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Message from the Board and the desk of the President...

Spring is here and it is a time of renewal. Review your genealogy. Dust off those ancestral brick walls and take a fresh look. Sometimes inspiration comes when looked at after a break from your research.

New resources are appearing on the internet that were not available when you last looked at those brick walls. Historical and modern newspapers are being digitized, making it easier to locate those much needed obituaries or articles that may include mention of an ancestor or descendant. Other records are being digitized and indexed or extracted by ancestry.com, familysearch.org and the Washington State Digital Archives. Help others with their research by volunteering to help with these projects. Both familysearch.org and the WA Digital Archives need the help of volunteers. The work can be done at home at your own speed and convenience. Many local societies have projects that they need volunteers for.

Best of all keep active in your local and state society. Mixing with others who have genealogy as a hobby can help keep you inspired and even open your eyes to new sources and helps that you may have overlooked. Talking to others about your brick walls may even lead to new clues or new ways to look at the data you've collected. It is also fun to be with others who are willing to listen to your ups and downs in your quest to find your ancestors.

Best of luck and good hunting.

Sue Semenza Ericksen, President

IT IS COMING!!! The Washington State Genealogical Conference 2011!!

The Theme: **Building Ancestral Bridges**

The Location:: In the Tri-Cities at **Richland**

The Date: September 16 and 17, 2011

The website for the Washington State Genealogical Conference (WSGS) hosted by the Tri-City Genealogical Society is open for business at this link:

<http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wsgs2011/index.htm>

They have several areas set up for you to investigate: *About Us* covers information about the Tri-Cities Genealogical Society, an Events and Calendar, Program Main Topics, Breakout Topics and Local Activities along with Maps. They also have contact information like the address to the location of the conference and even a picture. Also how to contact TCGS if you have questions. They also have the costs of the conference on the website so you can start planning.

Registration is not yet open but will begin sometime in May, so mark your calendar and check back often for more information.

The main speaker is Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL. She will present: Social Networking for Genealogist, Death Has Many Faces, Elements of a Useful Research Road Map, Discovering Our Ancestors' Neighborhood. In addition there will be breakout sessions that cover many topics—see the Breakout Topic section on the website for what will be presented.



Washington State Genealogical Society



2011 Annual Conference
September 16 –17, 2011



Hosted by the *TRI-CITY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY* at Richland Baptist Church, 1632 George Washington Way, Richland, WA. Fri., 5:00 – 9 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 pm; Registration at 7:30 a.m.

FEATURED SPEAKER:

PATRICIA WALLS STAMM, CG, CGL

“Social Networking for Genealogists:”

“Death Has Many Faces;”

“Elements of a Useful Research Road Map;” and

“Discovering Our Ancestor’s Neighborhood.”



Choose 3 from breakout session topics planned:

Blogging, tax records, land records, Family Search.org, sources, researching in foreign countries, writing/verifying family history and stories, resources *on and not on* the internet, immigration/naturalization, state and national archives, Legacy genealogy software, 1812 veterans buried in Washington.

Vendors: Family Roots Publishing; NARA; Legacy; Society of U.S. Daughters of 1812.

Friday activities: Visit local Museums, Libraries, Family History Center, & Wineries, plus a Surprise.

Save the dates

*Registration
to start about
May 2011*

For details see the Washington State Genealogical Society’s website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs> for a link to TCGS or go here to conference website: <http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wsgs2011/index.htm>

Come help us Celebrate the 50th ANNIVERSARY of the Tri-City Genealogical Society, 1961-2011

UPCOMING EVENTS In Washington State

Is Your Event Not Listed?

The preferred avenues for listing events in this newsletter is via your regional representative, the newsletter editor or both. If you don't have a regional representative then send it directly to the newsletter editor at BON_MAC@msn.com. Announcements sent to the WSGS mailing address are often too late for the newsletter to post in a timely manner. Next deadline is June 15 for the July-August issue.

