



President's Message

As we approach the end of summer, our younger generation is returning to school to continue their education. For us as genealogists we have a great opportunity to continue our education by attending our own local genealogy seminar. Our seminar "Genealogy – All about Life" is scheduled for September 19, 2015 at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Barbara Johnson and her committee have lined up two excellent speakers to broaden our research options and outlook on new technologies available for our hobby.

The speakers are Jill Morelli and Mary Kathryn Kozy. Jill is very knowledgeable and an energetic speaker. She will be speaking on "Just Do It! Writing Your Family History" and "My Top Ten Tech Tools I Really Use -- and So Can You!" Also we have Mary Kathryn Kozy, a very well-qualified speaker, speaking on "Researching In Newspapers" and "Google and Its Genealogy Tools". There is something for everyone including door prizes and raffles!

Barbara Johnson and her committee have done a fine job of organizing our seminar so it should be fun and informative. As we approach our registration deadlines we expect more folks to get signed up. Some folks my age "don't buy green bananas" either. But now is the time to register. Further details and registration information with forms are available elsewhere in this newsletter. Git-R-Done!

Volunteers are stepping up to fill the jobs of setting up, taking down and cleaning up but extra hands are always welcome. This includes the Friday before the seminar day for setting up. Check with Barbara Johnson or myself for the work schedule and details.

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The bottom line is register today and enjoy our seminar!

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IRISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S PRE-1864 MARRIAGE FINDER

This free database from the Irish Genealogical Society has nearly fifty thousand references to pre - 1864 Irish marriages: http://www.irishancestors.ie/?page_id=1926.

ARE YOU PERFORMING REVERSE SEARCHES?

The following articles are from (c) Michael John Neill, "Genealogy Tip of the Day," < [http:// genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com](http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com)>

Sometimes it does not hurt to search for people you have already found in an index using different search parameters. I also search for images I've found on FamilySearch databases as some are incomplete without making it clear to the user that they are still "in progress." This recent blog post on Rootdig discusses an incomplete database with such an issue.



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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

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO OUR SVGS MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year in an odd year when our society needs nominees for the positions of treasurer and vice president. Our society runs on the strength of our volunteer members.

Lois LeBlonde has done a fine job as our treasurer but has handled the reins of our treasury wagon for four years. She plans to retire from it at the end of this year. A bit of accounting or book keeping knowledge and computers would be helpful.

As vice president Carol Torset has brought in excellent program speakers for our membership meetings for the past two years. Her busy life has pushed her to retire at the end of this year. Carol plans to have programs arranged for well into next spring. A volunteer jumping into this position would have time to get their feet on the ground before setting up futs president I'm to select members for our NominatingA Committee. I currently have our Membership Chair Christine Cooper scanning our membership list for folks who may be able to handle the treasurer and vice president positions. There are two more spots on this committee for me to fill. Someone who is familiar with some of our local membership would be helpful. Are there any takers? Contact me as noted below. Last year Hazel Rasar reached out with her long arm and caught me. I have found the experience of working with a great bunch of dedicated volunteers well worth my time.

What I'd really like is for you as members to consider taking on one of these officer positions. Our board and current office holders would certainly step up to help you transition into your new volunteer position. Thank you for your consideration.

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Roger and Barbara Gorham visited the whale museum at Friday Harbor where I saw this great genealogy

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.

Find Ancestors in Marriage Record Alternatives

When your own ancestral couples walked down the aisle and said their "I Do's" in front of witnesses, friends and family, little did they know they were becoming genealogists' best friends.

For each marital union, records of all sorts were being created-and, we hope, recorded and kept. At the church level you may uncover marriage banns, marriage returns or registers and marriage certificates. At the town or county level you may find marriage intentions, bonds, licenses, returns or registers, prenuptial contracts and certificates. And, of course, if things went sour there were divorce petitions (many of which might not have been granted). The fact is that these records can provide valuable information about your ancestors.

Marriage Record Alternatives

When you can't find a marriage record, try these other possibilities:

Newspapers: Look for wedding and anniversary announcements. Obituaries may also tell when the person was married.

Census records: Particularly 1900 and 1910, which asked for the number of years married. The 1850, 1860 and 1880 censuses asked if married within the year, and 1870 asked for the month of marriage if married within the year. The 1930 census asked for the age at first marriage.

Pension applications: When applying for a widow's pension, women had to provide supporting documents to prove their marriage and birth of their children. Men, too, may have given marriage information on their pensions. You may find testimonials to marriages or the actual family Bible pages, torn out and submitted to the government to prove the marriage.

