

The Stillaguamish Star

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Holidays

Upcoming SVGS Events:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1PM
SVGS Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Mary Kathryn Kozy
Topic: Google & it's Genealogy Tools

In this talk we will discuss how to collaborate on our research with Google Drive; learn how to use Google's social media tools; and use Google Earth to unearth information about where your ancestors lived.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 12PM
SVGS Holiday Potluck

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1PM
SVGS Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Lori Lee Sauber

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FROM THE EDITOR



Nathan and I got married on October 12th, which was a beautiful day and everything that I had hoped. It was a small affair with only our close family and friends in attendance (about 30 people). It was outdoors at a gorgeous little wooded park in Huntsville Alabama at a rustic a-frame chapel under the trees. We went from there to a secluded little cabin in the mountains of Northern Georgia for a short honeymoon.

Since then we have been moving the rest of my stuff down from Nashville, including my 2 cats. It has been a busy couple weeks (really a few months!) but I think we are starting to settle in. This is a big adjustment for all of us but I'm excited for what the future holds! With the holidays coming up quickly, I hope that you all are able to take time to rest and just BE with your loved ones. After all of this recently, I plan on doing the same!

If you have any family stories that you'd like to share please send it to us for the next issue of the newsletter by **December 20th!** If you have any submissions for the newsletter or questions for the Editor, please email newsletter@stillygen.org.

- Leah

More Upcoming Events:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1PM
Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Meeting
Speaker: Evelyn Marie Roehl
Topic: Genealogical Quirks
Burlington Public Library
<http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/>

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2PM
Whatcom Genealogical Society Meeting
Speaker: Lori Lee Sauber
Topic: 'Even Our Plain Quaker Ancestors
Lived Colorful Lives - How to write
interesting family histories'
Bellingham Elks Lodge
<https://bit.ly/33cbeae>

FEBRUARY 26 - 29, 2020
RootsTech 2020 Conference
Salt Lake City, UT
Discover the Story of You
<https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake>

MAY 20 - 23, 2020
National Genealogical Society
Family History Conference
Salt Lake City, UT
Echoes of Our Ancestors
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 2020
S. King Co. Genealogical Society Seminar
Speaker: Diahn Southard
Who Does Your DNA Think You Are?
Renton Technical College
<http://www.skcgcs.org/2020-seminar.html>

AUGUST 12 - 15, 2020
Northwest Genealogy Conference
Arlington, WA

Outdated Occupations *Scrivener*



Back in a time when it was less common for people to be able to read and write, there was a need for Scriveners. These were folks who could read and write or would write letters to court and legal documents. Scriveners made their living by writing or copying material. Sometimes this included keeping historical records for kings, temples, nobles, and cities.

Email Address Changed?

Be sure to notify us so you can continue receiving the Stillaguamish Star and other important society information.
info@stillygen.org

So many amazing costumes were displayed at the NwGC this year that we wanted to showcase more of them in this issue. Please enjoy!



Lisa (dressed in honor of her Grandma Bolst) and Phil Bartlow with their granddaughter Natalie (dressed in Phil's Air Force fatigues).



Melode Hall (milkman) and Ardis Yake (pilgrim).





NwGC Banquet Keynote Speaker, Dan Earl said the 2019 Northwest Genealogy Conference was one of the highlights of his career. He generously shared this fun panoramic photo which he took at the Pirate themed banquet.

Recently at SVGS...



At the October meeting of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society, guest speaker Janet O'Connor Camarata talked about DNA Painter's What Are The Odds Tool (WATO). From Janet's handout: DNA Painter is a chromosome mapping tool. What Are The Odds Tool (WATO) is used to find how an unknown person, the "Target", fits into a known tree.

Scanning Family Photos

October was Family History Month and to celebrate, we offered a scan day for the community on October 26th, to help them scan their photos and share our wonderful facility with them. Actually, we have focused on scanning over the past year. Here at Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society we have a flatbed scanner, a high speed auto feed scanner, a Flip-Pal portable scanner and our copier printer also has the ability to scan.

During the past year, Pam has given two librarian training sessions on the scanners and in September she gave a presentation at our monthly meeting entitled "Preparing



Pam Liebelt at the September SVGS meeting

Your Photo Scanning Project". This was followed by a scan day for members in which she helped members scan some of their own photos.

If you would like to learn to use the equipment to scan your family photos, you can email info@stillygen.org with 'photo scanning' in the subject line and Pam will contact you to arrange an appointment.



In May SVGS received an inquiry from The Sons of Union Soldiers of the Civil War to see if we could help locate the burial plot for Bisente Corella (he "Americanized" his name to Ben Carrell) who was in an unmarked grave at the Harwood Cemetery (aka Arlington Cemetery). On the SVGS Website under "Resources" we have a "Death Index" where we found we had an obit for this soldier. Upon looking further we

AN UNMARKED VETERAN GRAVE

had a hand written book in our library, "Revised Cemetery Sexton Records" which identified the exact lot of the internment. This information was accepted by The Arlington Cemetery and The Sons of Union Soldiers of the Civil War to coordinate with the VA all the necessary paperwork to obtain a new white granite headstone for Mr. Corella. The stone was delivered and installed on Sept. 25th. The Sons of Union Soldiers also asked SVGS to help photograph and upload the pictures to findagrave.com. Larry Taylor was happy to accommodate this request and both Mr. Corellas' stone and bio now appear there.