MAY 2011

May 2, 2011 The Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "Researching Ancestors in England," by Valerie Newquist. Time: 10 am to 2 pm. Location PSGS 2501 SE Mile Hill Dr., Ste. A102, Port Orchard, WA.

May 2, 2011 CamWood Genealogical Group Meets first Mondays at 1 pm at the Stanwood Historical Society Museum, 27108 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood, WA.

May 2, 2011 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island Special Education classes, 6:00 to 8:00 pm: 'Beginning your Genealogical Journey' Continued. This second of three classes will continue to give you an overall view of the basic concepts of genealogical research and briefly cover such topics as: *Gathering family information; Interviewing relatives; Where to find key records (birth, marriage, death, census, court, military and naturalization); Key genealogy websites; and Other resources (family history centers, local and specialty libraries, state archives, etc.)* Class will be at the Coupeville Public Library, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville.

May 2, 2011 The Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "England Research." Time 1 pm at the Kitsap Transit Meeting Room at the Gateway Center, 2526 6th Street, Bremerton.

May 2, 2011 The Belfair Genealogical Society a part of PSGS will hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 pm in the meeting room of the Timberland Library 23081 NE State Rte 3, Belfair.

May 2, 2011 Kittitas Genealogical Society will present "A Brief History of Thorp," by Tanner Dotzauer, at 7 pm at the KCGS Library at 413 No. Main Suites L & M, Ellensburg, WA

May 4, 2011 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society Business meeting at 6:30 pm at the Alderwood Manor Heritage Association cottage (next door to Humble House), 19903 Poplar Way, Lynnwood. "What's New on FamilySearch," by Jean Neilson. Program starts at 7 pm.

May 4, 2011 Tri-Cities Genealogical Society will hold their Special 50th Anniversary Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Doris Roberts Room at the Richland Public Library.

May 4, 2011 Fiske Genealogical Library continues with their Spring classes on Wednesdays 10 to 12 noon. A class is offered each week on a specific topic. For more information <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/2011SprClasses.htm>

May 5, 2011 Mason County Genealogical Society holds meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm except July and August. At the Shelton LDS Church 1200 Connection Street in Shelton.

May 5, 2011 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting at the Somerset Retirement Apts. On "Cemeteries—Care and Feeding" (Tentative). Time 7 pm at 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA.

May 7, 2011 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will present "Southern Records," by Kris Harris. Time: 10:15 am at the Yakima Valley Library 1901 S. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA.

May 9, 2011 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will present Education classes at 11:45 am: Beginning Class: Court-houses and why you want to go there. Intermediate Class: To be announced. Program at 1:00 pm: Anita Dragoo will speak about *Memoir Writing: Tips for Getting Started and Keeping Going*. Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland.

May 9, 2011 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island Special Education classes, 6:00 to 8:00 pm: 'Beginning your Genealogical Journey' Continued. This final of three classes will demonstrate using online genealogical databases. Classes will be at the Coupeville Public Library, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville.

May 9, 2011 Whatcom Genealogical Society 7 pm: Program: Tour of the Bellingham Family History Center - What's New. Meeting at Bellingham Family History Center, 2925 James Street, Bellingham; FHC entry at the rear of the building.

May 9, 2011 Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington will hold their meeting at 7 pm at the Stroum JCC, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA. Topic is "150 Years of Jewish History in Washington State," present by Rabbi Jim Mirel. Fee \$5 for non-members.

May 10, 2011 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society at 1 pm Society's Annual Meeting. Meeting at the StVGS Library, 135 Olympic Ave, Arlington

May 10, 2011 Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm until around 3:00 at 2720 Heller Rd, the fire station just north of Crosby Road, Oak Harbor. The program is "Cloud Computing – How to use Web Applications." All are welcome. For more information, contact Ruth Hancock at randr.hancock@frontier.com, 360-675-4086; also Gordon Garnhart at garnhart@whidbey.net, 360-240-8875; or Betty Leitch at bibele@comcast.net, 360-675-3722.

May 10, 2011 The Clark County Genealogical Society will present "Names & Naming Patterns. Time 10 am at the CCGS Library Annex 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver.

