, MS, TX, UT, and WA. This means that between Heritage Quest and Ancestry Plus we now have online index coverage for all census years for **Washington** to supplement our Soundex and book indexes.

Also, although Ancestry Plus no longer has PERSI, it is still available on Ancestry.com. *News item submitted*

The Grays Harbor Genealogical Society has just opened their new research library.

It is located at the Aberdeen Museum of History, 111 East 3rd St. in Aberdeen, Washington. The days opened are Tuesdays, & Thursdays, 12 noon to 4 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. We are small but growing each day. We are available for appointments during the museum hours. No phone at this time but you can call for information at 360-532-6611.

We are in need of microfiche and microfilm. If anyone can please tell us where to purchase these we would appreciate it. We meet every second Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Hoquiam Timberland Library Meeting Room, Hoquiam, Washington.

Thank you,
Pamela Hagedorn Publicity Person pamhag@olynet.com



..."Successful genealogical research is based upon people helping people. Our volunteers unselfishly provide information in their area to those who live far away."

I looked at this fine website and noticed there was no volunteer for Skagit County. So if anyone has the time to represent our fine county. Go to the website and find out how you can become a volunteer. Link at <http://www.raogk.org/>

Volunteers Needed

Education Chairperson Board Position

Your help is needed to fill this empty seat on the governing board of your society. Please help us out. Also, remember that our board meetings are open to all members, so come join us the first Tuesday of each month at Washington Federal in Burlington at 10 a.m.

Message from Joan the Librarian

The George Hamilton's have again donated books for our library collection. All are hard bound and in excellent condition, so stop by the library and look them over.

Ohio books include:

Gallia County One-Room Schools: The Cradle Years published in 1993 with lots of old photos.

Illustrated Atlas of Gallia County, Ohio 1874. This is a large size book reprinted in 1976 full of interesting small maps.

History of Washington County, Ohio 1788-1881 A thick volume that includes many individual biographies.

New York books include:

Pittstown Through the Years. This thin volume covers the early 19th century with lots of photographs.

A Haner/Hayner family in America. Since arriving in America the branches of this family reach many places and generations. Located in the Family Histories section.

Michigan books provide new info in our library. Grant Area Yesterday Today Information gathered and Published by the Grant Public Library City Directory Monroe, Michigan 1930. A bit of nostalgia with all the ads in this little book along with the names of folks who lived there at the time.

Soon the Traveling Library will have a new CD - Immigration and Naturalization Records Index - 1500 - 1900. This will be a useful item for all of you PC owners.

To all of you who have volunteered your time at the library this summer a BIG thank you. Many folks come during the summer from out of state and it is very helpful for them to have someone to talk with and be helpful in their searching. The upcoming dates will have these folks volunteering.

September 15 - Donna Hinds **September 22** - George & Carol Poppe

September 29 - Joyce Wiemerslage and **October 6** - Linda Ream.

Library will be **closed on Monday, October 13** for the Columbus Day Holiday.

BROOKLYN - DAILY EAGLE NEWSPAPER

The above named newspaper has had its entire archives, 1841-1902, placed online by the Brooklyn Public Library. This includes ads, obituaries, and of course, news articles. Great location for news to put 19th century genealogical events into some historical perspective.

Can be found at the following link...

<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>

Genealogist's Prayer

God grant me the serenity to
Accept the ancestors I cannot find,
The courage to find the ones I can,
And the wisdom to document thoroughly.
Borrowed from Ritchey Roots & Revels Newsletter Sept. 2002

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