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*Welcome
to*

2019

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Upcoming SVGS Events:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1PM

SVGS Monthly Meeting

Jennifer Strickland

Topic: DNA Results Are In - What are the possibilities?

We will discuss the features the testing companies offer for free and which ones charge a fee.

We will discuss some of the major third party websites, add-ons, and techniques for DNA and match analysis. Finally we will look at how the major testing companies control downloads of raw DNA data and talk about how to upload to the other testing companies and Gedmatch, which is currently under renovation.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1PM

SVGS Monthly Meeting

Topic: TBD



FROM THE EDITOR

The holidays have come and gone so quickly once again and here we are in the new year.

2019. There is always something so exciting about a new year, isn't there? The fresh unspoiled blank canvas, when nothing has happened yet. We haven't made any mistakes or experienced anything sad or disappointing in this year yet. It seems like anything is possible!

My main hope for 2019 is that we all can be a bit kinder and more compassionate towards each other no matter our beliefs, race, or geographical location. I hope that those of you who have hit a wall in your family research journey may find the little breadcrumbs which lead you around it. For my own family, I hope for us to strengthen our bonds even though we are far apart.

Please note that the **deadline for submissions** for the next issue of the newsletter is **February 26th** and it will be **sent out by March 7th** (due to the Editor being out of the country). If you have any submissions for the newsletter or questions for the Editor, please email newsletter@stillygen.org.

- Leah

Has Your Email Address Changed?

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Northwest Genealogy Conference 2019

*presented by
Stillaguamish Valley
Genealogical Society*

**Open Windows to the Past
August 14 - 17
Arlington, WA**

**Keynote Speakers: Angie
Bush, Thomas MacEntee,
and Michael Strauss**

'Genealogy on Facebook' directory now available!

Katherine R Willson has compiled a list (updated as of Nov '18) of Facebook groups and pages related to genealogy and history, which is available to the public. To download the PDF containing the directory of links, click the link below.

<https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>

More Upcoming Events:

JANUARY 12, 1PM

Skagit Valley Genealogy Society
Dave Obee, Topic: Germans from Russia
Burlington Public Library
<http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/>

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 9:30AM

Whatcom County Genealogical Society
50th Anniversary Celebration
Jeff Jewell from Whatcom Museum Photo
Archives to speak about local records
Bellingham Elks Lodge
<https://bit.ly/2R4MrCI>

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 2

RootsTech
Salt Lake City, UT
<https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake>

MAY 8 - 11

National Genealogical Society Conference
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

MAY 30 - JUNE 2

50th Annual Southern California
Genealogical Jamboree
Burbank, CA
<http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

JUNE 15 - 17

International German Genealogy
Conference
Sacramento, CA
<https://iggpartner.org/>

AUGUST 21 - 24

FGS National Conference
Washington DC
<https://fgs.org/conferences>

Recent SVGS Meetings

At our November meeting, Jennie Hise was our speaker and her talk was entitled: Revisiting the Pilgrims: A review of the past with a look to the future. Jennie gave a very thorough look at the history of the Pilgrims and the Mayflower, putting their landing in America into historical context.

She also gave an excellent list of resources for further research. We had over 40 in attendance for this meeting.



In December we had our annual Holiday Potluck which included lots of delicious food, a silent auction and a door prize drawing. Fun and genealogical fellowship was had by all.

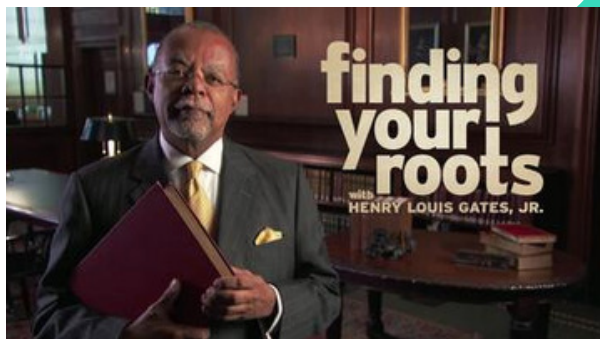
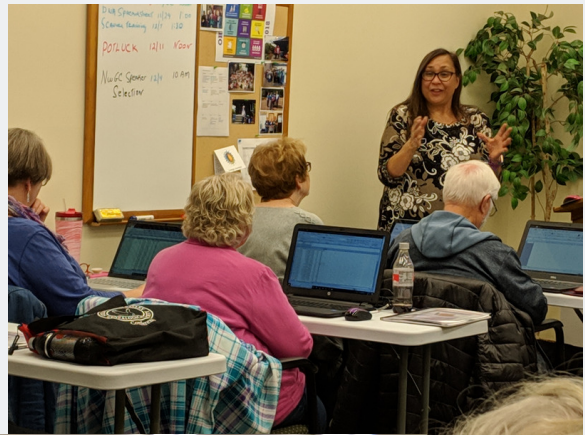


Thank You!

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to SVGS member, Leilani Lucrisia who, on November 29th, taught a workshop on how to use the Chromosome Browser features found in 23 and Me and Family Tree DNA to download DNA matches into an Excel spreadsheet.