May 10, 2011 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting with informal premeeting on "Researching Irish Genealogy," by Pat Wood and refreshments starting at 6 pm at the Bates Technical College. Topic is "Finding Them is Only Part of the Trouble," by Myra Vanderpool Gormley. TPCGS goes on summer break June to September.

May 11, 2011 The Northeast Washington Genealogy Society will present Gary Sheehan who will demonstrate ways to share your genealogy with family without putting them to sleep. Time 10:30 am at the Colville Public Library. In the afternoon Lethan Parks will talk on Collateral lines at 1:30 pm at the LDS Center at Juniper Street.

May 12, 2011 Olympia Genealogical Society Will present "Thomas Kahout," by Lee James. Time: 7 pm, Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg. 1, Room 152.

Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their next meeting at 7 pm in the Bellevue Regional Library 1111 110th Ave NE Bellevue. The topic is "Our Ancestors and Photographs." This will be a sharing by the EGS members.

May 14, 2011 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society holds meetings on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Hoquiam Public Library Meeting Room. Time: 10 am. <http://users.techline.com/ghgs/> Rumor is they are working on a new website!

May 14, 2011 The Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "Census Records & Cemetery Records," Ancestors Episodes 7 & 8. Time: 1 pm PSGS Library.

May 14, 2011 Whitman County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting at 9:30 am at the Kimball Funeral Home, 905 South Grand, Pullman. Their host Bob Warnock will share information about funeral records and give a tour. Please RSVP Sue at 509-635-1303.

May 18, 2011 The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society has a field trip planned to the Cashmere Museum. Cost \$4 for seniors and \$5 otherwise. They will emphasize Native American tribes and artifacts. Time 10 am.

May 20, 2011 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present Karl Kumm from Fiske Genealogical Library on "History of Taxation, Assessment and Voting Records. Time 10 am at the Bainbridge Island Public Library.

May 21, 2011 Jefferson County Genealogical Society holds their meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Time 9:30 location is the Research Library. They have a new website address: <http://wajcgs.org>

May 21, 2011 Clallam County Genealogical Society will present "Masons and the Masonic Order on the Emigrant Trails to Oregon and California," by Jack and Pat Fletcher. Time: 9:45 am at the Carnegie Library 205 S. Lincoln, Port Angeles.

May 21, 2011 The Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "Genealogy 101." Time 1 pm at the Kitsap Transit Meeting Room at the Gateway Center, 2526 6th Street, Bremerton.

May 21, 2011 Heritage Quest Research Library will present a class in Beginning Genealogy, by Jean McLean. Free. Time 9 am at the Research Library, 909 Main St. #5, Sumner.

May 21, 2011 South King County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Topic is "History and Genealogy of the Ramsay Family, Kent Pioneers." Time 9:30 am. at the First Baptist Church of Kent 11420 SE 248th St, Kent.

May 24, 2011 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society 7 pm: Program: Robert Lopresti, from WWU, will discuss Census Enumeration Districts at Western Washington University. If you have Pacific Northwest ancestors, this is the place to be. Robert will give us tips and tricks to find our ancestors. Meeting at the Burlington Community Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave, Burlington.

JUNE 2011

June 1, 2011 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society Business meeting and refreshments at 6:30pm at Alderwood Manor Heritage Association cottage, (next door to Humble House) 19903 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA. Program at 7pm: Gary Zimmerman, of the Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle, on German Research across the Pond from this side.

June 2, 2011 Kittitas Genealogical Society will present "Improving Google Searches," by Jan Camarata, at 7 pm at the KCGS Library, 413 No. Main Suites L & M, Ellensburg.

June 4, 2011 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Picnic at 10 am and the location will be announced.

June 4, 2011 Seattle Genealogical Society will hold their regular meeting at 1 pm at the SGS library the topic will be "Finding Family Treasures—Antiquing for the Genealogist," by Jean A. Roth.

June 6, 2011 CamWood Genealogical Group Meets first Mondays at 1 PM at Stanwood Historical Society Museum, 27108 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood.

