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I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. This year is going fast. If you missed our 25th anniversary, it was a nice time. We had Rita give the History of the Skagit Valley

Genealogical Society. Bob Witherspoon a member of the Washington State Genealogical Society was there to give us a speech on our success. There was a presentation of silver certificates of the charter members who are Sharon Johnson, Carol Oglesbee, Dottie Cross, Colleen Thulen and Mary Jo Wolden. These were presented by Hazel. Dottie presented the Lifetime members with certificates and they were Hazel Rasar, Shirley Fisher, Laura Sparr and Sharon Johnson. After the presentations Dan spoke about the Special History Books which is very soon to be published. He showed us a rough draft of the books. Then we had socializing with cake and refreshments. Thank you everyone who attended.

I hope that the society can last another 25 years, but it will take new and old members to help keep it alive. Remember we are here to help each other with support and help one another. We are also here to preserve history and its record as well as meeting new friends that share a common interest. Most people use computers now a days but we still need hard copied for back ups.

Remember September is around the corner and we will be resuming our meetings. Nominations are open for President and Secretary still. Step up and be a volunteer for those positions or other projects.

Dottie Chandler, President

### 25 Years of Genealogy

§ The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society was officially formed in January 1987 to promote interest in family history and genealogy. The society will have a celebration on June 23, 2012, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Burlington Library honoring all past and present members of the society with special honors to our charter members, Dottie

Cross, Sharon Johnson, and Colleen Thulen.
The society currently meets on the fourth
Tuesday of the months of March, April, May,
June, September and
October at 7:00 pm.
Meetings for November,
January and February
are held on the fourth
Saturday at 1:00 pm at

the Burlington Library. Meetings are open to anyone interested in genealogy.

§ The history of Skagit Valley Genealogical Society began in the 1970s when a group of interested individuals formed study groups with a shared interest in genealogy. These persons met monthly at the Mount Vernon Library. They shared their successes, and their problems (brick walls). They carpooled to visit other societies, Seattle



Dottie Chandler presenting Lifetime Membership certificates to Hazel Rasar and Sharon Johnson.

libraries, National Archives and other repositories to do research.

During this period the Church of the Latter
Day Saints opened the Family History Center in Mount Vernon; that resource opened another access to records in Salt Lake City, Utah.

§ Interest in genealogy was increasing, so in

November 1986, an

article was placed in the newspaper to see if there was enough interest to form a local genealogy society. With the assistance of two members of the Whatcom County Genealogical Society, bylaws and a charter were drawn. Skagit Valley Genealogical Society was officially formed on January 1, 1987 as a non-profit group and recognized

ety by the Washington State Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. There were fourteen charter members. § For 25 years the society has continued to follow the mission statement to promote interest in genealogy

as a formal soci-

Co-Editors of the long awaited book of Genealogical biographies from the Society—Dan Royal and Hazel Rasar present a mock-up of the two volume set. 'Skagit County Washington and Its People!' is close to being done. Content pages and Indexing are the final issues to tackle. See the flyer on page 15 asking for your interest to be on the mailing list.

through education for members and the community at large. This has been accomplished through knowledge-able speakers willing to share their expertise in research at monthly meetings of the society. The society has sponsored public seminars, conferences, classes, and in recent years special events during October which has been designated as Family History Month. The society publishes a newsletter 5 times a year and an annual journal of pertinent genealogical material annually. § Another resource available to society members and to the local community

is the societies collection of genealogical materials in the realm of books, magazines, CDs and other media. The society collection is housed in a special section at the Burlington Library. In 1988 a small donation of books was the beginning of the library collection which has recently grown to over 1,720 books and manuscripts. An expansion of the

genealogical section has recently occurred. This collection contains reference books, resources for every state, books relating specifically to Skagit County and many military books. Our library is open to the public 6 days a week with research assistance from society

members from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm every Monday except for specific days when the library is closed.

§ The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society has provided 25 years of genealogy assistance to its members and the community and will continue with its mission of education and preservation of genealogical material. For further information contact society president, Dottie Chandler, 360-757-0966. Email at dotcom10@frontier.com or visit the society website at: http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs.

# Skagit Valley Genealogical Society 20 Years Old!

Extracted from the 2007 Summer Journal By Hazel Rasar

Officially, the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society turned 20 years old, on January 1, 2007. A small group of people decided to form a "new society" in the genealogical community in 1987.

