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## In Memoriam

**Iona Raney, 84**, slipped into the arms of Jesus August 6, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham, after a courageous battle with pulmonary hypertension.

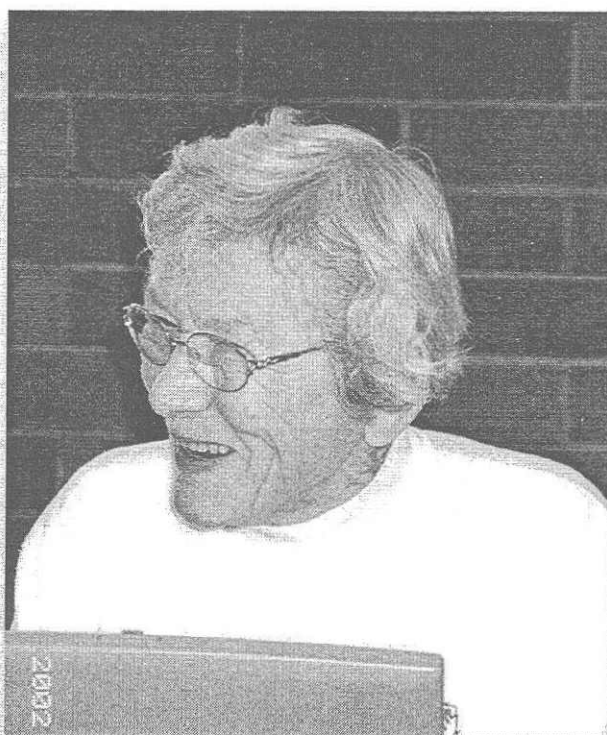
She was born to Earl and Nora Foster, July 16, 1923 spending her childhood years in Arizona. She was married to Frank Raney shortly after college and began teaching school. Frank & Iona took over the family business, Raney Appraisal Service and continued until retirement. Frank and Iona traveled extensively in their Avion Travel Trailer until Frank's death in 2000.

She was an avid quilter and loved spending time with other quilters, trailering with the Avion Travel club, serving as an active member of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son George and wife Pam of O'Fallon, Ill., grandson Taylor and wife Meghan with their 5 week old great-granddaughter Addison of Meridian, Idaho, granddaughter Melissa and her sons Seth and Logan of Fairfield, Ohio; daughter Jan Gee, and her husband Jack, granddaughter Lacey who is to be married to Jeremy Crowell August 18, all of Arlington, WA.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorials be made to the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society.

*Obituary, Skagit Valley Herald, August 8, 2007*



and a 15+ year member of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. She served as Secretary to the Washington State Genealogy Society for two years and was actively involved locally in the Skagit Valley Society, serving as Secretary for four years, and Education chair for four years until her health became an issue and she was not comfortable with continuing in that role, although for two years after that she continued to teach genealogy classes, her latest in February of this year. Her goal in the society was to teach others to research and compile their family histories. As a teacher, she loved to teach.

In most recent years, Iona has spent endless hours quilting for hospice patients, family and friends. She completed two Freedom Quilts, and assisted with several other quilts, that were presented to the local families of military personnel who lost their lives in the Iraq war. She has over the past few years generously donated several quilts and other items for raffle by SVGS.

In April of 2007 she was honored by receiving a recognition award from WSGS when her name was submitted by SVGS for her contributions to that society.

She was an active member of the Crimson Sisterhood Red Hatters of Mount Vernon.

Iona will be missed. She had a cheerful spirit and a positive attitude, especially about her everyday activities and her health issues, attending meetings and special events with her oxygen in tow.

*Photo courtesy of Joan Udd*

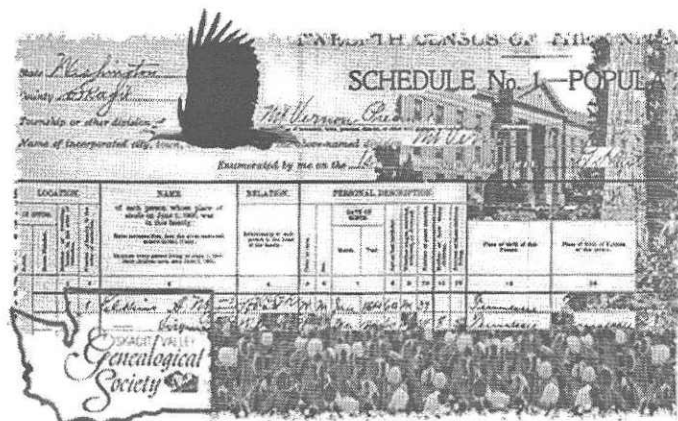
**Notes by President Hazel:** During their travels to almost every state and several countries, Iona and Frank researched family trees for both of them; She took writing classes at the Mount Vernon Senior Center and typed up books to document their family histories and their genealogy for several generations. She worked diligently to complete these for her family before her passing. She succeeded.