June 8, 2011 Tri-Cities Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting at 7 pm at the Franklin County Museum at 305 N. 4th in Pasco.

June 9, 2011 Olympia Genealogical Society Will present "Who Wrote the John Clark Bayless Diary," by Judy Bayless. Time: 7 pm, Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg. 1, Room 152.

June 13, 2011 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island Education classes at 11:45 AM: Beginning Class: Preparing for a research trip or "We're going WHERE for vacation?" Intermediate Class: To be announced. Program at 1:00 pm: Sarah Thorson Little is scheduled to provide another interesting program. Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland.

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Genealogical Seminars and All Day Events in Washington State!!

Check the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter for other great programs throughout our state. The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is June 15, 2011. The Editor

May 7, 2011 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will host Laura G. Prescott, President of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Held at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites 1425 East 27th St., Tacoma, WA \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members. Time 8 am to 4 pm. Here is a link to the brochure <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/2011Prescottflier.pdf> For more information on Laura Prescott go to: www.apgen.org or http://www.apgen.org/directory/search_detail.html?mbr_id=2486 The TPCGS Spring Seminar website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

May 21, 2011 Seattle Genealogical Society will host Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, Forensic Genealogist from 9 to 4 pm at the Nordic Heritage Museum 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA. Deadline for registration is May 14th. Go to this link for a printable brochure and topic information. Brochure gives the fees and lunch menu. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/2011SGSSSpringSeminarbrochure.pdf>

October 8, 2011 Heritage Quest Research Library will present their Fall Seminar—Autumn Quest 2011 at the Tacoma Elks Club, 1965 S. Union Ave., Tacoma, WA. Featured Speaker is Michael John Neill. More details to follow.

EVENTS continued

June 13, 2011 Whatcom Genealogical Society 7 pm: Program: Carol Signett will tell us about "Murder at the Bar on the Snake." Meeting at Bellingham Family History Center, 2925 James Street, Bellingham; FHC entry at the rear of the building.

June 14, 2011 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society 1 PM: Program: Michelle Heiderer will discuss how to successfully use Ancestry.com and the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI). Meeting at the StVGS Library, 135 Olympic Ave, Arlington.

June 14, 2011 Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM until around 3:00 at 2720 Heller Rd, the fire station just north of Crosby Road, Oak Harbor. Program: Steve Baylor will discuss the usefulness of city directories in family history research. For more information, contact Ruth Hancock at randr.hancock@frontier.com, 360-675-4086; also Gordon Garnhart at garnhart@whidbey.net, 360-240-8875; or Betty Leitch at bibele@comcast.net, 360-675-3722.

June 15, 2011 The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will present "Researching in Ireland and Canada," by Dr. Monte Merrill. Time 7 pm at the East Wenatchee Fire Station Meeting Room.

June 17, 2011 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present a Collaborative problem solving workshop, 10 am at the Bainbridge Public Library meeting room.

June 19, 2011 South King County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Topic is "Google Your Family," by Jim Johnson. Time 9:30 am. at the First Baptist Church of Kent 11420 SE 248th St, Kent, WA.

June 25, 2011 Heritage Quest Research Library will present a class on "Newspaper Research," by Jim Johnson. Fee is \$10. Time 9 am at the Research Library, 909 Main St. #5, Sumner, WA

June 28, 2011 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society 7 PM: Program: Eric Stroschein: Military Pensions – Eric will fill us in on how to find your ancestor's military pension files from several US wars. Meeting at the Burlington Community Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave, Burlington.

**News from Eastern Washington
Genealogical Society!**
**EWGS is proud to announce that thanks to
Miriam Robbins Midkiff,
our EWGS blog was listed in the top 40 blogs by
Family History Magazine!!!**

Next WSGS Board Meeting

WSGS will have their next Board Meeting

On Saturday May 21, 2011

The Retreat will be the day before on Friday, May 20, 2011

WSGS board meetings are open to members.

The public is welcome!

Location: Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

1901 S. 12th Ave, Union Gap, WA 98903

Announcement of WSGS New Awards Program!

