



President's Message

Tulip season is over and serious gardening is underway. As genealogists we always look forward to growing our family tree whenever possible too. And if necessary we clip a bud now and then when we learn new information is not factual. Good luck this spring!

After our recent program "Scandinavian Research" presented by Jill Morelli, I'm very interested in her return late this summer for our annual seminar. Our seminar "Genealogy – All About Life" is scheduled for September 19, 2015 at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Jill is very knowledgeable and an energetic speaker. She will be speaking on "Writing Your Family History" and "My Top Ten Tech Tools I Really Use and So Can You". In addition we have Mary Kathryn Kozy, also a well-qualified speaker, speaking on "Researching in Newspapers" and "Google and Its Genealogy Tools".

Barbara Johnson and her committee have done a fine job of organizing our seminar so it should be fun and informative. Further details are posted on our website and flyers with registration information are available. Oh, yes, Barbara can use extra hands on the day before and day of the seminar for set up and take down of this event.

It seems like our society's board never rests. Our annual budget will be out soon so formal review and approval by the membership can be accomplished at our meeting on May 9. They are also recommending minor changes to the bylaws for formal review and approval at our annual meeting on November 7. (The November meeting is a week early because the senior center is unavailable on the second Saturday.) Standing Rules are being updated, Hawthorne Cemetery is being read, surname file is being resurrected and we will have a display at the Burlington Library for History Month in October.

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Attending our monthly meeting programs and our September seminar will add tools to your genealogy tool belt. On an added note our Monday volunteers at the Genealogy Section of the Burlington Library are now available with the new hours of 10 am to noon. Always watch for tips on new internet sites that may open new areas to research. May your family tree continue to grow!

John Hayes

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State Conference in June at Ellensburg

David Rencher Returns to Washington
<http://wasgs.org/blog/2015/04/16/david-rencher-returns-to-washington/>

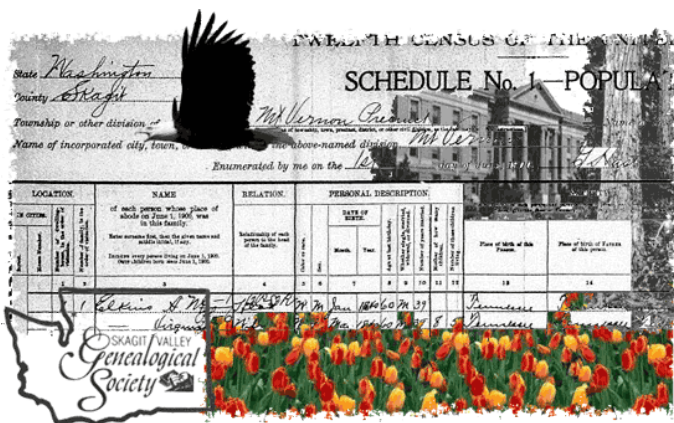
Are you excited about the WSGS Conference on June 27, 2015? David Rencher is, Too!

In a recent interview, David, chief genealogical officer at FamilySearch and the Headliner at the conference in Ellensburg, expressed his excitement about Returning to Washington State -- a place he's been many times.

David and his family have strong ties to Yakima, [...]

You received this e-mail because you asked to be notified when new updates are Posted.

Best regards,
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Your advice is needed. If you have suggestions of program topics for next year. Or if you just can't wait to present a program yourself, please contact Carol Torset at torset@comcast.net or 360-856-2410. She will happily take your ideas to heart.

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

Needed New Volunteers

Our genealogists is looking for new volunteers to train to help with research requests when she is gone. If interested please give Diane Partington a call at 360-336-5832 or send her an email at nonie.dl@comcast.net



SVGS Member,

If you have been to our website, you can see that it has alot of useful tabs. I am looking for some people who would like to learn how to create pages and posts on the site. If you have an interest or if you know someone who would like to learn a little about wordpress. Let me know at george-wayjr@gmail.com.

Thank you.

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11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday – Closed

SVGS Library Collection
located here. SVGS Volunteers available on Mondays from 11:00—1:00 to assist with questions.

Margie Wilson—SVGS Librarian



“Genealogy: All About Life”

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society’s 2015 Seminar will be held Saturday, September 19 at the Mount Vernon Senior Center from 8 am to 4 pm.