The roots of the society go much farther back, however. Many of the original members were part of a study group lead by Marjory Johnson. Her interest in the hobby began in the early 1950s.

Frances Byford believed that the study groups actually started about 1978. There were two groups, one met in the afternoons and the other in the evenings. The afternoon group met at the Mount Vernon City Library. Susan Bos attended the evening group which also met at the library, and this group later moved to Marjory's home.

The groups offered one-on-one instruction and opportunity to share a hobby. At that time, attendance was small, normally six to eight people. There was sharing of problems, successes, and car-pooling to Seattle libraries, archives and other places of research. It was also during this time period that the Church of the Latter Days Saints opened the Family History Center in Mount Vernon, providing access to the many resources of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Marjory also conducted classes at the Senior Center. She spread her love and knowledge of genealogy to many people in Skagit County.

Sharon Johnson and Colleen Thulen joined the group in the early 1980s. At this time there was only one group which met at the Mount Vernon City Library in the afternoon on the first Wednesday of each month. These small group meetings continued until the death of Marjory Johnson.

This small group wondered what they would do without their leader, but a member of the group for about 2 years, Betty Fellion stepped forward to fill the void. She was small in stature, gentle in voice, quiet, and not one you would expect to take over. But she was a champion, saw a need and filled it.

On November 5, 1986, a meeting was held at the Knotty Pine Restaurant in Mount Vernon. Six members decided to place an article in the newspaper to see if anyone else was interested in forming an area genealogical society. Dolores "Dee" Ackerman and Zelda Stout of the Whatcom Genealogical Society attended this meeting to assist in giving helpful information on what to do towards "Society" formation. Charter members listed in the minutes of that meeting were: Dee Ackerman, Edna Bainter, Dottie Burr, Betty Fellion, Ann Flath, Sharon Johnson, Gen McMullen, John Marian, Carol Oglesbee, Hazel Pilkinton, Colleen Thulen, Nola VanWieringen, Lois Wold and Mary Jo Wolden.

In January 1987, the first officers were chosen and the bylaws and charter of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society were drawn. Officers were: Betty Fellion, President; John Marion, Vice-President; Carol Oglesbee, Secretary; and Colleen Thulen, Treasurer. Betty was an encouraging guide for the new organization, and despite health problems she was able to complete her presidential term in May 1988. Membership had increased to 52, by the time of Betty's death that summer. Both Marjory and Betty left genealogical books to the group, thus planting the seeds for our ever expanding library. Our society library is presently situated at the Burlington Public Library at 900 Fairhaven Ave., Burlington.

During the following years our membership continued to grow and flourish. Every two years we have managed to find people who have volunteered to fill the positions for the different offices and the positions necessary to maintain a Board of Directors for the Society. Our current membership is in excess of 150 very enthusiastic people. Many are just beginning to do their search for ancestors



and others have a great deal of experience. We encourage our experienced members to assist the beginners in getting started the correct methods of research and documentation of their ancestral families.

# Extractions from Society Minute Book from 1987- June 1996

A group of ladies had been meeting at the home of Marjorie Johnson and then the Mount Vernon library researching their ancestry. They were aware of the Bellingham chapter (Whatcom Genealogical Society) and invited a couple of people from that organization to come to Skagit County and assist with starting a Society here locally. They held an exploratory meeting on Nov 5, 1986 at the Knotty Pine Café in downtown Mount Vernon. There were 6 people present. Marjorie Johnson had passed away and they collected \$45 toward the purchase of research books in her honor. Dee Ackerman and Zelda Stout from the Whatcom Society were present at that meeting.

They placed an article in the newspaper for a meeting on Dec 5, 1986, to see how much interest they could find in starting a society locally.

On January 7, 1987 they held the first official meeting of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society with 24 members and 2 visitors. Donations of books, magazines and periodicals were accepted. A time was set for the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm for regular meetings.