Iona was a member of the Washington State Genealogical Society, a lifetime member of the Seattle Genealogical Society

I don't know just when the next newsletter is scheduled, but I have a little note which I'd like to have in it if there's space.

"The recognition awarded Lorraine Rothenbuhler and me by the state society was deeply appreciated. I cannot personally take credit for my award, though Lorraine probably can. Without the able assistance of several others, my most recent lessons would never have come off. Would like to give credit to Dale Hastin and Sharon Johnson, who prepared handouts and class materials, to Judy Ray and Yvonda Anderson, who were my significant helpers in class, and to Hazel Razar and Laura Sparr who taught two classes as well. These people were essential to the success of the recent class, and I'd like to thank them."

**Thanks, Iona Raney Mon 7/9/2007 8:48 AM A Classy Lady! Ed. D.R.**



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For members, The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Arnold Stewart at 360-466-3288 he will make arrangements to bind your pages into a book for you. Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supplies.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter accepts business card size advertisement. The cost will be \$10.00 per issue and the editor can help put one together for you if you don't have something ready.

If anyone would like queries or surnames to be posted in the newsletter, please send to... *Ye Editor*

You can help the Society by buying your favorite genealogical item of interest from our website through an affiliate program with the publishers. Simply click on the links to the magazine or website of your choice, pay for whatever you are interested in and the society will receive a small commission for you doing so.

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## Calendar of Events

*Upcoming 2007*

### **General Meeting:**

*Start time 7:00 p.m.*

*All meetings will be held at the **Burlington Community Center**, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington. No change in date or time.*

**September 25** John Fisher "Saxons, Vikings and Celts" Book report.

Do you have a brickwall? Be sure to bring your genealogy problem to the group.

**October 23** Sarah Nelson "Why do I want to go down to the National Archives in Seattle?" National Archives speaker.  
**6:00 PM POTLUCK AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT GENERAL MEETING**

**November 27** Barb Johnson and Margey Wilson, "A Conversation with Ann Justus Morton and Abigail Adams"

## Welcome New Member(s)

David Obee Victoria, B.C.

Doug & Carleen Sinrud Burlington, WA

## Burlington Public Library

820 East Fairhaven Avenue  
Burlington, WA 98233

Phone (360) 755-0760

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Hours: Monday – Thursday

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

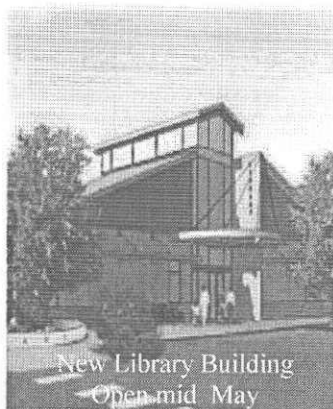
Sunday – Closed

**SVGS Library Collection**

**located here. SVGS Volunteers**

**available on Mondays from 11:00–1:00 to assist with questions.**

**Joan Udd—SVGS Librarian**



New Library Building  
Open mid May  
Grand Opening June 16

Recently installed new ink cartridges in my printer, only to have the printer quit the next day!!!! So I have ink cartridges I can not use. These cartridges fit Epson printers numbered as follows: C64, C66, C84, C86, CX4600, CX6400 and CX6600. Cartridges numbered as follows: Black #TO44120, Cyan TO44220, Magenta TO44320, Yellow TO44420. Cartons have been opened, but not used. Can anyone use these? **FREE John Fisher 360-293-4986**

## President's Message

Welcome back! I sincerely hope that each of you enjoyed your summer and were able to climb some of those brick walls. Summer is always a time to reflect on where I am in my research and where I need to go. Unfortunately, I have been busy working on society projects and am finding that my time is very limited for personal research.

Our society has several upcoming activities before the end of this year. One of those activities is the Heritage Fair. This year we will be celebrating on October 6 at the Burlington Community Center. As in years past, this activity will be free and open to the public. Please encourage your friends and co-workers to join us and let us assist them in getting started and climbing over or around some of those brick walls.

