



President's Message

As it turned out 2017 was a busy year for many of us, especially our seminar leader Barbara Johnson and her committee, preparing for and holding a very successful April seminar "O Canada! Heritage Weekend". This seminar was tied into Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation celebration in 2017. Our society and the Celtic Arts Foundation teamed up with our Education Chair Barbara Johnson who presented a "Celtic Genealogy Info Session" in September. It was very well attended and very successful. Over this past year our V.P. Margie Wilson provided us with a variety of fine monthly programs to continue our education. Yes, 2017 was a busy year and we look forward to 2018.

Our board plans a retreat in late January to discuss issues that would take up too much board meeting time and also finalize plans and goals for the New Year. A series of classes and/or workshops are high on the agenda and are important to maintain and increase our membership. Although the board will be providing me with some retreat agenda items your input will be considered. Contact me as noted below.

Our monthly membership meeting programs are to educate our members and non-members alike. For our January meeting our V.P. Margie has booked our own George Ridgeway, our SVGS webmaster, presenting "Oh Where, Oh Where Did My Genealogy Data Go?" He will teach you how to safely save your data and get it back if lost.

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In February the authors of the new local history book "Fir Island and Conway History" will provide us insight into their project. Our own SVGS member Patricia Hanstead-Pleas and her fellow authors will make up the panel to discuss their research and several Skagit pioneering families featured in this book. If you have an idea for a future program please let Margie or I know. We are constantly looking for good program ideas.

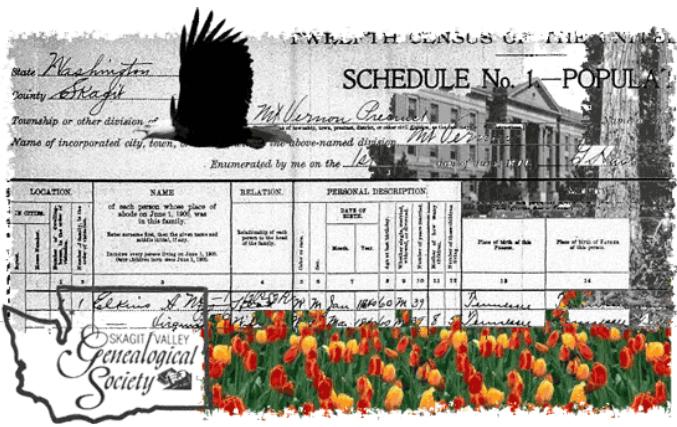
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New Years Day

In 46 B.C.E. the Roman emperor Julius Caesar first established January 1 as New Year's day. Janus was the Roman god of doors and gates, and had two faces, one looking forward and one back. Caesar felt that the month named after this god ("January") would be the appropriate "door" to the year. Caesar celebrated the first January 1 New Year by ordering the violent routing of revolutionary Jewish forces in the Galilee. Eye-witnesses say blood flowed in the streets. In later years, Roman pagans observed the New Year by engaging in drunken orgies—a ritual they believed constituted a personal re-enacting of the chaotic world that existed before the cosmos was ordered by the gods.

HISTORY OF THE ROSE PARADE



This event began as a promotional effort by Pasadena's distinguished Valley Hunt Club. In the winter of 1890, the club members brainstormed ways to promote the "Mediterranean of the West." They invited their former East Coast neighbors to a mid-winter holiday, where they could watch games such as chariot races, jousting, foot races, polo and tug-of-war under the warm California sun. The abundance of fresh flowers, even in the midst of winter, prompted the club to add another showcase for Pasadena's charm: a parade would precede the competition, where entrants would decorate their carriages with hundreds of blooms. The Tournament of Roses was born.

"In New York, people are buried in snow," announced Professor Charles F. Holder at a club meeting. "Here our flowers are blooming and our oranges are about to bear. Let's hold a festival to tell the world about our paradise."

During the next few years, the festival expanded to include marching bands and motorized floats. The games on the town lot (which was re-named Tournament Park in 1900) included ostrich races, bronco busting demonstrations and a race between a camel and an elephant (the elephant won). Reviewing stands were built along the Parade route, and Eastern newspapers began to take notice of the event. In 1895, the Tournament of Roses Association was formed to take charge of the festival, which had grown too large for the Valley Hunt Club to handle.

The Tournament of Roses has come a long way since its early days. The Rose Parade's elaborate floats now feature high-tech computerized animation and exotic natural materials from around the world. Although a few floats are still built exclusively by volunteers from their sponsoring communities, most are built by professional float building companies and take nearly a year to construct. The year-long effort pays off on New Year's morning, when millions of viewers around the world enjoy the Rose Parade.

From www.tournamentofroses.com



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Here is a song I found on the internet

I'm My Own Grandpa

by Dwight Latham & Guy Jaffe

Many, many years ago, when I was twenty-three,
I was married to a widow who was pretty as can be
This widow had a grown-up daughter who had a hair of red.
My father fell in love with her, and soon they, too, were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law and really changed my life,
My daughter was my mother, cause she was my father's wife.
To complicate the matter, even though it brought me joy,
I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad,
And so became my uncle, though it made me very sad.
For if he was my uncle, then that also made him brother
Of the widow's grown-up daughter, who, of course, was my stepmother.

Father's wife then had a son who kept him on the run,
And he became my grandchild, for he was my daughter's son
My wife is now my mother's mother, and it makes me blue,
Because, although she is my wife, she's my grandmother, too.

Now if my wife is my grandmother, then I'm the grandchild,
And every time I think of it, it nearly drives me wild,
For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw, As
husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpa!

Oh, I'm my own grandpa.
I'm my grandpa.
It sounds funny, I know, but it really is so, Oh, I'm my own grandpa.



This article was from**Dick Eastman · December 29, 2017 · Plus Edition Article**

Family Search

The following announcement was written by the folks at: FamilySearch **Salt Lake City, Utah (16 November 2017)**, Beginning December 13, 2017, patrons visiting [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) will see a prompt to register for a free FamilySearch account or **sign in** to their existing account to **continue enjoying all the free expanded benefits FamilySearch has to offer**. Since its launch in 1999, FamilySearch has added millions of users, billions of various historical records, and many fun, new features like Family Tree, Memories, mobile apps, digital books, and dynamic help. In order to accommodate continued growth of these and future free services, FamilySearch must assure all its partners that its content is offered in a safe and secure online environment.