The following are listed as charter/board members of this fledgling society:

Betty Fellion – President

Edna Bainter - Publicity

John Marian – Vice President

Carol Oglesbee – Secretary

Nola Van Wieringen

Ann Flath

Colleen Thulen – Treasurer

Lois Wold

Sharon Johnson – Programs

Hazel Pilkinton

Genevieve McMullen

Mary Jo Walden

Dottie Burr (now Cross)

Dolores Acker-

In February, Janet Armbrust joined the group, started a card file with code numbers and listing surnames being researched by each member. Janet was extremely knowledgeable and often held classes and gave programs. By April this group had established a library, a filing system

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for surnames & locations being researched, a name of the organization and a time for regular meetings. They also decided to ask each member to purchase and wear a name tag to meetings and to join the Washington State Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. It was determined that visitors should be allowed to attend for 2 meetings and then asked to join.

Some of the earliest records used by this organization were Family Group Sheets, Pedigree Charts, Census Records and Funeral Home Records and how to use them and how important they were to get started in the right direction. Janet Armbrust, a genealogist, gave the first programs in October 1987 and Peyton Kane began introducing the idea of using computers in genealogy.

First newsletter was published in October 1987 by Mildred Collett and Peyton Kane. These were handed out at meetings. Bylaws were written by September 1987 and Sharon Johnson signed the charter and the Articles of Incorporation for our non-profit status.

In January of 1988, one year after the founding of the society, Edna Bainter, began collecting obituaries from local Skagit County newspapers and gluing them on 5 X 7 cards and keeping them in a file where they could be easily retrieved. At this time they decided to hold a contest to see how many older obituaries each member could contribute to the files. In this way they were able to build this into a useful tool which is still being used today.

Some of the early members I found listed in 1988 are: Claudia Ebsworth, Edna Bainter, Gertrude Hammond, Vera Stuber, Peyton Kane, Colleen Thulen, Mildred Collett, Genevieve McMullen, Eda Olney, Julie Steves, Lois Wold, Anita Jackson, Janet Armbrust, Dottie Burr, Nola Van Wieringen, Virginia Crandall, Cora Kyle, JoAn Duckworth, Margery Tally, Arnold Stewart, Dolly Marquart and I joined the society in June of 1988. These names are found on an early membership list for the society. In October of 1988 John and Shirlee Fisher joined the society and John was instrumental in getting the Burlington Public Library to grant us space for our research books and materials.

The following three pages are a reprint of the very first Newsletter put out by the Society. Enjoy!

## The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society



# NEWSLETTER

Volume I, No. 1

October-November 1987

The Newsletter is a publication of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society of Skagit County.

Mail address: P. O. Box 715, Conway, WA 98238.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Library, 315 Snoqualmie in downtown Mount Vernon, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except for December. Membership is \$5 per year and is open to all persons interested in genealogical and historical research, preservation, and publication.

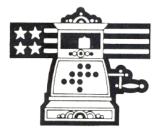
#### Current Events

Member Peyton Kane, a genealogical computer instructor, will present the program on October 27. He will have a beginning researcher demonstrate the use of the Personal Ancestory File on a Kaypro Computer 2X at the meeting. He will also give suggestions on compiling information and record keeping prior to obtaining a computer.

The present board of officers have agreed to remain in office until May in order to assure a smooth transition to new officers, and to continue the task of writing the constitution and bylaws for the new organization. As soon as possible the board will present these documents to members for their ideas, suggestions, and approval. Then they will be forwarded to the proper authorities to allow the society to obtain status as a non-profit organization and to gain a bulk mailing permit.

All members are requested to turn in their Surname Index cards on the family names they are researching. See Janet Ambrust for details.

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(Current Events cont.) Betty Fellion, president, is in need of several persons to fill volunteer positions.

Let her know of your interests and willingness to assist. Members are requested to save sales slips from

these stores: Family Grocer (Stewart's), Thrifty Foods, and Today's Markets.

The stores will contribute one percent of the totals towards our organization.

Bring your receipts to Betty at the meetings. (Her phone number is 856-0119.)

The membership committee has compiled a list of current members. This was passed out at the September meeting. There are 41 persons listed as paid members, 15 from Mount Vernon, 8 from Burlington, 5 from Anacortes, and 3 from Sedro Wooley, the rest are primarily from the county. Members may want to consider car-pooling for meetings and for research opportunities.

Roberta Peterson will present the November program, titled "Be Your Own Photographer." She will tell us how to save money by copying our own older photographs and tintypes, using a minimum of equipment. According to member Genevive McMullen, Roberta will bring several albums showing examples of work.

