

The Stillaguamish Star

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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OCTOBER

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

COME PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

TUES, THUR, SAT

ALL MONTH

10AM - 4PM

***Bring a flash drive and your old photos, negatives, slides, tapes and home movies to our library and digitize them absolutely FREE!**

***Tapes & Home movies require an appointment**
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Celebrating Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society's 40th Anniversary 1985-2025

**SVGS requests the honor of your
presence at the celebration of our
Ruby Anniversary.**

Refreshments will be provided

- **Date -November 1st , Saturday**
- **Time- 1:00PM**
- **Where- SVGS Library**
- **Who- Members only event**



Since its founding in 1985 by Marrietta Roth, SVGS has experienced remarkable growth. Over the years, the society has seen an increasing membership, reflecting its expanding community reach. The library collection has also grown substantially, offering a broader range of resources for research and discovery. Additionally, SVGS has relocated numerous times, creating more space to accommodate its growing activities and collections.

Watch for an email with additional details

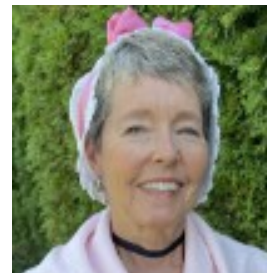
Upcoming SVGS Events:

Tuesday September 9th
1PM

Susan Maza will present: **Jesse's Daughter and the Daughters of the American Revolution**

We live in a country that many from around the world desire to experience. Our ancestors sacrificed much to make our country what it is today. American history is rich in events that sculpted our destiny. Step back in time into Colonial America with a costumed character who can tell stories of the United States in its infancy.

- How Did We Finance the Revolutionary War Without A Government?
- Women & Their Role in the Revolutionary War
- What Was Life Like at the Time of the Revolution?



Susan Maza

Tuesday October 14th
1PM

LeAnne Koliha will present: **An Overview of Lineage Societies**
Heritage and Membership Lineage societies are organizations whose membership is based on proving descent from a particular ancestor or group connected by bloodline, historical event, or notable accomplishment. Through meetings, commemorations, and educational outreach, lineage societies foster a sense of identity and continuity, helping members honor their ancestors while promoting historical awareness and community service in the present day.



LeAnne Koliha

Tuesday November 11th
1PM

Kathie Webber will present: **Creating A Virtual Cemetery**
One of my favorite things about studying my family history is to learn where my ancestors have been buried. Twenty years ago I discovered an online tool called findagrave.com. This website and the accompanying app has enabled me to organize and expand my cemetery research. I will share with everyone the many things I have taken advantage of in findagrave as well as other options that are available. I've been doing genealogy for over 40 years. I've researched in Washington State, Massachusetts, California, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Ireland. My favorite notable ways to research include visiting cemeteries, family history centers, online research, Facebook groups, and travel.



Kathie Webber

Yes, A Revolution was Afoot

On June 10th, we enjoyed an engaging talk from Sally Buckingham as she shared her vast knowledge about the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. Her presentation brought to life the signers on that historic document. She truly whetted our appetites for the upcoming year of patriotism and led many of us to search for any relationships we might have to the signers.

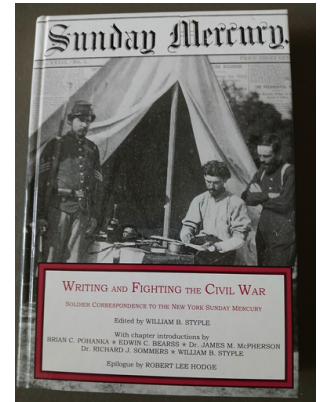


SVGS had a good turn out for society and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) member Jason Rice's presentation on August 12th. Jason gave us great information about the history of the organization. He also discussed membership requirements and ways they support the community. Jason was able to stump the audience with a question about a resource for helping to prove a patriot's service. Jason generated a great deal of interest in not only that organization which is near and dear to his heart, but DAR as well.