Beginning the week following the Heritage Fair on Thursday October 11 we will again be offering beginning classes in genealogy. This series will continue for eight weeks, with the exception of Thanksgiving. The final two classes will be focused on using a computer and using the internet.

May 16 & 17, 2008 our society will be hosting the **Washington State Genealogical Society Conference and Annual Meeting**. Sandra Hargreaves Luecking, professional genealogist and editor of the FGS Forum will be our featured speaker. She lives in the Western Springs area of Illinois. In the coming months, many of you will be asked to assist with various activities related to this conference.

Our society is the only organized non-profit society for genealogy in Skagit County. There are several openings on the Board of Directors. We need your help in filling these positions. Some of these positions are vital to the overall functioning of the society, so if you can volunteer a couple of hours once a month to serve please contact one of our current board members.

Finally, there will be some activities in the upcoming months that I look forward to and hope that we will have participation from all of you. At the September general meeting we will be having a fundraiser "**White Elephant Sale**". I know that I have several items that I will be donating and hope that you will have some as well. In October we will have a **Potluck Dinner** beginning at 6:00 pm. The Burlington Community Center will be open at 5:30 pm. Some of the issues on the ballot at the October Annual meeting relate to changes in the By-laws as well as election of officers. We will be voting on a Vice President currently filled by George Ridgeway and for Treasurer currently filled by Yale Gifford. If you think you might be interested in either of these positions please contact Joyce Liston at 360-856-4822.

If you have noticed in the various newspapers in Skagit County, there have been a lot of obituaries for those people who have passed away. Unfortunately, our newspapers are not easily accessible. We currently have some excellent help from Barbara Ricketts. She is very efficient in clipping, pasting on 5 X 7 cards and entering the data into our obituary database which then is placed on our website. Barbara could use some help. If you could help with filing or clipping, please contact Diane Partington 336-5832.

Again, I hope everyone had a great summer, enjoyed the weather and made some progress in your research. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings.



**Sep 15, 2007 Olympia Genealogical Society** Co-sponsors with **Grays Harbor Genealogical Society**, presenting Alan Boyle, Science Editor at MSNBC - *Climbing Your Genetic Family Tree*, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. at the Coach House (next to the State Capital Museum) 211 - 21st Ave. SW, Olympia. Mail registration fee of \$10 for non members (for members of OGS and GHGS the fee is only \$5) to Roxanne Lowe, checks made payable to GHGS, PO Box 867, Cosmopolis, WA 98537-0867 (Roxanne Lowe [roxanne@thekeeffes.com](mailto:roxanne@thekeeffes.com) or Pat Harper, Pres. OGS [rbh25@comcast.net](mailto:rbh25@comcast.net))

**Sep 15, 2007 Whitman County Genealogical Society** Mini Seminar with Donna Potter Phillips *New Military Records* at the Gladish Community Center, Room 115, Pullman beginning at 9:30 am. Fee will be \$5.

**Sep 22, 2007 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society** in Colville, will have a seminar at the Colville Library. The main speaker will be Donna Potter Phillips on *Military Records: an Overview of What, Why, Where and When, from Colonial Times to the Present*. Six local society members will give supporting talks. 9:00 am—4:00 pm. \$20 for members and \$22.00 for non-members with lunch provided if paid before Sep 15. At the door will be \$25.

**Sep 22, 2007 Whatcom Genealogical Society, Bellingham, WA** will host a day-long seminar at the Bellingham Technical College featuring Sarah Thorson Little. Topics will be *Evaluating and Using Sources; A case study-How the Mystery is Solved; Internet Resources for Genealogical Research; and Overview of Scandinavian Research. Details will be published at a later date.*

**Sep 29, 2007 Seattle Genealogical Society Fall Seminar** Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr., FASG, will speak on "*When the Sources Are Wrong!*" "*Tracing the Origins of Early 18th-Century Palatine & Other Emigrants*" "*Family Tradition: Separating Fact From Fiction in Research*," and "*Genealogy in the New Millennium: Where We've Been & Where We're Going.*"