Our October speaker was Beth Dalleski, author, who gave advice and encouragement to those writing family histories. She suggests one should not expect to be perfect on the first attempt, but plan to revise. She said the addition of political and other historical information in a book can assist in understanding the actions of early family members. She urges all writers to send for copyright information early in order to protect your own writing, and to be aware of rules governing the use of other writers' materials.

There will be no regular society meeting in December, however, there will be a board meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Due to library schedules it is not possible to meet earlier in the month. In December, the board will meet on Wednesday, December 9. The tentative date for the January board meet is January 6. Board meetings begin at 1 p.m. Members are welcome to attend.

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#### Thumbnail Historical Sketch

The first meeting of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society was held in January 1987. Betty Fallion explained, "There were several of us who had been students of Marjorie Johnson. We had been meeting informally for about two years with the experienced genealogist. After her death last year, our group received a number of valuable genealogical books from Marjorie's library. We called an organizational meeting to see if there was sufficient interest to start a genealogical society here."

There was a good response and interest remains high, though no meetings were planned for the past summer. A Beginner's Genealogist Class was held in the spring, and a second one was held recently. Both were under the guidance of Janet Ambrust.

Many of the current officers were members of the early study group.

Officers are: Betty Fellion, president; John Marion, vice-president; Carol

Oglesbee, secretary; and Colleen Thulen, treasurer. Sharon Johnson and Gen

McMullen are on the program committee; Ann Flath, Nola Van Wieringen, and Edna

Bainter are on the membership committee, and Edna also handles publicity.

In addition to Janet Ambrust as genealogist, other committees include Lois Wold for bylaws; Mildred Collett, publication; and Colleen Thulen, in charge of refreshments. Incidentally, the society is to be commended on offering a "healthful alternative" refreshment choice for persons on restricted diets. It is important that all members volunteer for their turns with refreshments, and assist in the many tasks where their talents and interests will be appreciated. Additional or expanded committees may be necessary in the future.





As we head into the winter months and the holiday season, this is a good time to plan on including a few pieces of your family research information in Christmas cards and letters to distant relatives. Share your knowledge and share the fun!

## Current and Past Membership List

A herculean effort was made by current Membership Chair Christine Cooper to record all past and current members of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society from its inception in 1987. We know that a few folks could be missing, so we invite you to let us know who might need to be listed.

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Aberle, William Fergus
Abrams, Harvey
Ackerman, Dee ^^
Adams, Barbara
Addie, Nancy
Allen, Barbara
Allen, Della
Allen, James
Allen, Josephine
Almvig, Lynne
Alvino, Howard
Alvino, LisAnne
Ambuehl, Barry

Ammons, Phyllis Deanna Ammons, Sylvia Anderson, David Anderson, David O. Anderson, Elaine Anderson, Evelyn Anderson, Harvey Anderson, Pauline Anderson, Yvonda Armbrust, Earl Arndt, Arthur Arndt, MaryAnn Arthur, Lorraine Ashley, Della Avery, Yvonne Avila, Pamilla

Bachman, Kelly

Bainter, Edna ^^

Bainter, Leonard
Baker, Carol Jean
Baker, Vickey
Ball, Richard H.
Barb, Billie
Bardue, David
Bardue, Mollie
Barger, Beverly
Barnes, Christopher J.
Barnier, Chadyane
Barsness, Bonnie
Bartelmey, Patricia
Bartholomew, Dave
Baylor, Stephen (Reg Rep)
Becker, Colleen

Bednar, Donell Bednar, Darilee Bell, Kathryn J. Bell, Marilyn Benedict, Don H. Benedict, Virginia Bennett, Eugene Bennett, Rene Bense, Janet Berentson, Joyce Berg, Marjorie Kay Berntson, Laura Lee Bettendorf, Jolene Blazek, Lynn Bloedel, Donna Bodin, Barbara Bonafede, Nancy Bond, Jeannie Bos, Susan Bourasaw, Noel Bradburn, Ione Bradford, Peter

Branby, Winnifred "Loree" Breitling, Karen Margaret

Bretuing, Karen Margar Bretvick, Helen Brevik, Lois Brown, Donald Parker Brown, Janet L. Brown, Ronald Clyde Broyles, Carol Bruno, Joan Buchanan, Joan Buller, Merlene Bunk, Sandra Burke, Nancy Burke, Terrence

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Burnett, Elma

Buzzell, Mary Byford, Frances Byker, John A. Byker, Kathleen G. Cammock, Shaun Carle, Stephanie Crista Diaz Carlstrom, Charlotte Carlyle, Marguerite

Carlyle, Marguerite
Carol, Mark
Carol, Rose
Carpenter, Eileen
Carrig, Maurine
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Cook, Don
Cook, Rose Marie
Cookson, Margaret
Cooper, Christine
Cornwell, Marilyn
Cotton, Carol
Crandall, Virginia
Crawford, Sharon L.