“WSGS Website Award”

WSGS is initiating a new Awards Program, In conjunction with the current Annual Awards Program, for those individual contributions to our Societies. This Award is to recognize the outstanding efforts of a Genealogical Society in website development. In this technological age, our Society Websites are a vital link to our Societies, providing information and communications with our members and the public at large.

This award will be presented for the “**Best Genealogical Society Website**” in Washington State. The winner will claim bragging rights for the year and be able to display a logo on their website, as well as receive a Certificate of Recognition. The runner-up will receive a Certificate of Recognition.



MAY 5, 2011 12:30 to 3:30 PM

Tea at the Meeker Mansion with Laura Prescott, APG President

How would you like to meet the President
of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG)?

Laura G. Prescott will be in the northwest as the invited Speaker for the

[Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar](#) on May 7th, 2011

Join the [Puget Sound Chapter of APG](#) in having tea with Laura and Cyndi Howells
at the Historic Meeker Mansion in Puyallup.

Go here for a brochure: <http://www.psapg.org/Tea%20at%20the%20Meeker%20Mansion.pdf>

The Historic Meeker Mansion is located at 312 Spring Street, Puyallup, WA

The Tea is \$12.00

RSVP by May 1st (probably so the Mansion can prepare)

but if you miss this date just give Steven W. Morrison (PS-APG Treasurer) a quick email at foxhallguy@comcast.net

More information at this link: <http://www.psapg.org/events.html>

National Conference Spotlight

May 11 to 14, 2011 National Genealogical Society Conference will present “Where the Past is Still Present.” The conference will be held in North Charleston Convention Center in Charleston, South Carolina. Online registration will open on December 1, 2010 at: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info. Only 11 days to this great conference!!!!

September 9-10, 2011 Professional Management Conference of the Association of Professional Genealogists will be held in Springfield, Illinois. Here is the link for more information: <http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html> This conference is held in conjunction with the FGS below.

September 7-10, 2011 Federation of Genealogical Society Conference will present “Pathways to the Heartland” in Springfield, Illinois for more information go to this link: <http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/> This is the conference blog: <http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org/>

Note: Check out local genealogical websites at their events and links sections for some great information on upcoming events. So. King Co. GS has a great page: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/natlcal.html> or the Washington State Genealogical Society website Events: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgscal.htm>

Resources to Remember

by Susan Nahas

PICKNELL@aol.com, Bellingham, Washington

A couple months back I received an email with a school class photo attached. The sender (Arlene in Arlington) wanted to know what school it was. She was guessing the year could have been 1931 based on her grandmother having been born in 1917. Some of the names on the photo were Vogt and Bainter which I recognized as friends and relatives of Ray Bice who passed away a few years ago. I told her I didn't know of anyone now to ask to look at the picture.

Fast forward to this January. the woman who maintains the Haynie cemetery records, Joan, called me because she had received letters from 2 different people asking about some of the earlier burials, how to get obits etc. During the conversation Hillsdale cemetery came up, and I commented about the work Ray Bice had done at Hillsdale. Suddenly I thought of the school photo and told her about it. She thought she knew someone who might be able to help so I emailed her the photo.

Yesterday I received a phone call from Joan. Her daughter had printed out the photo and taken it to an assisted living facility in Blaine. Several people recognized their friends in the picture and were in agreement that it was Birch Bay School. Joan relayed that this photo was a big hit; it was the subject of conversations and socialization for days, and people wanted copies for themselves. It was suggested that if anything else from northern Whatcom County came our way that we share it with these folks.

I contacted the photo owner with the news and she was so excited that she plans to visit the facility and chat with the folks about the early days

By the way, Mother's Day is observed in the U.S. and Canada on the second Sunday in May (May 8, 2011), and Father's Day in the U.S., Canada and the U.K. is celebrated on the third Sunday in June (June 19, 2011).

