



## President's Message

I'm ready for spring. I'm eager to get back to joining the cemetery reading volunteers at Hawthorne Cemetery in Mount Vernon. The cemetery project is moving along and I anticipate it will really pick up steam come the sunny and warmer weather. If you are new to the reading project I will send out an email to the volunteers and see when we can meet at the cemetery and team up.

I am also looking forward to the next three monthly meetings (March to May). Professional genealogist Wendy F. Smith, PhD will be guiding us through her three part-series on Applied Research Fundamentals. Dr. Smith will introduce us to the *Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)* at the March 14 meeting. Then, at SVGS' April and May meetings we will dive deep into *Evaluating Evidence* and conclude with *Conquering Citation Anxiety*. The genealogy research basics will provide great information for beginning researchers plus it will be an excellent refresher for those of us who thought we knew what we were doing!

Spring time will also bring new volunteer opportunities. Look for SVGS' Volunteer Opportunities listed later in this newsletters and more coming soon to the SVGS web site: [www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org).

I have found the My Heritage displays at the monthly meeting to be very interesting. I have a notion that many of you have some pretty interesting family stories, old photographs, or an cherished family heirloom you would be proud to share. Silent that inner voice that says, "Oh, nobody would be interested in any of my stuff." Wrong, we are! Please consider signing up for a My Heritage Moment display for April or May. Just email me: [rootsproject@frontier.com](mailto:rootsproject@frontier.com) to sign up.

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Last of all, I invite all members to stay after the monthly meetings for about 30 minutes. This post-meeting time together will afford us all an opportunity to get to know to know each other a bit better in a smaller group setting. The March 14 meeting's Members Meet Up after the main monthly meeting will discuss the topic of DNA for genealogy. The members present will direct the topic for April's discussion. *Join us!*

Happy Spring and Happy Researching  
Margie Wilson, president

PS Thank you to all SVGS' new and renewing members. Your annual dues make it possible for SVGS to provide educational programs to aid you with your search for your ancestors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

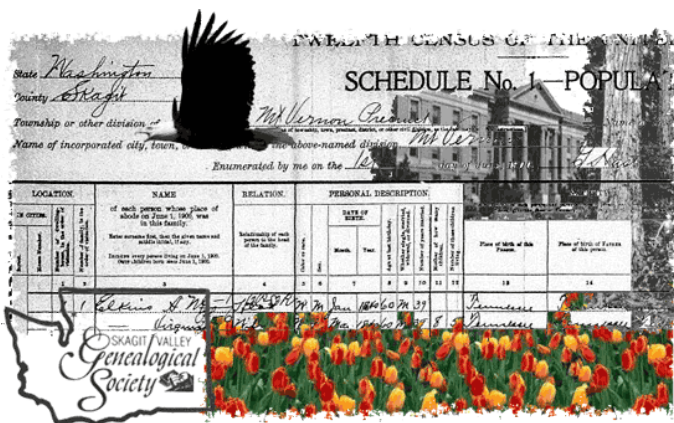
**The mission of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society is to:**

**Promote, educate and preserve family history in Skagit County.**

## 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 are \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for family membership.

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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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**Raffles/Door Prizes:** Carol Nersten