**Oct 4, 2007 Fiske Genealogical Foundation** Speakers D. Brenton Simons, Executive Director of NEHGS and Christopher Child, genealogist for the Newbury Street Press will be featured speakers. They will be discussing *New England Resources for the Genealogist* and *Research Methods for Families in Colonial Boston*. Christopher Child will also discuss the *Growing Use of DNA testing in Family Research*. He will be available on the morning following the seminar for \$25 for private, half-hour consultations to assist individuals with specific roadblocks in New England. \$35 payable to the Fiske Genealogy Library. Annual patrons receive a \$20 discount. Registration form on website [www.fiskelibrary.org/nehgs07/register.htm](http://www.fiskelibrary.org/nehgs07/register.htm)

**Oct 6, 2007 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society** LDS Church 705 S 38th Ave; *History of Europe* with Montry Walker. Program schedule TBA. Bring a sack lunch or purchase a hot dog for \$1

**Oct 6, 2007 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society Fall Workshop** "*Journeys—Tracing the Steps of Our Ancestors*" southside Senior Center 27th Ave and Ray, Spokane. Eleven lectures from nine different speakers. Donna Potter Phillips *America, the Magnet for People Everywhere; Where to Find the*

*Clues to the Route; Lethene Parks Migration Routes Across America; Migration Map Plotting Workshop; Marvel Miller, Back to My New England Ancestors; Steve Turner, A Journey Backward and a Backward Journey; Jeanne Coe, Staying on the Path through Surname Changes; Judy Williams, Journey to Germany; Tammi Rizzuto, Scottish Archives; Barbara Brazington My Researching Journey to Norway; and Ruby McNeill, Onward to Publication—easier than you think.* Buffet lunch included with registration, \$17 for members, \$20 for non-members must be made by Sept. 26, 2007

**Oct 6, 2007 Heritage Quest Research Library; Autumn Quest Digging in the Trenches—Uncovering Military Records.** Speakers will be Jim Johnson, HQRL & Patty McNamee, NARA at the Tacoma Elks Club, 1965 S. Union Ave., Tacoma 8:15 am—3:30 pm

**Introduction to Military Records**—discover what types of military records are available and where they can be found. **National Archives** will include using NARA Records at the branch, finding their online records, and writing for records held in other locations. **Finding Records on the internet Part 1**—This session will include using compiled records (including CD's), Ancestry.com, World Vital Records, and other popular sites. **Finding Records on the internet Part 2:** will include Cyndi's List, finding unit histories online, using Military.com, and using Rootsweb.com and US-Genweb to find military records.

**Oct 20, 2007 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society Fall Symposium** 8:30 am—3:45 pm at the Lynnwood Elks Lodge, 6620 196th Street SW, Lynnwood, WA. **Genealogy & Technology: New Tools for Digging Roots.** Gary Zimmerman, Ph.D., will present *Finding Digitized Resources of Genealogical Value* with a variety of websites that present digitized books & other publications; **David Ault, Ph.D.** will discuss how to get started using *Internet Based Genealogical Research*. Can you Trust it?; and **Margaret Robe Summit, Ph.D.** will discuss *solutions to Brick Walls*, discussing the general principles in defining a search, analyzing sources, evidence and keeping focused; **David Abernathy** will discuss *USB Devices—What They Are and Why Things Can and Do Go Wrong.*

**Oct 27, 2007 Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society** Fall Seminar with Barbara Vines Little, certified genealogist from VA speaking on *Teasing the Silent Woman from the Shadows of History; Granny Possum's Pointers; An Overview of Colonial Virginia Records; and Documentation: A Formula for Every Day.* The event will be held at the Tacoma Elks Club; cost is \$25 bef. Oct 12th, \$35 after; lunch is \$10 payable in advance. See website for more information.

**May 16 & 17, 2008 Washington State Genealogical Society Conference and Annual Meeting & hosted by Skagit Valley Genealogical Society** will be held in Mount Vernon from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. Featured Speaker will be Sandra Hargreaves Luebking of Western Springs, Illinois. She is the current editor of the FGS Forum and is a coordinator & instructor of Intermediate Studies for the Genealogical Institute of Mid-America at the University of Illinois at Springfield, sponsored by the Illinois State Genealogical Society, a researcher for the Smithsonian Institute, a volunteer research assistant at the National Archives-Great Lakes Region and member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She has co-authored *The Source* and *The Archives: a Guide to the National Archives Field Branches.*

## Society News

### Condolences



Condolences to society member **Margie Kott** who lost her husband **George Kott** 22 August in Oak Harbor. Society member **Maxine Flaherty** of Bellingham passed away 16 September as a result of an automobile accident.