Writing and Fighting the Civil War Soldier correspondence to the New York Sunday Mercury

Edited by William B. Styple

Were your ancestors involved in the Civil War? Have you ever wondered what their lives might have been like during that time? "Writing and Fighting the Civil War" is a collection of letters, written by soldiers and sailors who sent reports to the Sunday Mercury, to be published in the weekly newspaper. These letters start in May 1861 and continue to July 1865.



The Sunday Mercury actively recruited service members, as they passed through New York, to act as correspondents from their regiment. Their letters reveal the reality of day to day life, troop movements, and battles that were experienced. Letters were received and printed from voluminous regiments from New York city and state as well as many surrounding states.

There is no soldiers name index but there is a regiment index. If you have that bit of information, you may find a treasure trove of information.

Watch for this potential goldmine to soon be on the shelf in the Library. Check it out on your next visit.

Report provided by Phil Bartlow



Research Tip

From LeAnne Koliha

You have searched Ancestry, Family Search, and American Ancestors. You've checked our library. You **STILL** can't find the records you know must exist somewhere. Where else can you look? Have you looked at the Libraries that are online? Here are some of the sites you should be checking out.

- HathiTrust -digital books & journals; county histories, genealogical publications www.hathitrust.com
- Internet Archive – scanned city directories; microfilm, church histories; record books; city histories www.archive.org
- Digital Public Library of America – maps; photos; manuscripts; small-town archives

Europeana – European parish registers; manuscripts; maps [www. Europeana.eu](http://www.Europeana.eu)

Don't forget to try State Digital Libraries as well as University archives.

Have a tip you would like to share? Contact Ruth to have it included in our next issue.

Arlington Street Fair

July 11-13

By- Ruth Caesar



Pictured left to right: Cate Smith, Ruth Caesar, Tara Rody

Our society has participated in the Arlington Street Fair for decades. We have found that the Fair increases our visibility in the community resulting in new members. Our volunteers have always enjoyed meeting the public and sharing their passion for family history. This year, for the first time, we shared our booth with the Marcus Whitman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I have been working with their chapter registrar, Shelby Nelson in pursuit of membership with the DAR. Shelby is also a member of SVGS and is great to work with (she will do most of the work for you BTW) . So, if you believe you have a Patriot in one of your direct family lines now is a great time to get your application in with America's 250th birthday just next year.

New in our Library

The following is a list of books that have been added to our library in the past two months.

The Sea is My Country – Maritime History of the Makah
Shadow Tribe – Columbia River
Anaku Iwacha -Yakama Legends and Stories
The Gift of Knowledge – Yakama Tribe
The Totem Pole Indians – Northwest Tribes
Genealogical Research Methods and Searches Vol. II
The Snohomish Carnegie – A Legacy Restored
Bristol County Massachusetts Probate Records 1745-1762
Bristol County Massachusetts Probate Records 1687-1745
Charlestown Mass. Vital Records to 1859 Vol II Part 1 & 2 to 1850
Suffolk County Wills (MA)
Vital Records of Mendon, Massachusetts to the year 1850
Uxbridge Mass. Vital Records to 1850
Wrentham, MA Vital Records, 1910 Vol 1 and 2
Guide to Finding Your Ellis Island Ancestors
Second Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages
A Museum of Early American Tools
New York State towns, Villages and Cities – A Guide to Genealogical Sources
An Atlas of Southern Trails to the Mississippi
Ohio Lands
Spelling Variations in German Names
Along the Ohio Trail

Something New in ANCESTRY

Ancestry has rolled out an AI-powered “Transcribe” Button that reads handwriting from images you upload to your tree for World Explorer Members. This is available for handwritten documents in English, Spanish, French, German and more. It is a beta program, so expect that there will be changes and refinements. I tried it on a German wedding certificate from the late 1800's and while there were errors this would be a good start at reading old German. (This is not a translation program, you will still have to do that.) To learn more, check out Genealogy TV on Facebook and follow their link to the YouTube posting.

July Cook-out

July 8th



This year saw a hot summer day and a great turn-out. Fabulous food and good conversations were the order of the day.



Send us your submissions!

If you have a story that our readers might enjoy, please send it to us!

Newsletter submissions for the **Nov/Dec** issue should be sent
to newsletter@stillygen.org by **October 25th**.



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