Our speakers will be Jill Morelli and Mary Kathryn Kozy, both of whom have spoken at our General Membership Meetings. They are dynamic and well-informed professional genealogists. They will be speaking on four topics: Jill—“Just Do It! Writing Your Family History”, “My Top Ten Tech Tools I Really Use—And So Can You!”, Mary Kathryn—“Researching In Newspapers”, and “Google and Its Genealogy Tools”.

The cost for members is \$40 plus an optional \$12 for a delicious Haggen’s box lunch.

For more information, check out our web site: www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org. You can also pick up a registration form at a regular meeting or at the Burlington Library in the Genealogy section. Do sign up early as the price goes up on September First.

The committee could also use your help. We need help in distributing fliers to various outlets in the county, such as grocery stores, senior centers, funeral homes. There are also several short-term tasks to be done to prepare for the seminar. If you would like to participate, please contact Barbara Johnson at gorhamgen@gmail.com or 360-770-0762. I will be delighted to answer your questions and sign you up

Fact or Fiction

A very sincere researcher related that in his ancestral line there were three brothers in Europe who had come across to America, one went west, one went south and one stayed on the coast.

Since this was a passing conversation, I did not have time or the opportunity to question this further but I immediately recognized, what is classically called, "The Three Brothers Myth" from genealogical folklore.

Here are a couple of references to explanations of the myth:

**About.com Genealogy, The Three Brothers Myth
Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, There Were Three Brothers And...Fact or Fiction?**

Library Report for March 2015

The Burlington Public Library, (BPL) where the SVGS genealogy collection is located, has some upcoming changes to be aware of. First, Maggie Buckholz, BPL's director is retiring in June. We congratulate Maggie on her retirement and thank her for her tremendous support since 2008.

Second, BPL now opens at 10:00am. Due to the new opening times the genealogy volunteers have agreed that ***the new schedule for genealogy library volunteers will be: Mondays, 10:00am to Noon.*** This schedule change will become effective after April 1, 2015 to give the library staff and volunteers time to announce it to patrons.

Recent book donations:

Margie Renick, a new SVGS member, recently donated several of her notebooks and research materials. The main focus of her research has been Scotland. Look for these materials in the lateral files at the Burlington Library that are closest to the genealogy section.

Recent book purchases:

While I was attending RootsTech and the FGS Conference I took the opportunity to find some new books for the SVGS collection. So from RootsTech I purchased:

Sustainable Genealogy, by Richard Hite;

New York State Historical and Genealogical Society's Gazetteer by NYSHGS;

DNA and Social Media by Debbie Kennett.

The book on DNA and social media was presented to George Ridgeway, outgoing SVGS president, in honor of his years of service and leadership of our society. Thank you George so much for all the technology improvements and creative ideas you contribute to SVGS.

Also, in memory of SVGS member, Jim Mulkins, who passed away recently, I purchased have also purchased the new book, *Historical Maps of Europe*, by Allison Dolan and published by Family Tree Magazine. And, one last book, *Welsh Genealogy* by David and Julia Rowlands, was purchased since we do not have any books currently in the collection that specifically focuses on Welsh research.

There is always plenty of activity at the SVGS Genealogy collection. Either visitors coming in and needing an orientation to the collection or new books or donations to be labeled and shelved. If you would like to get more involved and you enjoy meeting fellow researchers we'd love to have you serve as a genealogy library volunteer. Please email me (wilsongm@frontier.com). If you'd like join the volunteer team. I'd be glad to give you an orientation and explain our volunteer procedures.

Check out our redesigned web page at
skagitvalleygenealogy.org

Genealogy's Often-Misspelled Words

Dick Eastman · April 28, 2015 · Genealogy Basics

You might want to save this article someplace. I have no idea why, but many of the words used in researching your family tree are difficult to spell. I constantly see spelling errors in messages posted on various genealogy web sites. When someone misspells a word, it feels like they are shouting, "I don't know what I'm doing!"

Here are a few words to memorize:

Genealogy – No, it is not spelled "geneology" nor is it spelled in the manner I often see: "geneaology." That last word looks to me as if someone thought, "Just throw all the letters in there and hope that something sticks." For some reason, many newspaper reporters and their editors do not know how to spell this word. Don't they have spell checkers?