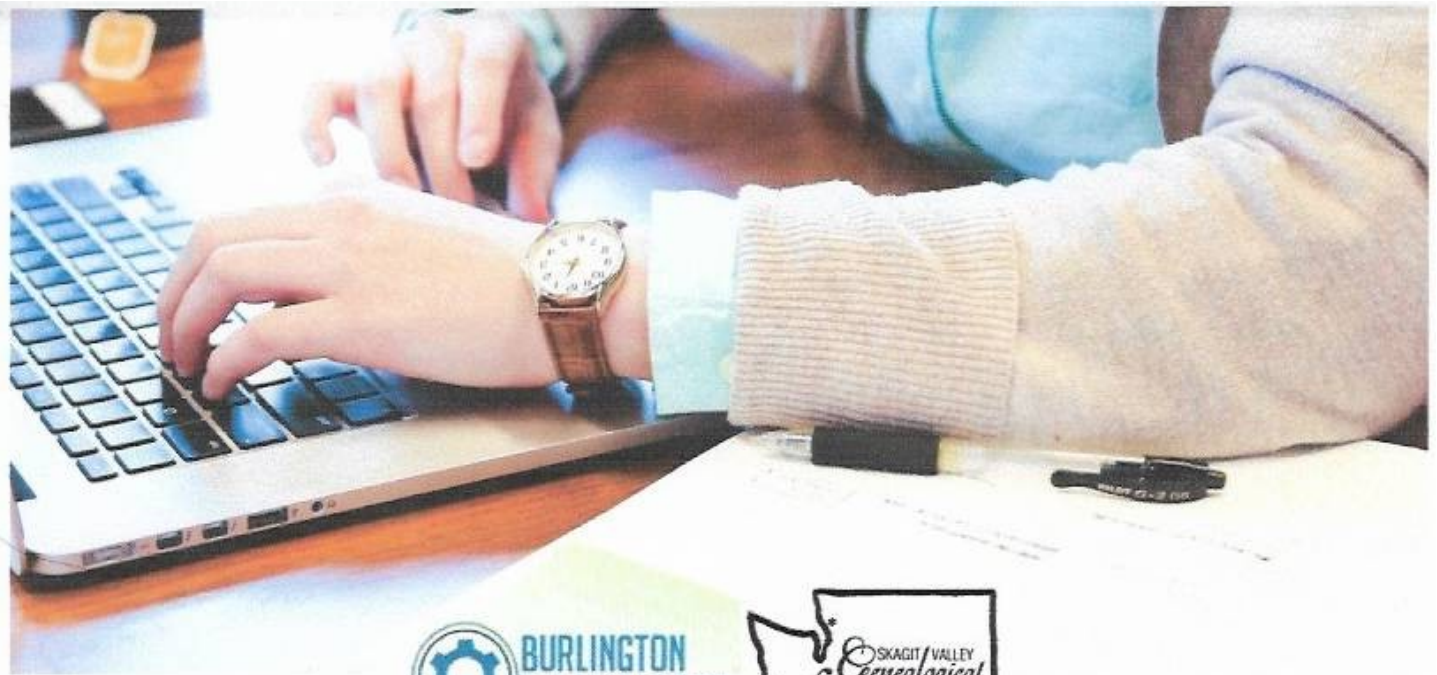
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Check out our redesigned web page at  
[skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org)

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*



*Skagit Valley Genealogical Society presents:*

# **Genealogical Proof Standard:**

*Your Key to Successful Family Research*

presented by Professional Genealogist

**Wendy F. Smith, PhD**

**Saturday, March 14**

**1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Burlington Public Library**

820 E. WASHINGTON AVE. | CONFERENCE ROOM

The public is welcome to attend SVGS' monthly educational meetings.

More info: [genealogy0715@gmail.com](mailto:genealogy0715@gmail.com) | 360-755-0760 | [skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org)

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## SVGS Volunteer Opportunities

### SVGS Library Collection:

Library Committee Chair: Margie Wilson  
 Contact: 360-757-6224 or  
 Email: [rootsproject@frontier.com](mailto:rootsproject@frontier.com)  
 Location of Assignments: Burlington Public Library,  
 820 E. Washington Ave., Burlington  
 Time Schedule: Flexible to volunteers schedule.  
 Some tasks require working independently and other  
 tasks such as cataloging, labeling books will be done  
 as a team.

As a volunteer assisting with the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's book collection, which is housed at the Burlington Public Library, your assignment and commitment can range from a one-time commitment to a more ongoing assignment. Here are some examples of tasks that volunteers can assist with:

### Library Shelf Maintenance:

Once a week a volunteer is needed to stop by the Burlington Public Library and check to see if any books need to be placed back on the shelves, replace any full sign-in sheets, take inventory of the number of brochures available and alert the SVGS librarian, Margie Wilson, if more brochures need to be printed. If once a week does not work for the volunteer's time availability then stopping by the library once every two weeks would also be a tremendous help in keeping the book shelves organized.

### Library Cataloging Volunteer:


This assignment is scheduled on an as needed basis. From time-to-time books are donated to the SVGS collection. The incoming books need to first be checked for duplications, then logged into the SVGS library database for cataloging, labeled, and finally shelved. This assignment would be held at the SVGS library at the Burlington Public Library and working as an assistant to the SVGS librarian. Additional training for the tasks involved would of course be offered.

### SVGS Library Research Help Volunteer:

This assignment is best suited for genealogists with an intermediate to advanced level of research skill.

The SVGS Library Research Volunteer would receive training as to the SVGS library collection's many resources, the research tools and databases available at the Burlington Public Library, where to find forms and other hand-out materials to share during a one-on-one genealogy research consultation, etc. Volunteers will not be responsible for completing the research for the individual requesting research assistance. The volunteer's task is to offer alternative suggestions for research and provide a brief orientation to the SVGS collection so the individual who requested assistance can return and research further on their own.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these volunteer opportunities please contact Margie Wilson (see contact information above).