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Genealogy Society Spotlight—Let's shine the light on the Mason County Genealogical Society. They have a website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wamcgs/> Mason County is northwest of Olympia. The major town is Shelton. They have meetings from Sept to June with a break in the summer. Their newsletter is the Mason Log. The last issue March 2011 was all Irish. They have some links for resources for Mason County. Their website links to the Shelton Memorial Park Cemetery which has a directory of Interred and Map of the park. Roger Newman the WSGS Secretary is their webmaster and he takes pretty pictures. They are planning a Fall Seminar with details coming soon! Meetings are the 1st Thurs of the month at 7 pm.

National Archives and Records Administration

Genealogy Workshops

6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115; phone 206-336-5115 Check this link for more information and the schedule:

<http://www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/seattle/public/workshops.html>

Location: NARA-Pacific Alaska Region, 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Classes are held either in the upstairs Conference Room or in the new Learning Center.

Registration: Advance registration is advised. Classes are held on a first come, first served basis. To register, call 206-336-5115, or e-mail:

seattle.archives@nara.gov, or in person during normal business hours, 7:45 am to 4:15 pm., Mon-Fri. and 9-4 on the second Saturday of each month. We reserve the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment and bad weather.

Seattle Public Library

May 17 The Seattle Public Library Darlene Hamilton teaches Beginning Your Family History Research. 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Level 4, Room 5. Registration is not required.

May 30 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Memorial Day

June 14 The Seattle Public Library Darlene Hamilton gives a tour of the Genealogy Section. 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Meet at the level 9 desk. Registration is not required.

A TIP: Are You Aware?

The [Association of Professional Genealogist](http://www.apgen.org/publications/publiclist/index.html) has a discussion list online for the public. You do not have to be a member to join this online group.

<http://www.apgen.org/publications/publiclist/index.html>

You go to this link and sign up. What does it mean? Well you get exposure to a group of professional genealogist discussing various topics like immigration records, Navy records and more. Computers and equipment are discussed. Questions are answered like a particularly hard census to read. What is happening in the genealogy community. There is an archive described at the above link. It is really filled with a lot of great information from the people who know!!!

If you are considering becoming a professional genealogist this is a good place to get a idea of the types of issues and discussions that go on. It is also a great place to start networking. Check it out!

The WSGS Editor

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across Washington State

Region 4

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For more information about genealogical society officers for an individual society please go to their website. Our genealogical societies are vital and the life blood of genealogy. Please consider being an officer?

A HIDDEN TREASURE OF THE NORTHWEST the University of Washington Libraries

Doing Genealogical Research at the UW Libraries

Here is a guide at their website to get you started!

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/subject/History/tm/uw.html>

One of my favorite places to do genealogy is the University of Washington campus. I especially like their newspaper collection at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/mcnews/>. You can search it by the name of the newspaper or by the location. They have neighborhood newspapers and that is how I found my grandfather's obituary notice in the West Seattle Herald and his brother's. When you go there you need to have the number of the film so you can find the issue you want in the microfilm cabinets. You can also use their card catalogue. I usually search by location. Since they have a variety of location newspapers you can search for the funeral notice and suppose they lived in Seattle and died in Bremerton. Well you can look at both papers while accessing this collection. The only problem is the microfilm readers are not in a good lighting situation. So bring a towel so you can cover the reader and read the newspaper. The newspaper collection is in the Suzzallo Library lower floor. The Washington State Library also has an excellent collection but if you want hands on the UW is a good thing.

The online guide above mentions books and gives sample searches and genealogical reference works, historic photographs, local History Journals, Manuscript collections housed in the Special Collections in the Allen Library just across from Suzzallo. They do have different hours so check with them. Maps and Atlases in the map department which is a bit of challenge to walk to but a wonderful resource.

In their Special Collections they have alumni records for the UW and yearbooks. Since I was a graduate and an employee of the UW you could look me up. HA! The Special Collections has some city directories but not as extensive as the Seattle Public Library. They have a card catalog Northwest Newspaper Index.