10 Fast Tips for Finding Ancestors—Family Tree

1. Note the names of witnesses to your ancestors' baptisms, marriages and legal transactions. By researching those witnesses, you might glean new information about your own relatives.
2. Reverse ancestors' first and last names when searching online databases.
3. When using a general search engine, such as Google, put your ancestor's name in quotation marks ("John Farmer") to limit search results.
4. Try using a wildcard (?) or (*) to broaden your online searches. On Ancestry.com, for instance, use a question mark (?) to replace one unknown letter. A search for Anders?n will turn up results for Anderson and Andersen. Use an asterisk (*) to represent between zero and five unknown letters. A search for Rob*son will find people named Robson, Robertson or Robinson. Similarly, a search for Fran* will show results for Fran, Franny and Frank. Want to find records that mention Martin Sullivan, Martin James Sullivan or Martin J. Sullivan? In Google, you can use an asterisk to search for all three versions of the name at the same time: Type "Martin * Sullivan" into the search box.
5. Remember to search on both maiden and married names for females.
6. Don't assume that your immigrant ancestors arrived at Ellis Island. In addition to searching the free [Ellis Island database](#), try databases for other ports. They're available through subscription site Ancestry.com; the tools on the [One-Step Web Pages](#) site can help you search.
7. Check every available census taken during your ancestor's lifetime. Record the data provided for each family member in the household, not just your ancestor. You can [download](#) free census forms at [<familytree-magazine.com/info/censusforms>](#).
8. Search on more than just your ancestor's full name. Try plugging a last name, event, date or place into a general search engine, and you may find databases and other resources that you've not yet explored.
9. If your ancestor had an unusual first name, try searching databases for it alone or combined with the name of his or her hometown.
10. Seek out living kin who might have family photos or who may be willing to swab their cheeks for a [DNA](#) test project. Use "reverse genealogy" (working from the past to the present) to find these long-lost cousins. See [<familytreemagazine.com/article/reverse-genealogy-resources>](#) for tips.

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Sat., May 12 Lost in Translation: Solving the Challenges of Foreign Language Translation

Jaye Stover, President of the Language Exchange in Burlington, WA will discuss the many translation/intrepretation problems researchers encounter when trying to decipher pre-20th century documents written in a foreign language, and how to address those challenges. Online translation tools may not be the best answer. Don't let archaic handwriting styles and a foreign language become your brickwall. Discover the many tools and resources available for family researchers.

Sat., June 9 This is Our Family's Story -- SVGS Members Show and Tell

Your family is invited to join you 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. and share your family's unique legacy.

---- *July-August – no meetings - Enjoy the summer break. See you in September!* ---



MyHeritage and FamilyTreeWebinars.com are pleased to announce that registration is now open for its 2018 Legacy Family Tree Webinar Series. Choose from 106 classes from genealogy's leading educators on topics ranging from to Jamestown to England, from DNA to online privacy, and from Geni and MyHeritage to Legacy.

And not to name-drop, but our live series will feature genealogy celebrities like Blaine Bettinger of theGeneticGenealogist.com, Cyndi Ingle of cyndislist.com, and Judy Russell of legalgenealogist.com. It will also feature the Presidents of genealogy's largest organizations - Rorey Cathcart of the [Federation of Genealogical Societies](http://FederationofGenealogicalSocieties.com); Rick Sayre of the [Board for Certification of Genealogists](http://BoardforCertificationofGenealogists.com); and Gilad Japhet of [MyHeritage](http://MyHeritage.com). Also learn about photo restoration, Jewish genealogy, handwriting, FamilySearch, Quakers and Palatines, the Genealogical Proof Standard and so much more.

We are also proud to once again host the monthly webinar series for the [Board for Certification of Genealogists](http://BoardforCertificationofGenealogists.com) where we will learn from the likes of Paula Stuart-Warren, James Ison, Alice Hoyt Veen and nine other board-certified genealogists.

And for the first time - we will be the host of the brand new webinar series, [MyHeritage Webinars](http://MyHeritageWebinars.com), where we will learn about matching technology, get insights into DNA ethnicity, digital photos and much more.

In addition to the live webinar series, every Friday is "Member Friday" where subscribers will enjoy a bonus pre-recorded webinar!

Sign up (it's FREE!) for one or for all of them today and you will receive a reminder email both one day and two hours prior to the live event.

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Winter has taken a cooler turn but they keep promising spring will arrive soon. With any luck you are continuing your family research nice and warm inside with no need to venture out much.

For board news we recently approved providing an intermediate level workshop this fall for those involved with genealogy research above the beginner phase. This will be led by our Education Chair Barbara Johnson. Looking ahead to 2019 our society plans to offer a seminar with the theme to be determined. Any theme suggestions for Barb?

Our V. P. Margie Wilson has been busy scheduling our regular meeting programs. Our March 10 program "Detours Abound: Irish Roadblocks and Stone Walls" will be presented by Steven Morrison. He is a professional genealogist specializing in research in Ireland. Mr. Morrison will explain how to avoid the many pitfalls of Irish research. This is an introductory level program to prepare you for overcoming the many challenges unique to Irish research. For those with Irish ancestry you may be well aware of this dilemma.

Our general meeting program on April 14 features Troy Luginbill, Director of the Lynden Historical Museum, who will present "The Lost Communities of Whatcom County". We'll discover the communities in Whatcom County that we may never have heard of due to their brief

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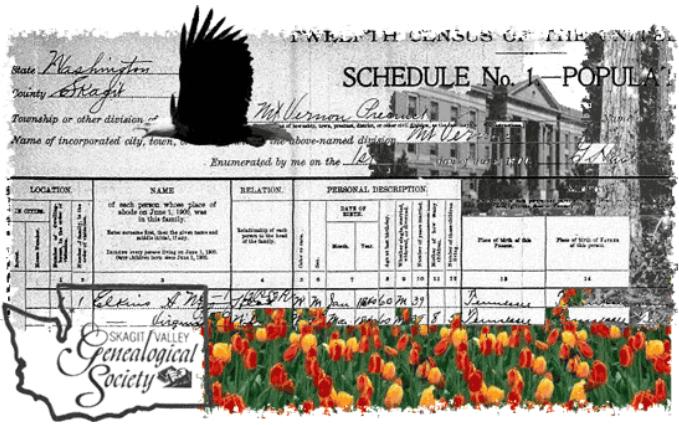
Please be sure your 2018 society dues are paid. Check with Candice Soine our Membership Chair if you are uncertain about your membership status. Her contact information is on the second page of this newsletter. We would like to keep you informed about our program activities.