Naturalization records: Before 1922, a wife automatically became a citizen when her husband did. In post-1906 naturalization records, you may find the date of marriage recorded.

Court documents: Look at all the deeds and other court records the couple created. You might find mention of when a couple married, especially if a land transaction dealt with inheritable property.

Divorce petitions: Even if your ancestral couple wasn't granted a divorce, always look for a petition. There are significantly larger numbers of petitions than actual divorces granted. The petition may give you the exact date of a marriage or the number of years the couple was married when the petition was filed.

Home sources: Don't forget that oral history, family Bibles, diary entries, letters and other family papers may be the best and only source for a date of marriage.

Tylor Moss
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**It's all about
LIFE!**

Genealogy Seminar

Sat., September 19

8:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

**MOUNT VERNON SENIOR CENTER
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~ Featuring ~

Mary Kathryn Kozy & Jill Morelli

- Just Do It! Writing Your Family History
- Google Tools for Genealogy
- Top 10 Tech Tools You Can Use Too!
- Researching Newspapers

REGISTER BY SEPT. 1

\$40.00 / Current SVGS members

\$45.00 / non-SVGS members

After Sept. 1st Admission is \$50/person

Space is limited! Early registration is advised.



FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER ONLINE:

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2015 Programs

[September 12th](#)

[October 10th](#)

[November 7th](#)

Genealogy and Google presented by George Ridgeway

My Ancestor's Story - Limit 3 minutes/member presented by EVERYONE

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

Orphaned Civil War Era Family Photo Album Reunited with Local Family Members

BURLINGTON – On June 28, 2015 the Skagit Valley Herald published an article concerning a vintage family-photograph album. The album was discovered in a box of used books donated to the Burlington Public Library. The album was passed on to the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) in hopes that genealogists could find the family associated with the photographs. “Several family historians read the article and eagerly took up the pursuit of the album's family. After studying the genealogists' research notes and making numerous phone calls to possible family members, the album finally is reunited with its direct family,” said Margie Wilson, SVGS Librarian, who coordinated the detective work.

The family members gathered on July 20 at the Burlington Library to look at the photographs and discuss who in the family should now care for the album. The decision was to entrust the care of the album to Jean McLeod of Bellingham. At age 97, she is the oldest surviving descendant of the Dulin family of Burlington. Ms. McLeod will have the most intimate knowledge of her ancestors mentioned in the album. It was agreed that her son, Bruce McLeod, who is an avid genealogist himself, will capture more family stories from his mother when she examines the album. He will then share those stories with the other family members who have expressed a keen interest in the album and its future care. “It was very satisfying to help reunite the album with its proper family and to work with resourceful volunteer genealogists who were inspired by the original newspaper article and helped provide clues as to its proper long-term fate. In addition to our educational programs about family history research the photo album search presented a special opportunity for SVGS to engage community genealogists as well as help preserve local family history. SVGS wishes to thank Christine Cooper, Duane C. Holmes, and Bruce and Lee Matson for their research and documentation that helped solve the mystery of the discarded photo album.” said Margie Wilson.



For more information about SVGS' programs, publications, genealogy research assistance, and its upcoming educational seminar on Saturday, September 19 at the Mount Vernon Senior Center visit skagitvalleygenealogy.org or email svgsgenealogy@gmail.com.

Dulin-Bradford descendants gathered at the Burlington Public Library on July 20 to determine the long-term caretaker of the Civil War era photograph album.

Seated left to right: Margie Wilson, SVGS Librarian; Edith O'Brien, of Mount Vernon, holding the family album; and Kay Brown, from Anacortes.

Standing left to right: Harold and Leona Randolph, Lake Havasu, AZ; Loren Cavanaugh of Burlington; Bruce McLeod of Bellingham; and genealogists Bruce and Lee Matson of Mount Vernon. Not shown is genealogist, Duane C. Holmes of La Conner who compiled his research on multiple lines of the Dulin family and donated his documentation to the SVGS



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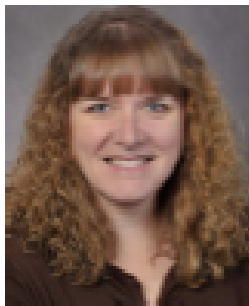
12th Annual Seminar

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

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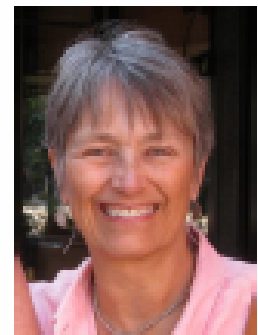
"Genealogy - All About Life"



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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