Cemetery – The letter "a" does not appear anywhere in the word "cemetery." You can remember the spelling by an old saying, "We go to the cemetery with E's." (ease)

Ancestor – This simple word is often spelled "ancestor," "anester," or "anestor."

Ancestry – This word is often misspelled "ancestory." I often see errors when someone is referring to the ancestry.com online web site.

History – More than once I have seen someone refer to their "family histroy" or "family histry."

Descent – Perhaps not as common, but I have seen this spelled as "decent," which sounds almost the same.

Descendant – it often appears as descendent, descentent and many others.

Progenitor – I can never remember how to spell this word. I simply try to avoid it when I am writing!

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.
SVGS Webmaster
George E. Ridgeway Jr.

**Save
the
Date!**

Genealogy Seminar

**Sat., September 19
8a.m. - 4p.m.**

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~ Featuring ~

Mary Kathryn Kozy & Jill Morelli

- ♦ Google Genealogy Tools
- ♦ Writing Your Family History
- ♦ Newspaper Research *and*
- ♦ Top 10 Genealogy Tech Tools

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Space is limited! Register today!



FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER ONLINE:

skagitvalleygenealogy.org

OR DOWNLOAD YOUR REGISTRATION & MAIL TO:

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2015 Programs

April 11th **An Overview of Scandinavian Research:** presented by Jill Morelli, professional genealogist and professional architect from Seattle. She is sole proprietor of Cascade Research Services devoted to genealogical research. She loves to write - and at one time set a goal of 500 words per day!

May 9th **Across the Pond to Scotland:** presented by Winona Laird, professional genealogist. She is the Education Chairman of South King County Genealogical Society, and is one of the founders of the Genealogy Training Center. She specializes in teaching and lecturing on Genealogy.

June 13th **Overview of Sources held by Northwest Branch Archives in Bellingham and the Washington State Digital Archives:** presented by Mike Saunders, Regional Archivist, Bellingham, WA.

July: No meeting

August: No meeting

September 12th **Genealogy and Google** presented by George Ridgeway

October 10th **My Ancestor's Story** - Limit 3 minutes/member presented by EVERYONE

November 7th Year-end meeting. **Brick Walls/What Have you Learned?** Coordinated by Carol Torset.

<https://rootstech.org/about/videos/>

The link above is to the RootsTech 2014 Conference in Salt Lake City. Scroll down through the various session/video selections, click on the ones you wish to view. I thought perhaps some of you would be interested in these educational sessions. -- Margie Wilson



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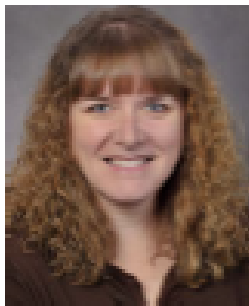
12th Annual Seminar

Saturday, September 19, 2015 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mount Vernon Senior Center - 1401 Cleveland Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Handicap Accessible

"Genealogy - All About Life"



Mary Kathryn Kozy has been researching her family for almost 35 years since she first became interested at the age of 13. Over the years she has researched families from the Midwest to the deep South, and from both Western and Eastern Europe. She's been actively involved in local societies, the USGenWeb project, and FamilySearch indexing. She also speaks throughout the state on a wide variety of topics related to family history.

Her programs will be on (1) *Researching in Newspapers;* and
(2) *Google and its Genealogy Tools*

Jill Morelli loves to inspire others about her passion for genealogy. Based on her personal research, she lectures regionally and nationally on topics related to 19th-century Midwest and records sets of Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Her lecture includes discussion of general genealogy methodologies and records sets. Through her client work she has broadened her areas of knowledge to include Ireland and Germany. As an architect she has an affinity for conducting house histories, a unique field which transcends just pulling the documents.



Her programs will be (1) *Just Do it! Writing your Family History;* and
(2) *My Top Ten Tech Tools I Really Use – and So Can You!*

<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 SVGS Member Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45 Non-member registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Everyone \$30 after September 1st online or at the door
<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Box Lunch with a Turkey Sandwich, Seasonal Fruit, Chips & a Cookie	<input type="checkbox"/> Bring your own Lunch	
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Citrus Green Salad, with Fruit & Raisins	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1 add Rotisserie Chicken to your salad	
Total \$ _____ Make checks payable to Skagit Valley Genealogical Society or SVGS or PayPal online @ www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org		
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