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“Detours Around Irish Roadblocks & Stone Walls”

THE TOP 10 ROADBLOCKS OF IRISH GENEALOGY RESEARCH



*Presented by
professional genealogist & author*

Steven W. Morrison
SAT., MARCH 10

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Are you tired of making little progress finding your elusive Irish ancestors?
Learn about Ireland's top ten roadblocks and stone walls.
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Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: *Lá Fhéile Pádraig*, "the Day of the Festival of Patrick"), is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland),^[4] the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland,^[3] and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general.^[5] Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilidhs, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks.^[6] Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services^{[5][7]} and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.^{[5][6][8][9]}

Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland,^[10] Northern Ireland,^[11] the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador (for provincial government employees), and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat. It is also widely celebrated by the Irish diaspora around the world, especially in the United Kingdom, Canada, United States, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, and New Zealand. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival.^[12] Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America. In recent years, there has been criticism of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations for having become too commercialised and for fostering negative stereotypes of the Irish people.

Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the *Declaration*, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland.^[13] It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he "found God". The *Declaration* says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

This is from Wikipedia



This is an article from our fellow member George Ridgeway about one of his relatives.

W. Ridgway Glover was a photographer, he was scalped by the Indians while on a project for the Smithsonian. Killed by Indians near Fort Phil Kearny (now Johnson Co), WY □ Source: WYGenWeb Project Archives - S L □ □ Ridgway Glover was born to James Glover and Elizabeth Lewis Glover in 1831, Gloucester Co., New Jersey. The Grovers were well-to-do Quakers who lived across the river from Philadelphia. All accounts about Ridgway described him with adjectives such as odd, queer, melancholy, but also intelligent and a pleasant fellow. In the late 1850's or early 1860's Ridgway had become a young weathy farmer. He had also developed an interest in the rather new art of photography. He was well known at many of the Philidelphia are a publications and photo studios. He was also consumed with the desire to go west and photograph the new frontier and the great landscapes of the west. During this period he did work for publications such as Frank Leslie Illustrated Weekly. These publications assured him they would be happy to publish his letters and work from any western excursion but Ridgway would need to find a sponsor. In what seemed to be his determined nature he decided that the Smithsonian could be convinced to be the sponsor he needed. He wrote numerious letters to officials at the Smithsonian and also had personal meetings. Finally the Smithsonian agreed to sponsor him with food and transportation. He was to do meteorological observations and take every opportunity to photograph the Indians. □ □ In April of 1865 he took pictures of the Lincoln funeral train. After that was completed he headed to Indiana where he spent time visiting his mother♦??s people who lived in Pendleton, In. There he awaited word from the Smithsonian that they had an assignment for him. Finally they contacted him that they wanted him to take pictures at the Fort Laramie Peace Treaty talks. Numerous letters back east to both the Smithsonian and Leslie♦??s Illustrated are in the records. They tell of his pictures taken. He also gives great details about the difficulties he is having with his photographic materials and efficiently developing a procedure in his crude surroundings. He is anxiously awaiting a wagon train further north and west. In the early summer of 1866 he joins a wagon train heading for Fort Phil Kearney in the Dakota territory (Now just south of Sheridan WY). This Fort was part of the Bozeman Trail west to Montana where Ridgway hoped to spend his winter. As the wagon train makes its way north it is attacked by hostile Indians. Several of the wagon train members are killed. During the heat of the battle, Ridgway is badgering the commanding officer to let him go out and get photographs. He is promptly told just how foolhardy that would be and it was out of the question. The wagon train finally made it to Fort Phil Kearney. □ □ Ridgway was out of supplies and sent an order east. He spent the rest of his summer working down in the Piney to earn his keep. All his spare time was wandering the surrounding territory and spending days and walking miles into the wildness. Numerous times he was told he should not leave the Fort without armed guards. The Indians were very much on the warpath. They were furious with the opening of the Bozeman Trail through their prime hunting territory. All of the settlers and gold prospectors were infringing on all the territories that had been promised to the Indians. It would only be a few years later and a few miles north that these angers would culminate with General Custer at the Big Horn. Ridgway, true to his odd nature totally disregarded all warnings. He was under the false assumption that the Indians thought him a Mormon and therefore would not harm him. He told this story to many of the Fort Phil Kearney residents on different occasions. His letter east gave great details of his treks into the wildness. He was in total awe of the landscape. Today he would probably be considered a naturalist and environmentalist. Sad he never had supplies to photograph what he was describing in his correspondence. On Sunday 15 SEP 1866 he again disregarded warnings and went to the mountains. One of the outlying camps saw him during that afternoon. In the early morning of the 16th his body was discovered lying in the trail. He had been scalped of his long blond hair. □ □ Footnote: The photographs taken at the Peace Treaty have never been found. Their historical value is priceless as no other photograph were taken of this event. The Smithsonian has searched all the sources that he might have sent them to in the east. He could have possibly sent them to his Indians relatives. They were not reported in his list of belongings from the Fort commander. The photo archivist at the Smithsonian found some of his family photograph at a yard sale in Canada several years ago. □ □ Note by Librarian: A note from Sonny Reich who is curator at Ft. Phil Kearny National Site 5/15/02 (Burials were moved 1888 to Fort Custer, then later over to Custer Battlefield National Cemetery @ Hardin, Montana. I assume this means that Glover was original buried at Ft. Phil Kearny then moved to Fort Custer and then to Custer Battlefield National Cemetery, his final resting area.

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Jaye Stover, President of the Language Exchange in Burlington, WA will discuss the many translation/intrepretation problems researchers encounter when trying to decipher pre-20th century documents written in a foreign language, and how to address those challenges. Online translation tools may not be the best answer.

Don't let archaic handwriting styles and a foreign language become your brickwall. Discover the many tools and resources available for family researchers.

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Your family is invited to join you 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. and share your family's unique legacy.