That reminds me, if you are an alumni of the UW you can get access to the online databases of the UW that are restricted. You sign up and get a card for one year and you can access the William and Mary Journal and others. You will need to go to a special computer for this. The other thing is as an alumni you can check out books!! As you know genealogical collections do not circulate. However, the UW might just have that book and you can take it home for two weeks.

Their periodical collection on the 4th floor is wonderful. They have the Wyoming Historical & Genealogical periodical, Pennsylvania magazines and so much more. There is so much more!!!

Submitted WSGS Newsletter Editor

Follow-up on the Road to Spokane: Bing Crosby's Family History

March 5, 2011 • 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Foley Library • Gonzaga University • Spokane, Washington

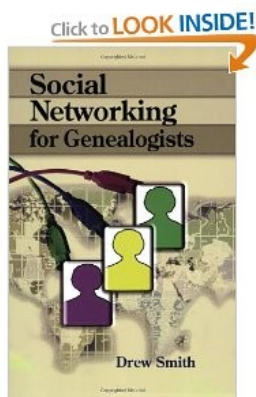
March 5th was the Road to Spokane Bing Crosby's Family History, a program of the Washington State Heritage Center, sponsored by Gonzaga School of Business, Foley Center Library, Ancestry.com and the office of the Washington Secretary of State.

Bing Crosby grew up here in Spokane and went to Gonzaga high school and started Gonzaga law school before he dropped out to go to Hollywood. There were two presentations on Bing's ancestors. They told how Bing got his nickname of Bing, it was from the Spokesman Review newspaper insert called Bingville Bugle with character Bingo, but he dropped the o. Last was a short talk by Bing's nephew Howard Crosby then lunch. After lunch was a couple more sessions, one a computer lab sponsored by Ancestry.com, and the second was researching your home and community. You can see more pictures on the EWGS Blog <http://ewgs-spokane.blogspot.com/2011/03/ewgs-enjoyed-bing-thing.html>. They also gave us a CD of all the presentations so if you missed one you can still see the presentation that you missed. Submitted by Charles Hanson EWGS

Are You Socially Challenged?

Are you a person bewildered by Facebook, Twitter and Blogging, not to mention Wiki's!!

Here are some tips that might help!



There is an article at the blog for WorldVital Records that talks about this whole new world. "How Genealogists Use Social Networking.

“ by Gena Philibert Ortega

Gena went to her friends that use Facebook, Blog and Twitter and asked them how they used these new social media for their genealogy. The names include Tom MacEntee, Becky Jamison, Amy Lenertz Coffin, Miriam Robbins Midkiff who shared their experiences with one or more of these social networking platforms.

<http://blog.worldvitalrecords.com/2009/07/16/how-genealogists-use-social-networking/>

The book “Social Networking” by Drew Smith also discusses this development. Drew also lectures at various conferences so keep an eye out for him.

At Ask.com here is an article that can get you started if you have not already taken the plunge. “What is Social Networking?” They have lots of links and more articles.

<http://webtrends.about.com/od/socialnetworking/a/social-network.htm>

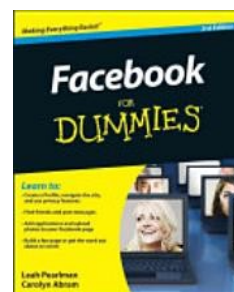
You can make it more specific and go for the Dummies books and purchase Face book for Dummies, Blogging for Dummies or even more specific and go for Wordpress for Dummies.

To really learn about blogging go to Wordpress.com and click on the 10 step walk through guide on their home page at <http://wordpress.com/> Blogging is fun and still if you want a good post you take your time to write it!

Like all things you just jump in and take your time, learn and use the HELP section a lot!!

Facebook is a little odd at first but then you just get the hang of it and next thing you know you get a kick outta seeing what others are up to. Now Twitter...hmmm...I wish I wasn't so curious!!!

Submitted by B.J. MacDonald



PLANNING TO GO TO THE WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

Thinking of attending the Washington State Genealogical Conference sponsored by the Tri-Cities Genealogical Society?? Why not bring the family and while you attend the conference they can go and play!