*pointed assistants, present a budget for approval at the May Board meeting and at the Annual Meeting" to "The Treasurer shall act as chair of the Finance Committee with appointed assistants, present a budget for approval at the October Board Meeting preceding the Annual Meeting and at the Annual Meeting."*

Standing Committees: Article VIII, C, 1 (Membership Chair), f: delete "Develop programs to increase membership;" then revise following sub-section letters "g" and "h" to "f" and "g".

C, 4, a: "Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for publishing, and mail the Society newsletter." change "mail" to "mailing".

### Election of Officers

The October Annual meeting relates to changes in the By-laws as well as election of officers. We will be voting on a Vice President currently filled by George Ridgeway and for Treasurer currently filled by Yale Gifford. If you think you might be interested in either of these positions please contact Joyce Liston at 360-856-4822.

### Proposed By-laws Revisions

The Board of Directors has approved the following revisions to the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's By-laws to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, October 23, 2007. This is in accordance with the By-laws, Article XII-Amendments, Section A, 3: "All such proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the Board of Directors, shall be mailed to the membership at least 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting."

### Proposed By-laws Revisions

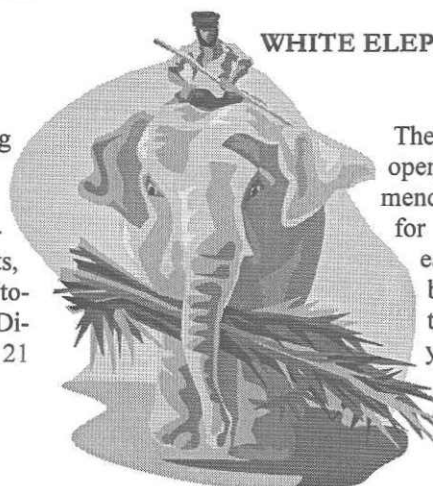
Name: Article I: *change* "the following identification number" to "the following identification numbers"; add IRS ID#91-1359846 at end of the sentence.

Membership and Dues: Article III, Section A, 1: *change* "shall be eligible for membership" to "shall be a member".

Meetings: Article IV, C, 1: *change* "The regular meeting in October shall be know as" to "shall be known as"

Board of Directors: Article VI, Section B: *add to* "The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Society, chairpersons (chairs) of standing committees" and special committees.

Duties of Officers: Article VII, D, 5: *change* "The Treasurer shall Act as chair of the Finance and Budget Committee, and with ap-



### WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The Community Center will be open at 6:00 pm. It is recommended that you bring your items for the White Elephant Sale as early as possible. Then you can browse the items being offered to see if there is something that you would like to take home with you. I know there will be CDs, Magazines, Books and other items of interest.

This will be a modified silent auction. It is recommended that you list a minimum price for your items. Then the item will be placed on the table and may go into a silent auction if more than one person is interested in the item. There will be signs indicating the minimum cost of items. Your white elephant items should be placed in the area where you feel that your items will best reflect the value of the items. This is only a minimum \$\$ amount and a greater amount will be gratefully accepted.

### CARPOOLING FOR MEETING

Many of our members would like to participate in more activities of the society but find themselves needing transportation, especially to evening meetings. Could you provide a ride?

If you are a person who needs a ride and would like to attend society meetings and/or activities, please speak up well in advance so arrangements can be made. Contact our membership chairperson, Donna Hinds.