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Doran, Patricia L.
Duckworth, JoAn
Duffied, Linda
Dunham, Anne T
Dunham, Robert
Dye, Marilyn
Earnst, Kathleen
Earnst, Kenneth
Earp, Walter R.
Ebsworth, Claudia
Eddy, Frances Helen
Eddy, James Albert
Ehlers, Carol Jean

Donovan-Smith, Cherie A.

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Fasso, D. Eileen
Faulkner, Viola M.
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Fisher, John \*\*
Fisher, Keith
Fisher, Shirlee \*\*
Fitzgeralsd, W. David
Fitzgeraqld, Alice W.
Flaherty, Maxine
Flath, Ann Robbins ^^
Floetke, Sue
Flores, Lori

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Good, Janet L. Gothberg, Rhonda Jean Graves, David A. Graves. Lvnda L. Gray, Harriet Braun Gray, Lee Green, Albert Green, Peggy M. Greenfield, James L. Greenfield, LaRetta Grisotti, Patricia Ann Gubrud, Sharon Lee Gurr-Armbrust, Janet Hagerty, Betty Hakins, Judith A. Hallenbeck, Katherine Hamilton, George Hamilton, Janet Hammons, Gertrude Haner, Bernice Hansberry, Sally Hansen, Barbara

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Johnson, Ralph

Johnson, Sharon ^^

Johnson, Wilfred "Bill"

Johnson, Stephen

Johnson, Walter

Johnston, JoAnne

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Klaus, Kenneth
Knapp, Eloise M.
Knapp, William
Knorr, Jane
Kott, Marjorie Ruth
Kyle, Carmen
Kyle, Cora
LaBeur, Maria A.
Lacer, Bernadene
Lacer, Joe
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Lang, Marlene
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Langworthy, William Lara, Jacquelin Carole Larsen, Sharon

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LaRue, Kristine Law, Beverly Learned, Miles Leasure, Fran Leatherwood, Evalyn LeBlonde, Joseph LeBlonde, Lois M. Lee, Marjorie Lee, Solveig Marie Lenning, Brad Lesser, Richard J. Libbey, Darlene Lind. Ethel J. Liston, Joyce Little, June E. Little, Robert

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Long, Joan C.
Lopez, Jaccqueline
Lovett, Dale
Lovett, Darlene
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Luvera, Paul
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Nelson, Colleen
Nelson, Frances Jean
Nelson, Larry
Nelson, Martha Mary
Nelson, Nancy J.
Niewiadomski, Sonja
Nogle, Vivian
Nolan, Tammy
Obee, David
Oglesbee Carol
Oldershaw, Marian D.

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Orton, Julie . Osborne, Jaretta Osborne, Kevin

O'Shea, Linda Ouellette, Paula Overby, Kimba Overby, William M. Owens, Carol. F. Owens, Donald Owens, Judith Owens, Linda Page, Tamara Painter, Judy Pallissard, Edwina C Pangburn, Donna Parks, Connie Parks, Ron Partington, Diane Paull, Beverly Maxine Peary, Jack

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Pelkey, Jeanne
Pelland, Mary Ann
Pelland, Robert H.
Penneke, Beverly (Pinneke)
Penoyer, Lynn M.
Perrault, Michael J.
Perrault, Susan
Perrin, Patricia
Perry, Angel
Perry, Janet Vicki

Perry, Angel
Perry, Janet Vicki
Perry, Ron
Perry, Scott
Peters, Beverly
Peterson, Joan "Jody"
Peterson, Maxine
Peterson, Sallie
Phillips, John Richard "Dick"

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**Thomas H. Robinson,** 74 of La Conner passed away June 5, 2012. He was born in Mount Vernon on January 26, 1938 to Harold M. and Theresa E. (McMackin) Robinson (of Sedro-Woolley), both children of early white settlers in Skagit County. Tom was reared on a dairy farm along the McLean Road in the flats west of Mount Vernon.