---- *July-August – no meetings - Enjoy the summer break. See you in September! ---*



Are You a Member of the Washington State Genealogical Society?

If you haven't joined yet, there are many advantages for joining.

First of all, it costs only \$12 and our Skagit Valley Genealogical Society receives \$2 for every one of our members who joins the State. Now that's an easy fund raiser!

Each week, you will receive the WSGS blog with lots of great information. There is a link to each article—just click and read. Many of the articles deal with fun things about our state such as the Monday Mystery, Tuesday Trivia and Friday Serendipity. There are links to upcoming Genealogical Society meetings. As a member of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, you are welcome to visit other societies to see their programs. And we can all learn more can't we?

Often the Seattle Genealogical Society has a "tips" article. And there are several general genealogical interest articles which you can read in your "jammies" at your leisure.

For \$12 (4 lattes) you can learn a lot!

Do consider joining. Here's the link: <https://wasgs.org/onlineJoin.php>

Family History Quotes

"I don't know who my grandfather was, I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be." — **Abraham Lincoln**

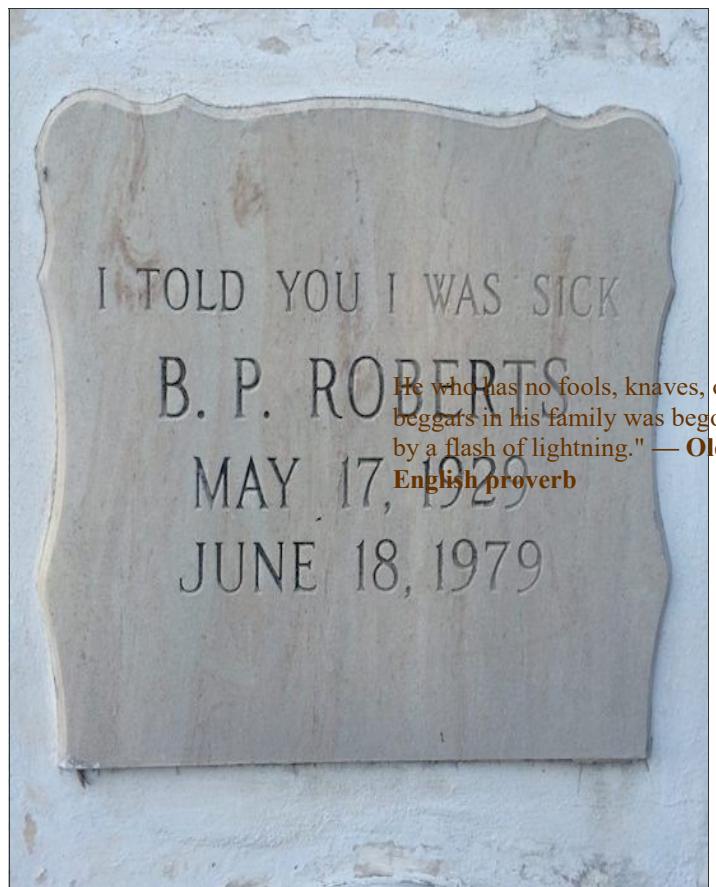
He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning." — **Old English proverb**

"Why waste your money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you." — **Mark Twain**

"If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten; Either write things worthy of reading, or do things worthy of writing." — **Benjamin Franklin, May 1738**

A Humorous Tombstone

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President's Message

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.

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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.

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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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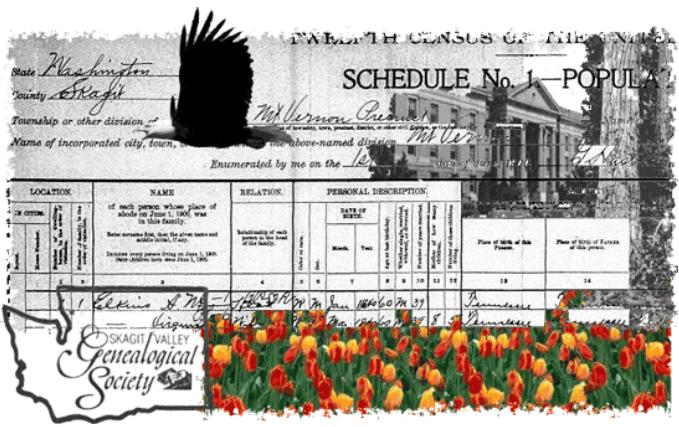
♥ TIP OF THE WEEK –

♥ 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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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 on 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 1881 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 80th reunion.



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Same schedule: 2nd 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 or at the workshop class.

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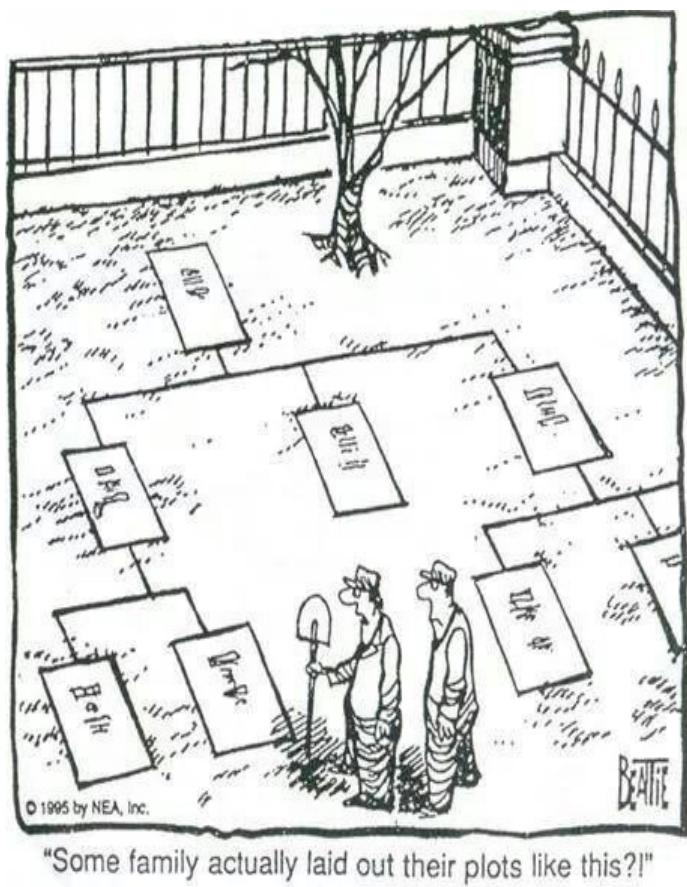
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Sat., Nov. 10

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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President's Message

With our fall society meetings and educational programs approaching this is a gentle reminder that our general membership meetings will take place at the Burlington Public Library located at 820 E. Washington Avenue in Burlington. Meetings/programs start at 1 pm on the second Saturday.