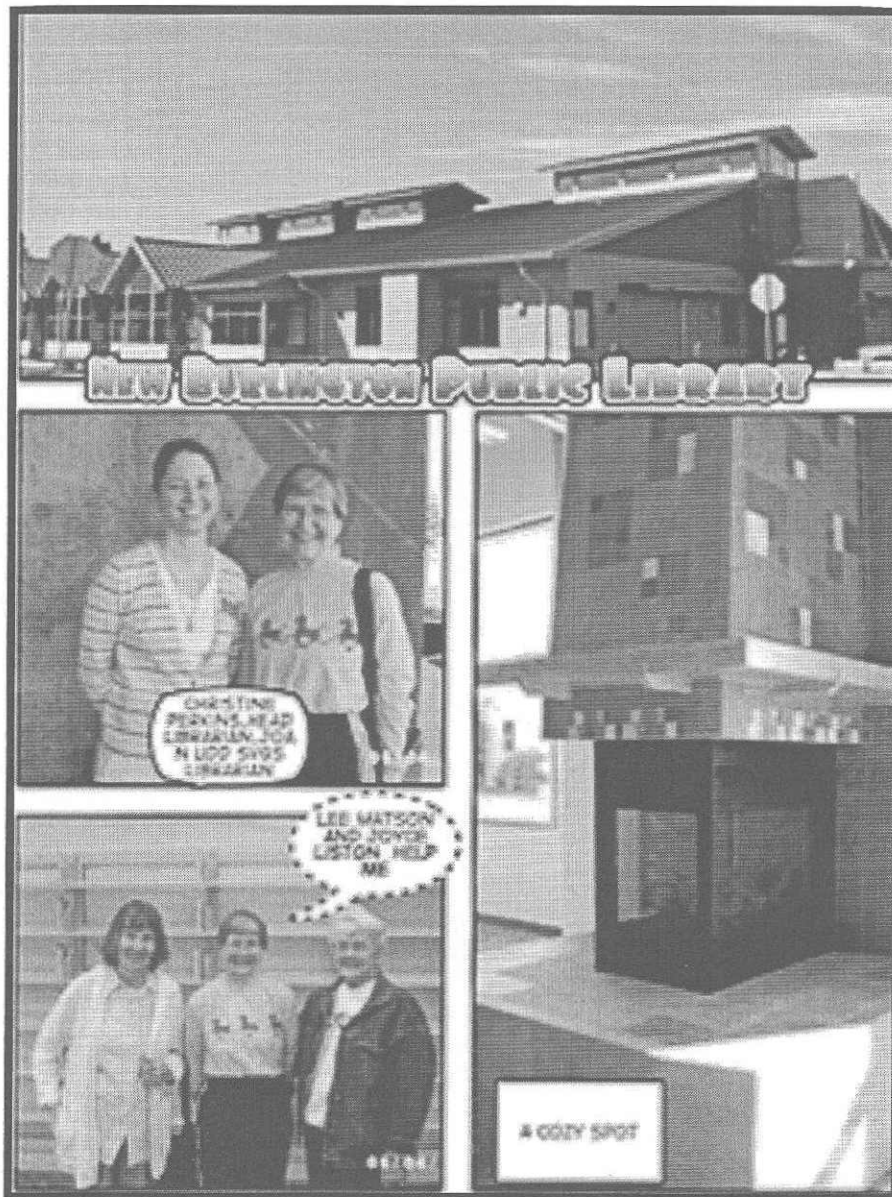
## Joan the Librarian

Your genealogical library is located in the new Burlington Library, have you visited yet?

There are several shelves devoted to Washington State and Skagit County in particular. But did you know that almost all other states are also represented? The other states have a color coding of orange and are listed in alphabetical order. There is even a special category of New England which has a different color, peach. Look in the file drawers for your state and see what can be found. Information in folders is gleaned from magazines and other publications and placed with the proper state and county too. So, even though you do not have ancestors in Washington or Skagit County there is much to be found by looking at other states.

Interested in participating as a library volunteer but don't think you can really help anyone? Even those folks who have been doing genealogy for some time will get some insights into what is available in our collection. Set aside Monday September 17 at 11:00 for a one hour training session at the new library. You will learn how to help yourself as well as others in locating information needed for genealogical research.

**Making History:** How to remember, record, interpret and share the events of your life. This is a new book in our collection donated by Hazel Rasar that came to her because she did a review of it's contents. Interested in doing something similar? It is a good way to add new and up-to-date material to our SVGS library. Let me know.



## Genealogical News

### W.I.G.S. (Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers)

The Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. until around 3:00 at the Fire station at 2720 N. Heller Rd. Contact persons are Ruth Hancock 675-4086; randr.hancock@verizon.net or Betty Leitch at 675 3722. On Sept. 11th we will feature Laura Sparr, professional genealogist and former president of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. Her subject will be documenting and recording sources of info. She will also answer questions from the members. She is one of our favorite speakers. There is always information for beginners and advanced researchers alike. We'll be having drawings for prizes, as well. All are welcome.

### UPDATE

#### Washington State 1910 Federal Census Index Project.

The Washington State Genealogical Society decided to take on the project of indexing the Washington State 1910 Census. This census was not soundexed and has been a problem for many people with families who moved into the state and then seemed to disappear. It was decided to make an every name index and to include the age and birth place for each person. The enumeration district, page and line number was also collected for quick location on the microfilm. There are 39 Counties in Washington, and all counties have been completed. The index has been turned over to the Washington Secretary of State Historical Records (Digital Archives) website.