He attended school from 1944 in Mount Vernon at the Roosevelt, Washington and Lincoln elementary schools; graduating from Mount Vernon High School in 1956. In his senior year he took the World History course taught by Dr. Norwood M. Cole at Skagit Valley College.

Tom earned his Bachelor's degree in philosophy at Stanford University; a Master's degree in history from the University of Washington; and a Doctor of Philosophy degree (in British History) from the Claremont Graduate University. Between 1964 and 1973 he taught history and philosophy courses at Wenatchee Valley College.

After completion of his doctorate he taught the same subjects for the University of Maryland's University College on numerous American military bases in East Asia, the western Pacific and also in Europe for over twenty years. He most en-

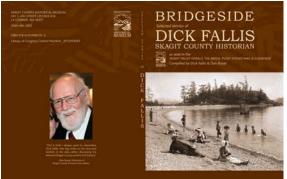
joyed teaching courses on the history of the American Revolution and on the history of political philosophy.

At the time of his retirement in 1997 he was the director of the Maryland program in the Republic of Korea and the chair of the history and philosophy departments of Maryland's Asian Division.

After retirement Tom at first lived in Seattle, but in 2002 he returned to his roots, settling in the town of La Conner. He was engaged in writing a history of the town of La Conner and of the neighboring La Conner Flats, seeking to illustrate by means of it the histories of American small towns in the years from the 1860's to the 1920's. He also served on the boards of the Skagit County Historical Museum, the La Conner Institute of Performing Arts and the Shakespeare Northwest Association.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 11:00 am at Mount Vernon Cemetery. A reception will follow in the Social Room at Kern Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Skagit County Historical Museum, POB 818, La Conner, WA 98257-0818. *Tom was a former member of SVGS and for a time our Heritage Historian.* 



Skagit County Historical Society is pleased to announce the publication of "Bridgeside: Selected Stories of Dick Fallis Skagit County Historian". Dick left a legacy of writings about the history of Skagit County through columns he wrote for Skagit Valley Herald, The Argus, Puget Sound Mail and elsewhere. "Bridgeside" is the 10th book in the Award-Winning series of Skagit County History books published by the Historical Society since 1970. First copies of the book will be available at the Pioneer Picnic – August 2nd at Pioneer Park in La Conner. "Bridgeside" will be available exclusively at the Skagit County Historical Museum store.

The Museum is located at 501 S. 4th Street, at the top of the hill in La Conner. Admission: Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Families \$8. For more information call 360.466.3365 or visit www.skagitcounty.net/museum

#### They Dig For Roots

By Ginger Houston

It all began in 1978 when a group of eight friends, who were all researching their "family trees," formed a study group to share their problems and solutions.

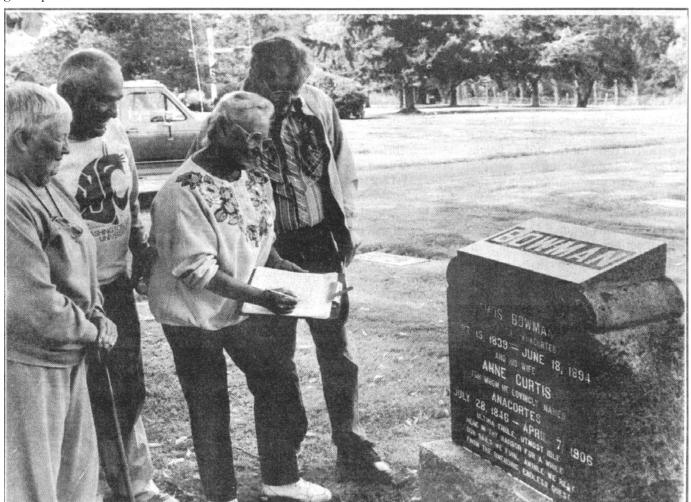
In January 1987, the Skagit Valley elected their first officers. By the summer of 1988 there were 52 members and as they prepare to celebrate the society's eighth birthday, membership has grown to 140 strong.