We are looking forward to our first educational program on September 8. We have our own George Ridgeway presenting "Google Tools for Genealogists". As our society's webmaster, George has an excellent background in these research techniques. The program is appropriate for beginners to advanced researchers.

Our Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting an "Intermediate Genealogy Workshop" on four Saturdays beginning on September 29 through October 20 from 10 am to noon at the Burlington Public Library. These classes will be taught by Barbara Johnson, George Ridgeway and others. Seating is limited so early registration is important. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our October 13 program titled "Mapping Your Ancestors" will be presented by Janet O'Conner-Camarata. She will give us an interesting approach for doing research. This is an untapped resource for learning more about our ancestors.

We are searching for volunteers to be nominated for two positions, president and secretary. Barbara Johnson is currently chairing our Nominating Committee and will be reaching out to the membership to find possible candidates. Annual officer elections will be held at our November 10 meeting. Both positions serve two year terms.

We are also looking for volunteers to add to our Genealogist Committee. This is basically a position that involves researching genealogy questions submitted to our society. Candice Soine is assisting Diane Partington, our current Genealogist, so training is available. If interested please contact me, Diane Partington or Candice Soine.

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SVGS Genealogy Library News – Fall 2018

Due to the Labor Day Holiday Weekend there will not be a genealogy volunteer on duty on

Saturday, September 1, 2018. Genealogy volunteers are not scheduled when a first Saturday is during a national holiday weekend such as Labor Day, Independence Day or New Year's Day so volunteers can enjoy the holiday with their families. Also, the Skagit Valley Genealogy Society is conducting an Intermediate Level Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Burlington Public Library conference room. As this is a first Saturday of the month **there will NOT be a genealogy volunteer on duty on Sat.**

October 6. This will allow the genealogy volunteers team members to attend the workshop. Instead visitors to the genealogy collection are invited to attend the workshop instead. The cost of the Saturday, October 6 session is \$15 and includes a discussion of DNA and also researching in libraries and archives – followed by a tour of the library collection. So this session is suitable for family researchers of all levels of experience. For more information about the Intermediate Genealogy Workshop series of classes and to register for one or all four classes online or to download a mail-in registration form visit: www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org.

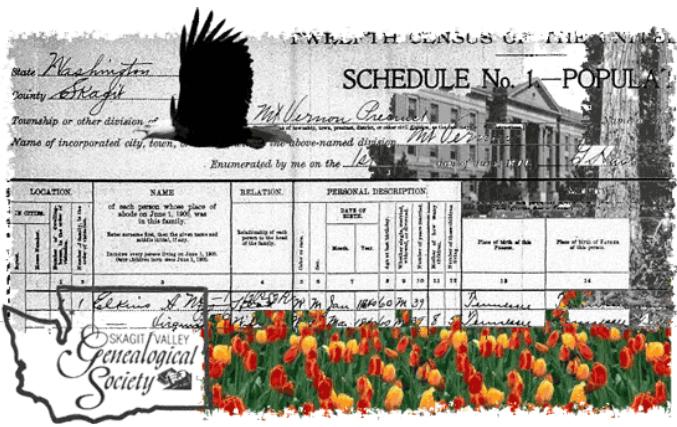
The SVGS genealogy volunteers return to their regularly scheduled 1st Saturday's of the month availability on Saturday, November 3 from 10:00am to Noon at the Burlington Public Library.

Other library news: SVGS thanks the Mount Vernon Public Library for their recent book donations. The shelves are almost full in our allocated space at the Burlington Library so occasionally out-of-date books are replaced by more current additions. It is always a good idea to browse through your areas of research interest to see what updates have been contributed.

New ideas are being introduced to the genealogy collection by SVGS member and former librarian, Joanna Bruno. Joanna has introduced the idea of a "New Book" section to the collection. Whenever the genealogy collection receives some "new to SVGS" used books they will be put on display for 1 month in the New Book section. That way repeat visitors will see instantly what books they may not have browsed previously. The SVGS collection is always looking for ways to improve and remain a relevant resource for genealogists. Please share your ideas with us! If you are interested in joining the SVGS genealogy volunteers team please contact Margie Wilson, 360-757-6224 or rootsproject@frontier.com.

We'd love to have you join us! Okay, we'll see you next at the Burlington Public Library on Saturday, November 3 from 10am-Noon when our regular volunteer schedule resumes. Until then – best of luck with your research.

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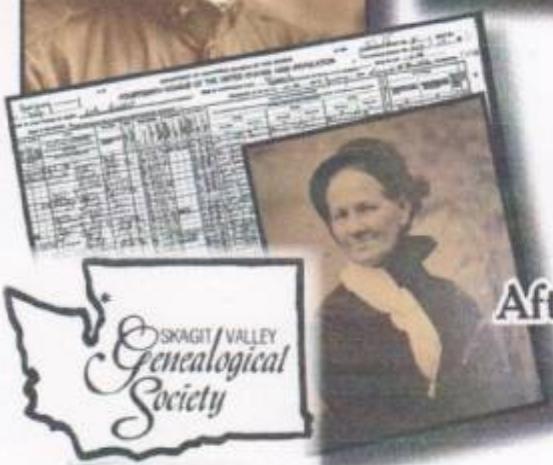
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MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

YES, I plan to attend all 4-Classes. My check for \$50 mailed before 9/22/18 is enclosed

Or... I will attend classes on specific dates at \$15 each class as indicated below:

Check the class session(s) you will attend

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

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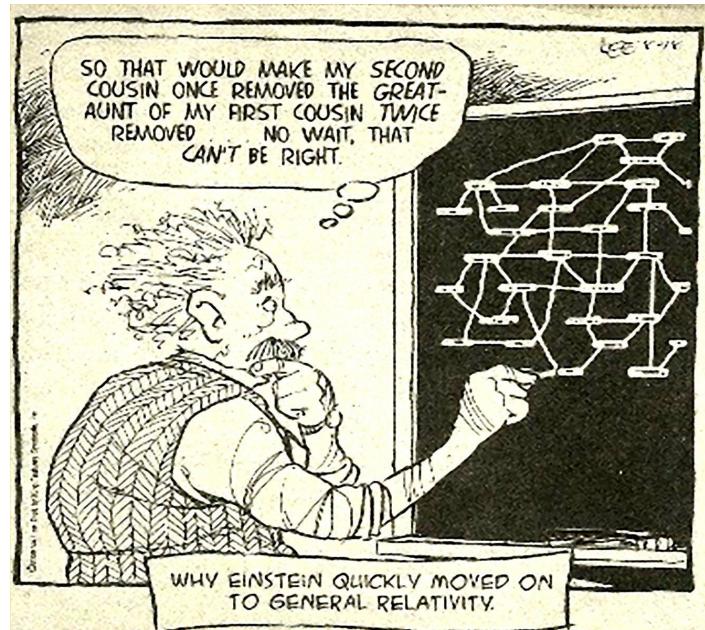
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Sat., June 9

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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: 2nd 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 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 --

Meet the SVGS Board

How did you decide to “do” genealogy?

About 2006, I was talking to my co-worker Loretta Moody about her genealogy and I told her I would like to know about mine so we started researching mine. I became hooked! I attended a meeting with her and decided to join.

How long have you been researching?

About 12 years

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Illinois and we moved out here around 1954 to Ferndale, Wa. Then in the summer of 1969 we moved to Burlington.

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

I am working as a security guard at the court house in Mount Vernon. I used to work at Copeland Lumber for 8 years and then Mount Vernon Building Supply for 9 years. I wish I could retire!

What countries/states are you researching?

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Arizona, North Carolina, Kentucky, Washington and Missouri. The countries are Germany, Netherlands, and England.

Have you traveled to your ancestors' places?

Only within the states of Illinois and Washington

Do you have other hobbies besides genealogy?

I do quilting, knitting, crocheting, woodworking, beading, scrapbooking and painting. If there is a craft I usually do it except I do not like crewel, or embroidery. I also like to read.

Do you have pets? (type/names)

Yes, we have 1 cat left now and his name is Orbit and he is all white. I ended up adopting him from my son.

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

I have two daughters and a son, Tonia, Alicia and Frank from my 1st marriage. I have 3 step-children. Together Paul and I have almost 14 grandchildren (1 is due anytime). 2 of the grandkids are my daughters. Oh I 2 granddogs, Tank and Hudson!

Describe yourself in one word.

Busy

Anything else you'd like to add?

I have been on the Sedro-Woolley Loggerodeo board for about 10 years and president the last 2 years. I enjoy the festivities during this time. Lots to do but rewarding. I like beach sunsets, camping which we don't do anymore. We now have our 16 year old grandson living with us. Challenging!



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President's Message

At our annual meeting on November 10 our society will be electing a president and a secretary. The vice president position will need a nominee since our current V.P. Margie Wilson has been nominated for president. This V.P. position would only be for one year to finish the remaining two year term. We currently have Margie Wilson nominated for president and Karen Strelow for secretary.

No ballot will be needed as we have no proposed bylaw revisions to consider. At this point only one person has been nominated for the two offices, president and secretary. The position of vice president will be open for nominations and additional nominations for president and secretary will be accepted from the floor.

Besides our annual meeting in November we will have V.P. Margie Wilson leading a Brickwalls troubleshooting session titled "Wisdom of the Crowd". Bring your research challenges (Brickwalls) and have a panel of experienced genealogy researchers provide solutions. Our more experienced members will assist as necessary. Come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

As an added bonus Margie has two boxes full of duplicate genealogy books from our SVGS library which she offering for free, first come first serve, at our November meeting. Christmas has arrived early so show up before 1 pm for your best opportunities.

There is no meeting in December so you will have more time with your families over the holidays. Have fun!

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I know I will as this is my last president's message. My four years passed quickly assisted by a very capable group of dedicated board members. Get involved and support your new officers. Thank you all.....

John Hayes

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P.S. Remember to renew your membership for 2019. Details elsewhere in this newsletter.

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 have raised to \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for family membership.

Membership Chairperson

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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 skagitvalleygenealogy.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*

New Additions to the SVGS Library - Fall 2018

by Margie Wilson

Special thanks to Hazel Rasar and Rita Schultze for contributing three new books to the SVGS Collection. The books are:

- “Reimagine Family History” by Devon Noel Lee and Andrew Lee;
- “Power Scrapbooking” by Devon Noel Lee; and

“DNA Q&A: Real Questions from Real People about Genetic Genealogy” by Andrew Lee and Devon Noel Lee.

Thank you also to Candice Soine for her donation of a very interesting book complete with a CD titled: “Finding Your Ancestral Village in Slovakia, Czechy, Ukraine, Galicia and Hungary in the Former Austro-Hungarian Empire” v2.04 by John A. Hudick.

SVGS has a policy that the society purchases a book in memory of a deceased SVGS member. Recently a long time member of SVGS, John Ruhlman, passed away. John and his wife Nancy had researched and traveled to Germany to explore their Germanic roots. So, a book helpful to German research seemed appropriate as no specific book was requested. The book’s title is: “Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin and French in Historical Manuscripts” by Roger R. Minert. This scholarly book is an exhaustive study of archaic German, Latin and French handwriting. Family historians often find reading the old “Gothic” German characters unfamiliar and daunting. The author has written this very historically rich and clear textbook specifically designed for genealogists. It’s a fascinating book and packed full of helpful handwriting examples, translations, alphabets and spelling guides useful when researching German documents.

These recent additions to the SVGS collection will be in the “New Books” section, located on the work table, so these books can easily be found and browsed through. These new books will later be shelved into their respective categories when another round of new books enters the collection. I hope you will come visit the library and take time to browse through these new additions.

