



Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

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SIGS Research Library is located in Humble House, Heritage Park 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA. Regular library hours: Tues. 10-2, Thurs. 10-8, Sat. 10-3, or by appointment. For an appointment or for arranging group tours of the library, contact: Carole Thul – Library Director, at sigs@alderwood.org – Telephone: 425-775-6267

SIGS GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

Mountlake Terrace Library, 23300 58th Ave. West, Mountlake Terrace. 6 p.m.—Margaret Summitt’s Brick Wall Workshop. General meeting: 6:30 p.m. The 7 p.m. program will feature history specialist Melinda Van Wingen from the Everett Public Library’s Northwest Room. Melinda has a master’s in American history and library science, and has been with the library since June of 2008. She will speak about the Everett Public Library’s oral history program. In the 1970s, David Dilgard and Margaret Riddle of the library’s Northwest Room recorded dozens of oral history interviews with long-time Everett residents. Melinda will talk about her efforts, over 30 years later, to digitize these interviews and make them available online at <http://www.epls.org>.

SIGS GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

Mountlake Terrace Library, 23300 58th Ave. West, Mountlake Terrace. Brick Wall Workshop, 6 p.m. General meeting, 6:30 pm. The 7 p.m. program will feature our own Christopher Summitt. This will be a presentation on the native Coast Salish people of our local area, Snohomish County and Puget Sound. The special feature will be the locations of past native villages using Google Earth and Power Point images. The title will be “Coast Salish Neighborhood.”

SIGS BOARD MEETINGS are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 10 a.m., Humble House, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood. All members are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: The membership committee is sending notices of upcoming renewals (with a conveniently addressed return envelope). Your \$25 annual membership dues may be paid at the general meeting, Humble House, or by mail to the SIGS address: 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036.

....The deadline for submittal of information or articles to The Beacon is by the 20th of the month....

Queries: E-mail look-up requests to Tim Foss: Tim@helpnet-systems.com or sigs@alderwood.org or send queries to Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036, Attention: LOOK-UP, include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

From the desk of our President:

Calling all members! We need you! Our library at Humble House needs at least two people to be on an on-call list to cover for staff members who are unable to fill their shift for any reason. By adding your name to the on-call list you are not signing up for a weekly shift, but to fill in for someone. If the date in question doesn't work for you, we will go down the list until someone is available.

While we are on the subject of volunteers, we still need a membership chairperson. Marge Reid has been doing an excellent job while waiting for someone to step up. She has enough on her plate with the website, and would like a break. Speaking of which, she would very much like to have a Webmaster trainee to be groomed to take over this important position in the future, if necessary. It's never a good idea to have only one person able to do any job that is so vital to our society.

Last month I reported that our society was invited by the Tulalip Tribes to speak at the Northwest 6th Annual Enrollment Conference that was held at the Tulalip Resort Casino. Betty Gaeng, Carole Thul, and I attended the two-day conference. Twenty three tribes from Washington, Oregon, Canada, Idaho and Montana were represented. All three of us found this conference to be extremely interesting and informative. We met some friendly people, were treated royally, presented with gifts, and tempted to eat too much of the delicious array of food prepared by what had to be a master chef. Once again we learned that our friends at Tulalip know how to make people feel welcome.

We are planning a field trip to the King County Archives in downtown Seattle. Some of the genealogical records available include some birth and death records, land/property, and marriage records, as well as miscellaneous records. Please let me know if you are interested. More information is available at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/archives>.

See you at the meeting on Wednesday, 4 November 2009.

Regards,

Carol Ripley

Can you name nine types of cemeteries? Check answers on page 4.

For what is the worth of a human life unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?

--Cicero

Congratulations to our very good friend Halide Lobdell Patterson. Halide is one of the friendly docents at Alderwood Manor Heritage Association's Heritage Cottage next door to Humble House. Halide recently received Washington State Pioneer Certificates for herself and her son. Staff members of SIGS Research Library assisted Halide organizing the necessary proof and submitting the applications. We all enjoyed our visits with Halide on Thursday afternoons as we worked on this project.