**The Ulster Foundation**  
**Irish & Scots-Irish Ancestry Workshop**  
 is coming to the Pacific Northwest during its  
 International Tour  
**Sunday, March 22, 2020**  
**11:00am-6:00pm\***  
 \*includes 1hr early luncheon  
**The Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center**  
**405 N William Street - Post Falls, Idaho**

Tuition: \$45 after Feb. 20 Lunch is included.

Includes: All lectures, handouts, Irish-themed lunch, tea and coffee,  
 free parking and door prizes!

TO REGISTER VISIT:  
[www.ancestryireland.com/us-lecture-tour-2020](http://www.ancestryireland.com/us-lecture-tour-2020)

Contact: Jessica McKenzie: [roseemckenzie@gmail.com](mailto:roseemckenzie@gmail.com)  
 Tel: 208-777-5459 or 208-771-2912

Special Thanks to Hosts:  
**Jan Clizer - Painting Scotland & Jessica McKenzie**  
<https://janclizerpainting.com/event/128526/irish-and-scots-irish-ancestry-workshop>

Attn: Washington State Genealogical Societies, the Ulster Foundation is inviting us to partner with them as workshop hosts for their 2021 tour. If your gen. society is interested

**Whatcom Community  
College**  
Syre Student Center  
Room 107  
237 West Kellogg Rd.  
Bellingham, WA 98226

**Heritage Quest  
Traveling Book Store**

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**Raffle Prizes**  
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**Lunch Available**

**To Register:**

<http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/wgs.htm>

Early Bird Registration (before  
March 1) WGS members \$40,  
non-members \$45.

Registration (after March 1)  
WGS members \$50  
non-members \$55.

**Registration is limited so please  
register ASAP.**

**Questions?**

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# Research Like A Pro Seminar

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

*(Doors open at 8:15)*

**featuring**



**Diana Elder**

*Professional genealogist, teacher, speaker  
and author of "Research Like A Pro"*

- Form an objective focusing your research for an entire project
- Review your research with new eyes by creating your own timeline analysis
- Construct a locality guide to direct your research
- Create a plan to keep your research on track
- Style source citations, giving your work credibility
- Set up a research log to organize and track your searches
- Write a report detailing your findings and ideas for future research