SVGS Volunteers New Hours:

REMINDER: The hours for SVGS genealogy volunteers to be available at the Burlington Public Library has changed to 10:00am to Noon on the first Saturday of the month (except if the Saturday is during a holiday weekends such as Labor Day, New Year’s, and Independence Day). For more information or if you would like to find out more about becoming a genealogy library volunteer contact

Margie Wilson: <360-757-6224> or email: rootsproject@frontier.com.

An Unexpected Gift from My Luxembourg Immigrant Ancestor

By Margie Wilson

Moien!¹ Genealogy research is full of surprises. Recently I received an unexpected gift from my long since departed great grandmother – the gift of a new adventure – the reclaiming of my ancestor’s Luxembourg citizenship!

My saga began several months ago. I was browsing through a short article in Dick Eastman’s online genealogy newsletter. His newsletter is packed with new and interesting genealogy tips and information. I spotted an article about Luxembourg, where my father’s mother’s family came from in the 1870s. The article was reminding family historians that if you have a direct line Luxembourg ancestor who was born in Luxembourg and alive on January 1, 1900, anywhere in the world, you can apply for dual citizenship with Luxembourg. This is called “reclaiming ancestral citizenship.” To obtain this “reclaimed dual citizenship” an applicant has to prove their direct descent from this Luxembourg native. The catch – the deadline to apply is December 31, 2018². This offer of dual citizenship started in 2008 but I was just now learning about it. Thank you Dick Eastman for publishing that reminder article! So, I need to act quickly.

I don't have children, but I do have one niece. So I thought it prudent to advise her of this opportunity. She is a technology professional at Microsoft. Her job takes her often to Europe so I envisioned that a dual citizenship with Luxembourg might be to her career advantage, somehow, someday. I remember when I was my niece's age, in my 30s; my career ambition was to work in Zurich, Switzerland. Well it never happened for me. But perhaps for my niece she could achieve that ambition of a dream job in Europe. When I mentioned this to my niece, she didn't pause a second. Immediately she was 100% vested in applying for Luxembourg dual citizenship. Her enthusiasm for the "adventure" was contagious. By golly, why not -- I was "in" too. I confess that I have no true vision for myself as to how I would benefit from dual citizenship. But, then I thought with no children to visit me in my elderly years – perhaps a visit to my niece, who just might wind up living in Luxembourg, would be just what the doctor ordered...a very long visit. So, the application process for my niece and I was put in motion.

The Duchy of Luxembourg does not charge a fee to submit an application for this reclaiming an ancestor's Luxembourg citizenship process. It seems that when my ancestor (or anyone's Luxembourg ancestor) left Luxembourg as a young woman in 1870, Luxembourg declared that she was no longer legally a Luxembourg citizen. It wasn't until well over 150 years later (2008) it was voted by Luxembourg's government that cutting off these emigrants' citizenship was illegal. So it was voted that this illegal move could be compensated for by granting any descendants of these emigrants Luxembourg citizenship and corrects that error.

Since this is a somewhat complicated application process there are several non-profits and businesses that you can choose to contract with for help with the application process. One such non-profit is the Luxembourg America Cultural Society based in Wisconsin. See: <http://www.lacs.lu/>. For a fee they will help with translations into the Luxembourgish language; they may even accompany you when you must appear in person before the Luxembourg Ministry of Justice to answer questions - in French or Luxembourgish, etc.

Since my niece and I were short on time and we needed to be efficient in our application process we contracted with a Luxembourg citizenship assistant here in the USA. The cost for both of us combined for the entire process is \$1600. Since my niece and I share the same common ancestral lineage we are both covered by that one cost (or \$800 each) as the documents we submit will be the same except for our personal birth (and for me marriage) records.

The first step in the application process is to gather all the vital records (birth, marriage, death) of the Luxembourg ancestor tracing it to you. No problem (so I thought) as I had those records already from my research. No such luck. Luxembourg requires that ALL the vital records submitted must be certified copies issued within the last six months. Bummer. That meant I had to re-apply for all these vital records from (unfortunately) New York City where my family is from.

New York City is not only now backed up with an avalanche of Luxembourg descendants trying to meet the December deadline to apply for dual citizenship, but NYC was a major entry point for Luxembourg immigrants in the 1870s. Many Luxembourgers did move on to the Mid-West, such as Wisconsin, Missouri, etc. Mine weren't that exploratory. They stayed in Brooklyn and three generations of tailors and seamstresses lived in the same tenement apartment for over 90 years. My brother and I are the first generation to move west of the Mississippi.

New York City also has understandably some rigorous laws about giving out vital records (think Mecca for identify theft). My Luxembourg ancestor – Marie Pauline Wickers-Kolbusch, who died in 1926 in Brooklyn wasn't a problem as she (fortunately?) died more than 50 years ago. So her marriage and death record were able to be provided. My grandmother Ursula though died in 1970...not quite 50 years ago, so they weren't so willing to give out her information according to their laws cutoff date for releasing records. So, NYC had some additional (and time consuming as the weeks ticked away) hoops for me to jump through. Same for my father's birth record in 1915. I had to submit proof of my relationship to the person I was requesting a record of...and endure 12 weeks of suspense wondering if the record will be mailed to me, and mail in original death records which I did have, and hopefully will get returned. Suffice it to say I was sure glad I had been doing my family history research and had my documentation in order.

Earlier this month my niece and I completed step one of the application process. Our application package full of <6 month old certified vital records is now flying off to the Duchy of Luxembourg for official review.

Step two will be even more adventuresome – my niece and I must go to Luxembourg by December 31, 2020 and appear in person before the Ministry of Justice. The thought of this auspicious meeting makes my knees quake like the scarecrow's when he appeared before the Great and Powerful Oz! So, I'm studying the native language, Luxembourgish, so I can hopefully say a respectful "good morning" to the Minister of Justice.

So, this is just the beginning of a fascinating genealogy adventure that lies ahead in my ancestor's homeland. I visited Luxembourg and Echternach my ancestors' home town.

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I enjoyed its beautiful pastoral countryside, walled cities, churches, abbey's and Roman ruins. I was so pleased my ancestors had chosen so well their place to live.

I don't know how my dual Luxembourg citizenship will influence or benefit me. But, the joy is in the exploration of possibilities. An exciting journey made possible by Luxembourg emigrants fleeing the Franco-Prussian War. I never had the good fortune to meet my great grandmother Marie Pauline Wickers. But, she nevertheless left me an exciting legacy to pursue in my lifetime.