Here is a link to the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau Website <http://www.visitri-cities.com/> This website is packed with additional ideas for visiting the tri-city area of Richland, Pasco, Kennewick.

See page 1 and 2 of this newsletter for more details about the upcoming conference in Richland, Washington September 16 and 17, 2011.

PUGET SOUND CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Website at <http://www.pscwrt.org/>

This organization meets on the second Thursday of each month, September to May with a summer break. They seem to favor the China Harbor Restaurant at 2040 Westlake Ave North in Seattle, WA. Start time 7 pm for dinner, reservations requested (see website) followed by the program at 8 pm. They seem to have a full plate of meetings and speakers planned.

Next meeting is May 12, 2011 in which selected members will tell about their Civil War Ancestors. They will be having an auction at this meeting. In the past the auction has allowed them to bring in outside professional Civil War historians to their programming.

Their website: has the following headings: Home, PSCWRT News, PSCWRT Officers, Links, April 2011 Newsletter, Join Now! Membership Form, How to Become a Member, The Washington Volunteer, Newsletter Archives, Advanced Search and Contact Us.

Not only do they have lectures at the meetings but they go on field trips so on June 25-26, 2011 in Port Gamble you will find them there at the Civil War Reenactment and they will have a booth.

If you have Civil War ancestors this might be a great way to learn more about what it was like for a soldier in that war.



Seattle Area Archivists presents
Archives Preservation
ROADSHOW
May 14, 2011 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

HOW TO PRESERVE THEM BEFORE YOU LOSE THEM
HOW SHOULD I STORE THEM? HOW LONG WILL THEY LAST? WHAT IS THE
BEST WAY TO PRESERVE THEM? HOW CAN I PRESERVE THEM? HOW CAN I PRESERVE THEM?
Learn the professional practices and techniques for preserving your papers, photos, audio recordings, and other digital records. Get advice that will help you
prepare for future challenges to your digital collections and records.
SEATLE: NO TICKETS! APPEARANCES WILL BE GIVEN

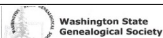


National Archives and Records Administration, Pacific Alaska Region
4020 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98107-5099 | seattle.archives@nara.gov | www.nara.gov

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Pacific Alaska Regional Branch will be hosting on Saturday May 14, 2011 from 10 to 2 pm the Seattle Archives Preservation Roadshow. They are at 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA Just across from the Seattle Genealogical Society. Here is the flyer for more info: <http://seattlearchivesroadshow.wordpress.com/about/>

This is a hands on workshop to help you learn from knowledgeable professionals on how to care for your papers, manuscripts, audio, moving images, digital, photos and treasures.

As far as can be told you don't need a reservations but it might be a good idea to check with them at this email address: SeattleArchivesRoadshow@gmail.com



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Washington State Pioneer Certificates

WSGS would like to emphasize our Pioneer Certificates which are available to direct descendants of Washington pioneers who arrived before 11 November 1889 or First Citizen Certificates for those before 31 December 1900. To assist local societies, libraries and applicants, a brochure describing some resources and procedures is available:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/pioneercertbrochure.pdf>

Contact Frank McLean, 3811 McLean Dr, Yakima, WA 98902-3864 or
FL635@yakimavalleynetwork.com to obtain copies.

Local societies are encouraged to take copies to local libraries, family history centers, genealogical meetings, and more!



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*It is now easier than ever to pay dues or renew your membership in WSGS.
 You can use PayPal and sign up online at:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/membform.htm>*

WSGS Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs>

**WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Extra funds will be considered a DONATION and will go toward valuable services of the society

NAME _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership	\$12.00 per year	Indicate Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership
Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	\$12.00 per year		<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$13.00 per year (one newsletter for household)		<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailed Copy	\$ 8.00 per year in addition to above membership		

DONATION to 501 (C) 3 Organization: \$ _____ (Your donation is tax deductible)

Send check or money order to: WSGS, 1901 So. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA 98903
 Enclose SASE if you would like a receipt and membership card. Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.
 You can renew or pay dues at the WSGS website using PayPal: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/membform.htm>