Class participants learned how Excel works and how to format spreadsheets to suit their needs.

The workshop was very well attended.



The first episode of Finding Your Roots, Season 5 will air January 8, 2019 on PBS.

If you like genealogical programming be sure to check your local PBS viewing guide.

For those who don't know, Finding Your Roots is a program in which Dr. Henry Louis Gates helps celebrities learn about their family history. CeCe Moore, who has spoken at our Northwest Genealogy Conference, helps with the genetic portion of the research. Click the image to the left to find out more information on the show and upcoming episodes.

Happy Watching!

Southern Belle to Motorcycle Racer

Shirley Case



Hazel Cline Taft and William Gurley Taft are shown in the photo on their motorcycles. However, it was Hazel who raced motorbikes and won. When driving a car, Hazel was downright scary. One ride was enough for me to never do that again.

Hazel, my husband's grandmother, was born in 1894 in Salt Lake City, Utah to a well-to-do family and lived in Nashville. William was born in Seattle in 1888, before Washington was a state.

The family story was that Hazel and her mother came from Nashville to Seattle for the Seattle-Alaska Expo in 1909 and decided to stay. Her father, Willis Daniel Cline, a business owner decided to move to Seattle to be with his family. However, her father died less than a year after moving to Seattle. During that short time, her mother, Jeanne Black Cline, had filed for divorce according to the Seattle newspapers. It must have been quite a year and I wish I knew the rest of the story.

Hazel learned to ride with her husband and then started racing on her own. She was so daring that she would beat the men at races, apparently she knew no fear. The bike Hazel rode was a suicide bike as the gas tank was fitted in the front and could immediately catch the person on fire if it crashed; this did not stop Hazel from winning.

Hazel was strong vibrant personality all her life. From riding on freighters in the 1950's to running a mink farm at times. She went to work for the first time at age 70 and told her employer that she was 60. Her employer was a home for unwed mothers in Seattle. She loved her work, eventually told the truth about her age and helped raise funds for the home. As a result of her fund raising I had to go to a luncheon with her while eight months pregnant with my first child. It was quite a day with many of the other women staring at me assuming I was one of her "unwed mothers."

Veterans Day

Michele Cozad

SVGS made front page news in several local papers for our Community Re-Dedication of Cpl. John Grants' Tombstone on Nov. 11th.

The last newsletter announced the installation of the new white granite tombstone on August 1st at the Pioneer Cemetery. This was a long anticipated goal of the SVGS Tombstone Project. First some background information...

The project began when several SVGS members were working on photographing tombstone markers and adding them to "Find-A-Grave". It was noted that there were many missing, deteriorated and temporary markers. Of particular note was that of the last remaining headstone at Arlington's Pioneer Cemetery. The committee members applied to the Veterans Administration for a new stone. We were thrilled to see a beautiful white granite stone but needed to procure a base to match according to regulations.

After the stone and base were attached we coordinated an effort with the American Legion to have the re-dedication in conjunction with the annual Veterans Day Parade. The Arlington High School Junior ROTC Color Guard Cadets were happy to help and had a Cadet who played "TAPS" at the re-dedication.

SVGS Member Bill Grant (no relation) wore a Civil War uniform to honor his own great-grandfather, Joseph Grant, who lost a leg in the Battle of Fredericksburg during the Civil War in 1862. Our members contacted Cpl.

John Grants relatives who came as far away as Oregon to attend the event. We had great press coverage and made front page news in the Daily Herald on November 12th, The Arlington Times on November 18th (who also posted a great live video of the entire event on their website) and The North County Outlook week of Nov. 14-20.

There is a Civil War website listing veterans buried in Washington State (apx 8000 veterans) from either side – Union or Confederate. If by chance your relative is not there you can add the information for free. Click the link below to check it out.

<https://www.civilwarvetswastate.com/>



SVGS member Bill Grant with the Arlington High School Junior ROTC Color Guard Cadets

County Clerk: Help Needed

SVGS has received a request from the Snohomish County Clerk's office for assistance obtaining historical documents for a special history project.

They are looking for any historical documents regarding past County Clerks, including photos, announcements, and election paraphernalia. They are specifically interested in photos of the following Snohomish County Clerks:

W.A. Gregory (served 1876 - 1881)
C.A. Missiner (served 1882 - 1889)
Chauncey P. Clark (served 1897 - 1898)
Ulric L. Collins (served 1899 - 1902)
George W. Adamson (served 1903 - 1906)
John Randolph Dally (served 1907 - 1910)
W.F. Martin (served 1910 - 1914)
E. Walter Norgard (served 1931 - 1934)
George Dubuque (served 1935 - 1942)
Sylvester Stumfall (elected 1942 - died before taking office)
Rene E. Bergerson (served 1943 - 1946)
Anders "Andy" Andersen (served 1946, 1951 - 1958)
Harry J. Falk (served 1947 - 1950)
Mary Andersen (served 1959 - 1970)

If you are interested in helping with this project in any way, please contact
Christene (Chris) Taylor,
Administrative Assistant to
Sonya Kraski, Snohomish County Clerk at
425-388-3430 or chris.taylor@snoco.org



The Library of Congress has been digitizing Sanborn maps and Washington State is now available. There are many maps from our state they and can be accessed by clicking the image above.