To search the index, go to their website at [www.digital-archives.wa.gov](http://www.digital-archives.wa.gov)



## Washington State Genealogical Society Recognizes

*Iona Raney*

of Mount Vernon, Washington

**For exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the  
Skagit Valley Genealogical Society.**



Iona Raney has distinguished herself in continuing support of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society as an active member and teacher. She has been a member of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society for more than fifteen years and has served as the Society's Secretary for four years, making certain that officers are reminded of board meetings, and that the minutes of our meetings are accurate while pertinent information is shared with members at general meetings. She was chairperson of the Education Committee for four years and is currently instructor of genealogical topics for the past two years teaching classes to anyone interested in learning about genealogy. Iona also served two years as Secretary of the Washington State Genealogical Society.

Given this 14th day of April in the year 2007, at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Wenatchee, Washington.

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Stephen Eric Baylor  
President  
Washington State Genealogical Society



# Washington State Genealogical Society

Recognizes

*Lorraine McDougale Rothenbuhler*

of Sedro Woolley, Washington

for exceptional operational support of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to local researchers and others interested in the history of families of Washington State.



Lorraine Rothenbuhler has been an active member of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society for more than 15 years. She has made many contributions to the operation and well-being of the Society through service on its Board of Directors for many years. She has been instrumental in gathering information from members and developing and publishing the surname book for the Society. She has been the Society Archivist for the past twelve years, collecting and gathering information relating to the society, its members, and to the community. She has preserved, in several formats, information of interest in a genealogical nature. She has actively participated on the planning committee for seminars for several years and is very willing to help wherever possible. Lorraine has been for several years and is currently active with the Sedro Woolley Historical Museum. Lorraine's interest of family has led her to learn genealogy research skills with visits to local libraries, historical museums and archives, also with research trips to the east coast and to the Allen County Public Library numerous times. She shares those skills with others, and is readily available to do research for others.

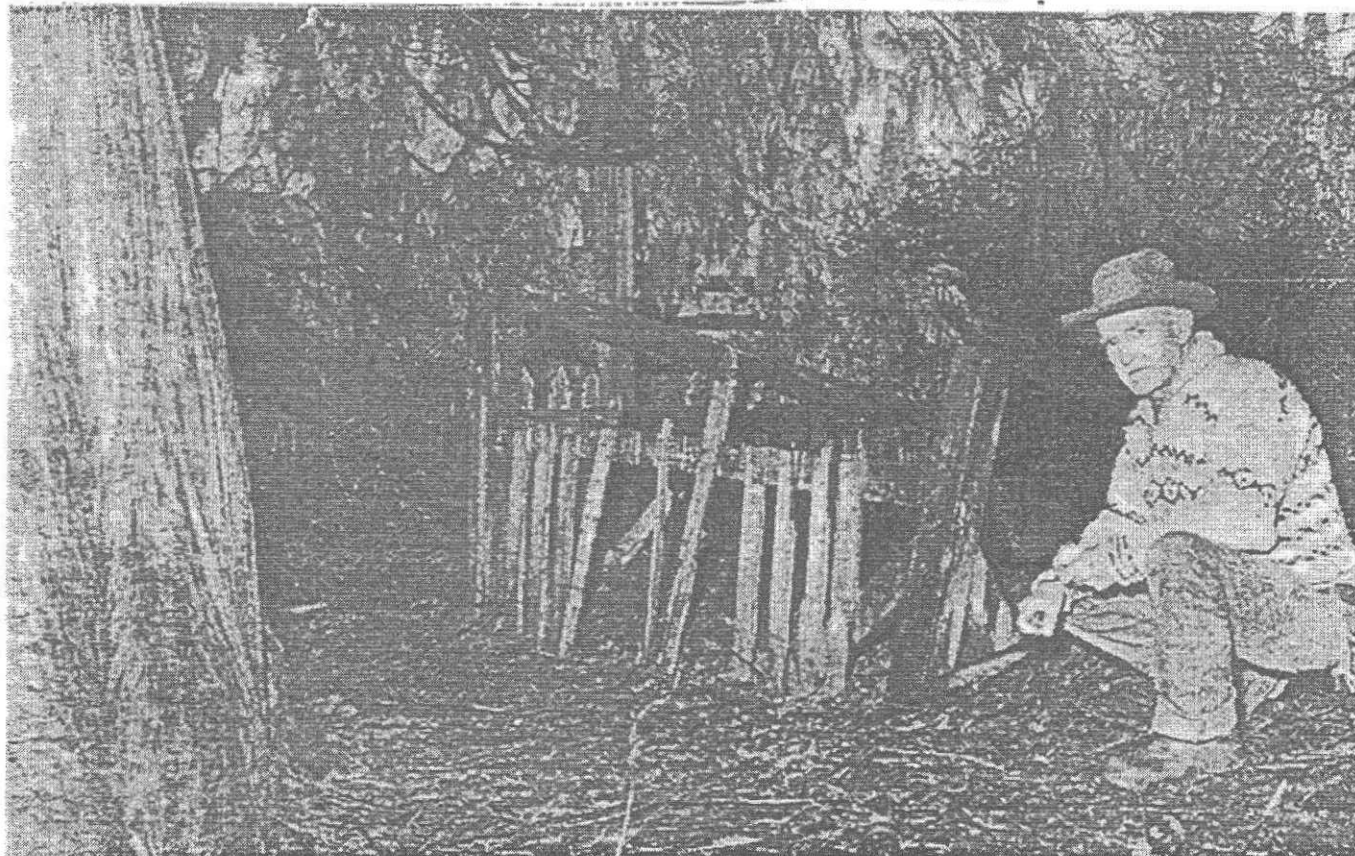
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Stephen Eric Baylor  
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**WORRIED OVER CEMETERY WASHOUT**—Whittling while he contemplates erosion action of Alder Creek on the old Cary Cemetery east of Hamilton in Skagit County is Garfield Green, Rt. 3, Sedro Woolley. Several years ago he found bones in the creek to the left of the big cedar tree which he believes will