Genealogy is indeed a grand adventure full of unexpected twists and turns. What is your genealogy adventure? Why not submit an article to this SVGS newsletter. We'd love to hear your family story.

NOTES:

¹ Moien is "Hello" in the Luxembourgish language – which is a combination of German, French, English and Italian.

² For more information about dual citizenship visit the official Duchy of Luxembourg website for requirements: <https://quichet.public.lu/en/citoyens/citoyennete/nationalite-luxembourgeoise/acquisition-recouvrement/recouvrement.html>



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It is the latest addition to the Fred Meyer Rewards Program where you can earn donations for your favorite nonprofit just by shopping with your Rewards Card. Fred Meyer will donate \$2.5 million to nonprofits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington in 2014 through this new program. Here's how it works: Link your Rewards Card to your favorite nonprofit at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Whenever you use your Rewards card when shopping at Freddy's, you'll be helping the nonprofit linked to your Rewards Card to earn a donation from Fred Meyer. At the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer will make a donation to participating nonprofits based on the accumulated spending of the Rewards customers linked to each nonprofit. Fred Meyer will donate \$625,000 each quarter via Community Rewards! Do I still get Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates? YES! Rewards Customers still get the Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates.

So please go to these sites and help us out. It is appreciated.

SUNSHINE

If any members know of a fellow member that could use a card. Please let Carol Nertenstern or one of the other board members know so we can have one sent to them. Carol's number is 360-770-5542

Holiday Heritage and Family Traditions Around the World

Excerpts from Family Tree Magazine article by Maureen Taylor Dec 14, 2017

Every family celebrates the holidays a little differently. Some light candles in the window; others wait for Santa bearing gifts. Between the annual gift shopping rush, cookie baking and party preparations, have you ever wondered why your family celebrates its special traditions during the winter holiday season? Or about how your forebears celebrated Christmas, Hannukah or religious feast days? You might be surprised what you can learn about your family history from the rituals and routines you carry on year after year.

Caribbean

On Dec. 26, residents celebrate Jonkonnu, a festival that combines English and African elements and dance

Eastern Europe

Ukrianians hang spiders and webs on their trees as part of a folkloric tale about a woman who was too poor to decorate her tree so a spider spun webs for decoration during the night. In Russia before the 1917 revolution, an old woman named Baboushka brought children treats. During the Communist era, she was changed to Grandfather Frost.

Slovakian children put polished boots in their windows for St. Nicholas to deliver gifts on Dec. 5. Moravians set up Christmas pyramids decorated with a star and shelves, one reserved for a nativity scene. A propeller on top of the structure turns from the heat of the candles on the shelves.

England

English children wait for Father Christmas to deliver presents. Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, brought the custom of tree decorating from his native Germany. The first Christmas cards debuted here in the 1840s. Christmas crackers, small popping cardboard tubes with surprises inside, are popular during the holidays.

Ethiopia

The Coptic Church celebrates Ganna (Christmas) on Jan. 7. Ganna is named after a popular game similar to field hockey, which legend says the shepherds played upon hearing of Jesus' birth. Everyone wears white to a church service following a day of fasting.

France

Young children think of Advent, which begins four Sundays before Christmas, as a calendar with a prize on every day between Dec. 1 and Dec. 25. Originally, Advent was a time to think about the future spiritual events of the season. Advent dates from 490 AD when the Bishop of Tours advocated fasting three days a week for the 40 days before Christmas. Extended families gather together after midnight Mass for *reveilton*, a banquet on Christmas Eve.

Italy

Italian children leave their shoes or stockings near the fireplace to receive gifts on Epiphany from La Befana. They also receive presents from Father Christmas on Christmas Day. Nativity scenes and Christmas pyramids are part of Christmas displays

Netherlands

Black Peter disciplines naughty boys and girls on St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 6), while Sinterklass, or St. Nicholas, rewards good children with candy and gifts.

Central Europe

Regions of Austria, Bavaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Northern Italy, Slovakia, and Slovenia have Krampus, their own version of Black Peter. This demonic, horned goat-like creature punishes misbehaving children during the holiday season.

Scandinavia

In Scandinavian countries, trees are strung with straw goats. Danes use red-and-white hearts and strings of miniature Danish flags. Finnish children believe that Santa Claus, lives in Korvatunturi, in the northern part of their country. Swedes honor Santa Lucia on Dec. 13 by selecting a child to dress in a white gown with a red sash. The child wears a wreath on the head with lit candles and delivers traditional food. The *tomte*, or Christmas gnome, brings gifts on Christmas Day. In Norway, Christmas, or *Juledag*, is a quiet prelude to Dec. 26, when Norwegians start eating, drinking and celebrating until Jan. 13.

Honoring African ancestors

During the 1960s, the struggle for civil rights produced a need for a new holiday, one that would allow African-Americans to celebrate their cultural origins, history and identity. Kwanzaa, a new tradition created by Maulana Karenga in 1966, filled that need. Now more than 5 million African-American families celebrate Kwanzaa, according to Ebony, and the numbers are growing.

From Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, African-Americans reflect on African traditions and values, based on harvest festivals held by several African tribes. The word *Kwanzaa* comes from the Swahili phrase for “first fruits of the harvest,” with an extra a added to signify the seven days of reflection.

Each day of Kwanzaa is an opportunity to focus on a principle that reinforces and strengthens the family. These seven principles, called *nguzo saba*, are *umoja* (unity), *kujich-agulia* (self-determination), *ujima* (collective work and responsibility), *ujamaa* (cooperative economics), *nia* (purpose), *kuumbaa* (creativity) and *imani* (faith). As part of the celebration, families place symbolic objects on a straw mat called a *mkeka*. These objects include an ear of corn for each child in the family (*muhindi*), a unity cup (*kikombe cha umoja*) and a wooden candle holder (*kinara*) with a center black candle flanked by three red and green candles (*misbumaa saba*). These colors come from the flag of black nationalism, in which red symbolizes blood, black symbolizes African heritage and green symbolizes land.

Children are given *zawadi*, handmade gifts that represent the fruit of the parents’ labor and the rewards of seeds sown by the children. As the week winds down, families get together on Dec. 31 for a feast called *karamu*, a celebration of the year’s accomplishments.



Happy Winter
Holidays!



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