The Skagit County Genealogical Society's mission is one of education and the preservation of historical sites and heritage materials. The society has established a library of genealogical material at the Burlington Library. A volunteer member is on duty every Monday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to assist members and the public gathering genealogical information.

SVGS spends a portion of its budget each year on new books. They have published *The Pioneer Book of Skagit County* as well as a newsletter. They sponsor several genealogical seminars and special classes each year, including one for beginners. They also enjoy field trips to libraries and archives.

I have utilized their services several times over the past three years while researching various stories. Most recently, the series of stories on Grandma Kavanaugh was greatly enriched through the efforts of SVGS members, John and Shirlee Fisher.

Not long ago a tombstone showed up at a small cemetery in another part of the state. The caretaker of the cemetery contacted the SVGS for assistance. Through their accumulated research the members were able to return the stone to its rightful place.



As a hobby, genealogical research is second only to stamp collecting. SVGS is a diverse group. Some members are doing their research as faraway as Europe, while others are primarily interested in the records of their pioneer families right here in Western Washington.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society welcomes anyone interested in historical and genealogical research. They meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, August and December) at 7 p.m., in the Good Shepherd Hall of the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 1511 E. Broadway.

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For additional information call John and Shirlee Fisher.

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#### SUMMER SEMINAR



# EXPOSING YOUR ROOTS with FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

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#### **Presenters**

ERIC STROSCHEIN is a professional genealogist. He has attended the National Institute of Genealogical Research Washington D.C., the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University, and the Salt

Lake Institute in Salt Lake City. He specializes in military records of the 19th Century but has very wide genealogical interests. Eric is an active member of several local, state, and national genealogical organizations as well as being a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speakers Guild.

CLAUDIA BRELAND is a professional genealogist. She is



a librarian and paralegal who has been doing genealogical research since 1974. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National

Genealogical Society. She has written articles for the national website Archives.com, the APG Quarterly, and her local newspaper, and has worked with clients across the United States and internationally.

STEPHEN ERIC BAYLOR has been active in genealogy for



many years. He is a charter member and remains active in the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society where he has served in various roles. He has also served the Washington State Genealogical Society as Education Chairperson and is Past President of both societies. Stephen is currently Region

One Representative on the WSGS Board. In 2008 Stephen was appointed by Secretary of State, Sam Reed, to serve as a representative of the genealogical community on the Washington State Historical Records Advisory Board.

TERESA SCHULZE lives in Olympia, WA and her mother is a member of SVGS. She has given this presentation with many compliments. She has assisted her mother with genealogical research for many years and has traveled many parts of the United States gathering family history information.

#### **Program Schedule**

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Registration & Coffee

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Keynote: Eric Stroschein FACTS, LIES, TRUTH & INTERNET TRUTHS: Oh the Tangled Web They Weave

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Claudia Breland Finding & Using Historic Newspapers

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Stephen E. Baylor The Basics of Using Ancestry.com

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Break

☐ 10:15 a.m. − 11:15 a.m. Claudia Breland Beyond Ancestry - Part I

10:15 a. m. – 11:15 a.m. Stephen E. Baylor Using the Washington State Digital Archives

11:20 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Eric Stroschein Early 1800 Military Records: Treasure Troves of Family

■ 11:20 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Theresa Schulze Electronic Genealogy Scrapbooking

12:30 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Eric Stroschein A Funny Thing Happened at the Archives

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Claudia Breland Beyond Ancestry - Part II

☐ 1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Eric Stroschein Finding & Using Federal Land Records

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break Door Prize Drawings

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Eric Stroschein Genealogical Proof Standards, Sources & Documentation

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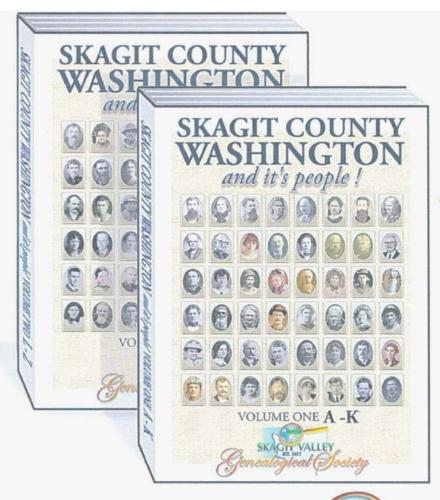
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