be washed away, removing with it the picket-lined grave of Mrs. Nancy Qualls (center), who died in 1884. He's hoping for county action to preserve the small and abandoned cemetery, located on the Cape Horn Road.—Herald photo.

## Upper Skagit Creek Nearing Cemetery

By JACK CARVER

Of The Bellingham Herald

Way up the Skagit River, east of Hamilton where Alder Creek flows into the main river, a few residents and one in particular, have a problem: What to do about an old cemetery on the verge of being washed away?

Garfield Green, a light-haired old timer who was born and reared in the area, is the man most worried about the problem although he lives a mile or two away, on the corner of Highway 19 (the main east-west artery) and the Pinelli Road.

"Something should be done to preserve the place," he said the other day. "Three years ago I picked up some bones that were washing in the creek and I understand some kids hereabouts

had borrowed a skull and it was some time before we relocated it. Since there are no relatives around, I can say they were those of old George Qualls who died in 1907."

Alder Creek, it seems, was diverted to its present meandering course about 30 years ago, washing close to the cemetery in which the bodies of some eight to ten people are still buried. The Skagit River is about 200 feet from Cary Cemetery, named for homesteaders close-by.

Green, on a visit to the spot, pointed out a large cedar tree with part of its roots washed away, leaning toward the creek.

"When that goes, maybe in a couple of years, it will take the grave of Nancy Qualls, who died in 1884, and which is surrounded by a small picket fence, and the others," he predicted.

At high water the creek does

### ALDER CREEK CARY RANCH CEMETERY

This cemetery is located on Cape Horn Road east of Hamilton, Washington at Alder Creek. Stones ready by Betty Hoffman and Court House information obtained by John R. Fisher. Submitted for publication in newsletter by E. Dale Hastin, Publications Chair.

Location	Name	Born	Died
Blk 1-Spc 1	Qualls, Nancy Adaline	1827	13 Jul 1884

Inscription, Age 57 Yrs 8 Mos 9 Days [Mother of Matilda Cary]

Skagit County Courthouse Records indicate there were two other graves at Alder Creek Cemetery—location unknown due to being washed out by Creek and Skagit River.

#### GONE ARE:

[Cary, Matilda Jane] [22 Mar 1858] [30 Dec 1915]  
[wife of Jesse Cary] [Father: Jasper N. Qualls of Tenn.]  
[Mother was Nancy A. (Presswood) of N.C.; later moved to Hamilton Cemetery]

[Qualls, Female Infant] [28 Dec 1801, born Hamilton]  
[Father: Wirdey Quall] [Mother: Mattie Hutton]