THE FINAL DAYS OF THE CORONA (PT 3)

By Marco Basich

**Editor's Note - the following article was originally from Times-Standard, Eureka, California Friday, March 1, 1985. The mentioned Sarah Marcoe is great-grandmother of SVGS member, Anne Grimm.*

The Marcoe family watched as crewman Tom Southern volunteered to swim a line ashore. They saw him strip down, displaying numerous tattoos, tie a small line to his belt and dive from the hurricane deck into the turbulent water. In silence, they fearfully waited for him to reappear.

When his head broke the surface a distance from the vessel, a unanimous cheer greeted him. He again disappeared under the surf, for an even longer period.

Many thought they had seen the last of the brave crewman, but suddenly he porpoised out of the water to even greater cheers. He waved to his audience and continued on.

The Life Saving crew, having seen the commotion, rowed out and pulled Southern from the water near shore. The line he carried was still tied to his belt, but unfortunately, had parted during the swim ashore.

Aboard, several men returned to the flooded galley and bought up food stuffs. "One man opened up tins of raw oysters," Blanche recalls. "He wanted to make everything jolly for everyone." This delicacy did not raise the spirits of the children; nor did many passengers feel inclined to eat as the Corona continued to be pounded by the waves.

The Life Saving crew made many

attempts to row to the vessel, and finally succeeded in coming within hailing distance. Capt. Henning told Capt. Boyd they would wait until 4 p.m., when the tide turned, before attempting to take the passengers off.

At noon the Corona was listing over with her starboard decks awash and holds filled with water. The rock that had speared the vessel near her stern were acting as a pivot point to accentuate her motion. Suddenly, at 1 p.m., her situation changed gravely. The Corona heeled over sharply as passengers nearly toppled overboard. As they clung to railings, they feared the vessel would "turn belly up". Instead, she paused only to reverse the motion which threw passengers in the opposite direction. The ship, now more deeply impaled on the rocks, began to settle into the sand of the jetty and pitched less.

The Marcoes could see the crowd on shore. Hundreds of people had made their way by boat across the bay from Eureka. Mills had closed as men came to aid in the rescue. Also, on shore were many merchants who relied on ships like the Corona for their goods. Eureka, landlocked by mountainous terrain, was totally dependent on the seas for transportation of supplies. The railroad

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would not be extended to the city until 1914, and overland journeys to San Francisco could take six months. The Corona's manifest showed several horseless carriages, pianos, pharmaceuticals, shoes, dry goods, clothing, chickens and a coffin being returned for burial.

Isadore Marcoe, Blanche's father, was not on the beach. The wire telling of the family's departure never reached him, and the posted passenger list showed a "Mrs. Monroe and five children". Even so, he wondered if they might be on board. He spoke to people returning from the wreck site and they advised he wait at the E Street dock, to which the survivors would be brought.

[find the final piece of this story in the next issue]

From the Library Stacks

Pam Liebelt

As a result of a grant that we received from the Tulalip Tribes, we were able to reinstate our subscription to fold3 (by Ancestry.com).

"fold3 provides convenient access to military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served. The records at fold3 help you discover and share stories about these everyday heroes, forgotten soldiers, and the families that supported them." (from www.fold3.com)

Before trying to search on Fold3, I suggest scrolling to the bottom of the page and click on the Getting Started Link. This link will take you to some instructions on how to get the most out of the website. We are happy to be able to provide access to this valuable resource once again. Happy hunting!

Are you of Irish ancestry?

Irish birth, marriage and death certificates now available online for free. Our society genealogist, Jennifer Strickland, shared an article about it that she found online. You can read it at www.irishcentral.com

(This website is not a genealogy website but does have a section on genealogy. It has links for news, culture, roots, travel and more.)

Hot Off the Presses!

Sue Walde

Reprints of *Snohomish County in the War – WW1* are now available. This book was re-edited thanks to a team effort by Sue Walde, Mike Walde, Ann Curtis, Dee Saunders, Mary Buzzell and Joanne Wetmore, plus 5 bottles of white-out. But the real challenge was successfully resolved by Marysville Printing who masterfully made numerous technical edits bringing this once tired old book back to life.

William H. Mason, the author, served in the war as a first lieutenant in the Third Washington Infantry, National Guard and is pictured as a young man on page 427. The book includes a synopsis of every military service member from Snohomish County who participated in World War 1 except for one “conscientious objector”. Also, only one case of desertion was discovered, and that person’s name was not included in any honor roll.

There are many interesting tidbits in the book including on April 17, 1917, a patriotic parade was held in Arlington that attracted a crowd of 6,000 with many people coming from Everett and other areas of Snohomish County.

The Arlington community lost nine young men in WW1 – Oscar G. Anderson, Joseph E. Bruseth, Frank C. Fulton, Ole N. Johnson, Malcom M. Johnstone, Jack Forrest Metcalf, Louis Rogers, Joe Harris Wallis, Chester W. Wilson. Also lost was Emma J. Thorsen who served as a Red Cross nurse and died of influenza while caring for soldiers at Camp Dodge in Iowa.

This book is a must if you are a WW1 history buff or have the honor of having a WW1 veteran in your family.



*Debi and Huong of Marysville Printing are holding copies of *Snohomish County in the War - WW1* – a challenging printing project that required their extra care and professional expertise.*

Send us your submissions!

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

Newsletter submissions for the **Jan/Feb** issue should be sent
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