## Skagit Valley Genealogy Society

### Monthly Educational Genealogy Programs for Fall 2019 - Early 2020

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 1-3pm | Burlington Public Library | 820 E. Washington Ave. | Burlington  
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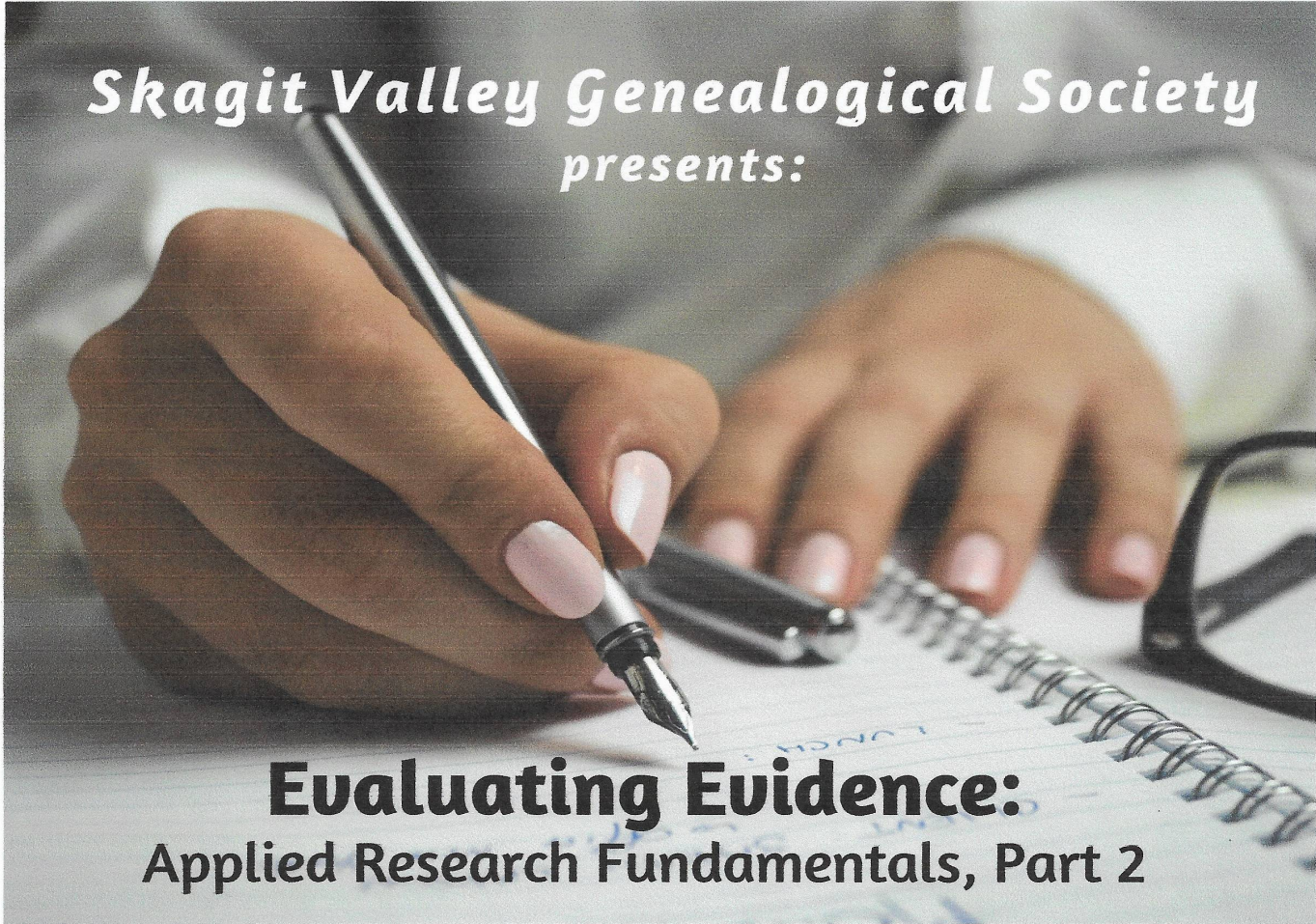
- Sat., Jan. 11**      **Germanic Immigration to North America in the 1800s – Evelyn M. Roehl**  
Come learn about the large immigration of Germanic people from Europe, including: Luxembourgers, Swiss and Austrians who came to North America in the 1800s. What inspired this large migration at that time in history? Knowing the historical background and the many political and socio-economic influences on our ancestors, and the typical migration routes in North America will help researchers as their search for their Germanic roots. Evelyn Roehl is a professional genealogist who specializes in Germanic and Scandinavian research.
- Sat., Feb. 8**      **The Census of England, 101: The Basics, Tips & Tricks – Robbie Johnson**  
Learning how to identify your family members and their birth places in the census of England is a great way to dive into research in the United Kingdom. Understanding how to best use the census when researching your immigrant ancestors can lead you to many other records of interest. This talk will cover the history and implementation of the census of England from 1841—1911; an overview of the difference between village and parishes; tips and tricks on how to read the census; and a research case study example.
- Sat., Mar. 14**      **Research Fundamentals Series, Part 1:**  
**An Introduction to the Genealogical Proof Standard – Wendy F. Smith, PhD.**  
Wendy is a professional genealogist based in Lake Stevens, WA with an expertise in forensic genealogy. The Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) will help you establish a solid foundation for your research. What is the GPS? Why is it important to understand and apply the principles of GPS? How will GPS make you a more effective family researcher? Join us for this educational program that will give your research a solid foundation. This is part 1 of a 3 part series.
- Sat., Apr. 11**      **Research Fundamentals Series, Part 2:**  
**Applied Research 1: Evaluating Your Evidence – Wendy F. Smith, PhD**  
Wendy's presentation will help you better understand this essential research principle for genealogists. What should be considered as solid evidence? Are there different types of evidence? Why is it important to evaluate your research evidence? How will evaluating your research evidence make you a more effective family researcher? This is part 2 of a 3 part series.
- Sat., May 9**      **Research Fundamentals Series, Part 3:**  
**Applied Research 2: Conquering Citation Anxiety – Wendy F. Smith, PhD**  
Wendy returns for this final program in the Research Fundamental Series. In this class Wendy will demonstrate why source citation is essential for genealogists to consistently practice. As in learning anything new we are anxious about doing it right. Wendy will guide us through the citation process so you are confident and consistent in citing your research sources.
- Sat., June 13**      **Pop-Up Genealogy Help Session for All Levels – SVGS Genealogists**  
A team of experienced SVGS genealogists will work with you one-on-one or in small groups to help you make progress with your research. Bring your questions or find out how to get started with proper research methods, etc. No brick wall too thick or tall. All challenges welcome!

#### REMINDERS:

**Summer Break – No meetings in July and August. Next meeting Sat. September 12, 2020,**

**Cemetery gravestone reading volunteers and proofreaders are needed to complete the Hawthorne Cemetery Project in Mount Vernon. To learn more about this interesting summer genealogy project contact: [dotcom10@frontier.com](mailto:dotcom10@frontier.com)**





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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2020**

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Previous Member \_\_\_\_\_

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INDIVIDUAL \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

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