Halide's great grandparents Myron and Abbie Young, together with their little daughter Mabel, came from Penobscot County, Maine to Washington Territory in the early 1880s and homesteaded 160 acres of land near Custer in Whatcom County. Mabel Young became Halide's grandmother. Mabel Young married Oliver Osborn and they had one daughter. Mabel Young Osborn died November 29, 1900, the day following the birth of her namesake and daughter Mabel, and did not have the chance to know either her daughter or granddaughter.

Halide, along with her parents Dice and Mabel Lobdell, was featured in the story "Lynnwood Through the Years...from Forest to a City" which appeared in the second quarter 2009 issue of The Sounder.

- Contributed by Betty Gaeng

Events and Meetings

Tuesday, November 3 and November 10 – Bellevue Family History Center – Genealogy classes: Beginner class: Nov. 3rd, and 10th from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.: *Legacy Genealogy Software: Insider's Tips & Tricks for Great Results!* Advanced class: Nov. 3 and November 10 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Various programs. Call the Bellevue Family History Center at 425-454-2690 or email i6familyhistory@comcast.net to get the latest updates on classes.

Saturday, November 7 – Heritage Quest Research Library – Beverly Bills will offer a class "Christmas in the Colonies" at the library. \$10.00.

Monday, November 9 – Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island – GGSWI – Education classes at 11:45 a.m. **Beginning class:** Filling out family group records; Filing all those papers; Recording where you've looked, or "This looks familiar." **Intermediate class:** Census vs obituaries vs cemeteries. Where is the right answer? How do you find it? Which one do you believe? **Monthly program** at 1 p.m.: Gary Zimmerman will present "The Life and Times of the Confederacy". **Trinity Lutheran Chapel at the corner of Highway 525** and Woodard Road in Freeland. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wagsswi/>

Monday, November 9 – Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State – JGSWS – Natan M. Meir will present "Jewish Life in Europe Leading up to the Great Migration". Doors open at 7 p.m. Presentation starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, (206) 232-7115. The meeting is free for JGSWS members, \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, please visit <http://www.jgsws.org/meetings.php> or email programs@jgsws.org.

Tuesday, November 10 – Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers - Anita Dragoo, a retired teacher will discuss "Common Errors in Writing and Ways to Write a More Interesting Family Story", 1 p.m., at the Heller Fire Station, 2720 Heller Road (just north of Crosby Road) Oak Harbor.

Thursday, November 12 - National Archives Regional Facility – Seattle - NARA – Brick Wall Genealogy Discussion Group. "Come bring your brown-bag lunch and your 'impossible genealogy problem' and our knowledgeable staff will brainstorm possible solutions! All sessions are FREE and are held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m." 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle.

Saturday, November 14 – Family History Expo 2009 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 10115 – 172nd AVE NE, Redmond (Across from Redmond High School). Keynote speaker: Mary Slawson on “What’s New in Family History”. Full day of classes on a variety of subjects! No charge for classes or registration. Registration begins at 8 a.m. For questions call: 425-869-5656 or 425-869-3814. For more information, please visit <http://www.wafamilyhistory.net>.

Nine types of cemeteries:

Church graveyard, Family burial plots, Country cemetery, Garden cemetery, Urban cemetery, Veterans cemetery, Memorial park of lawn-park cemetery, Potter’s field, Pet cemetery.

From *Your Guide to Cemetery Research* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack.

Free Resources

Stryker Database (New Jersey)

<http://wwwnet1.state.nj.us/DOS/Admin/ArchivesDBPortal/StrykerCivilWar.aspx>

“This resource will, undoubtedly, prove to be a major boon to historians and genealogists researching the war [Civil] and its servicemen...it radically advances the accessibility of archival material on New Jersey in the Civil War.”

Georgia Non-Indexed Death Certificates, 1928-1930

<http://content.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/nondeath.php>

“This Death Certificate search system is provided as an interim solution until the records for 1928-1930 can be indexed and added to the Death Certificate Collection. Many users have asked for these records, so we are providing them with scanned images of the original Vital Records Index.”

Digital Library on American Slavery

<http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/>

“The Digital Library on American Slavery is a cooperative venture between the Race and Slavery Petitions Project and the Electronic Resources and Information Technology Department of University Libraries at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.” This site provides access to searchable information about slaves, slaveholders, and free people of color for years 1775-1867.

Those who forget their past are destined to repeat it.

--Robert A. Heinlein