This information was found on the Washington State Genealogical Society blog (<https://wasgs.org/blog/>). If you don't currently subscribe to this blog, you should definitely take a look. Great tidbits of genealogical interest.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Society Library

We need society members willing to train as assistant librarians for the SVGS Library. No experience necessary. It is important that you love searching for ancestors and enjoy helping people. We will orient you to our library and available resources. All new people start out as assistants and work with an experienced person before becoming a librarian. Currently we mostly need people who can work shifts on Saturday and Thursday. You can sign up for as little as 3 hours a month. Email Pam Liebelt at info@stillygen.org if interested.

A Love Letter

Bill Grant

While watching a PBS program on the Civil War I recalled a story of my cousin, Sullivan Ballou, a major in the Union Army during the Civil War. Born March 28th, 1829 in Smithfield, RI. He was educated at Brown University in Providence earning a Law degree and was admitted to the Bar in 1853.

He married Sarah Hart Shumway on October 15th, 1855 and had two boys, Edgar and William. After the war broke out, in 1861, he joined the 2nd Rhode Island Infantry. On July 21st, 1861 the regiment took part in the 1st Battle of Bull Run (Manassas). Sullivan, on horseback, went in front of his charging men. He was struck by a Confederate cannonball which tore off part of his right leg and killed his horse. The remainder of his leg was amputated. The Union Army was defeated and retreated to Washington, DC, and he was left behind. He died a week later on July 29th, 1861. Sullivan wrote a letter to his wife on July 14th, 1861, a week before he was wounded. He endeavored to express the emotions he was feeling: worry, fear, guilt, sadness and the pull between his love for her and his sense of duty to the nation.

*My very dear Sarah,
The indications are very strong that we shall
move in a few days—perhaps tomorrow.
Lest I should not be able to write you again,
I feel impelled to write lines that may fall
under your eye when I shall be no more.
Our movement may be one of a few days'
duration and full of pleasure - and it*

*may be one of severe conflict and death to
me. Not my will, but thine O God, be
done. If it is necessary that I should fall on
the battlefield for my country, I am
ready. I have no misgivings about, or lack of
confidence in, the cause in which I am
engaged, and my courage does not halt or
falter. I know how strongly American
Civilization now leans upon the triumph of
the Government, and how great a debt
we owe to those who went before us
through the blood and suffering of the
Revolution. And I am willing - perfectly
willing - to lay down all my joys in this life,
to help maintain this Government, and to
pay that debt.*

*But, my dear wife, when I know that with my
own joys I lay down nearly all of yours, and
replace them in this life with cares and
sorrows - when, after having eaten for long
years the bitter fruit of orphanage myself, I
must offer it as their only sustenance to my
dear little children - is it weak or
dishonorable, while the banner of my
purpose floats calmly and proudly in the
breeze, that my unbounded love for you, my
darling wife and children, should struggle in
fierce, though useless, contest with my love
of country.*

*Sarah, my love for you is deathless, it
seems to bind me to you with mighty cables
that nothing but Omnipotence could break;
and yet my love of Country comes over me
like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly
on with all these chains to the Battlefield.*

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The memories of the blissful moments I have spent with you come creeping over me, and I feel most gratified to God and to you that I have enjoyed them so long. And hard it is for me to give them up and burn to ashes the hopes of future years, when God willing, we might still have lived and loved together and seen our sons grow up to honorable manhood around us. I

have, I know, but few and small claims upon Divine Providence, but something whispers to me—perhaps it is the wafted prayer of my little Edgar—that I shall I return to my loved ones unharmed. If I do not, my dear Sarah, never forget how much I love you, and when my last breath escapes me on the battlefield, it will whisper your name.

Forgive my many faults, and the many pains I have caused you. How thoughtless and foolish I have often been! How gladly would I wash out with my tears every little spot

upon your happiness, and struggle with all the misfortune of this world, to shield you and my children from harm. But I cannot, I must watch you from the spirit land and hover near you, while you buffet the storms with your precious little freight, and wait with sad patience till we meet to part no more.

But, O Sarah! If the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you; in the brightest day and in the darkest night—amidst your happiest scenes and gloomiest hours—always, always; and if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath; or the cool air fans your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by.

Sarah, do not mourn me dead; think I am gone and wait for me, for we shall meet again.



SVGS offered a training class on Dec 7th for all the librarians to learn how to scan using our 3 available scanners. New at SVGS was an Epson FastFoto 640 fast speed scanner which is being demonstrated in the picture above. We thank the Tulalip Tribes for their generosity for a grant which allowed us to procure this scanner. We've also made available our Epson Flatbed scanner and the FlipPal scanner for librarian training. Scanning your old photos is now a snap and another benefit of membership and something new we can offer our patrons. Stop by the library yourself and check it out. We've put a green folder between Roots 1 & 2 computers to help you out!

Washington Pioneer Certificate

by Roxanne Lowe

(from the WASGS blog)

If your ancestor was one of the 350,000 people who lived in the Washington Territory when it became the nation's 42nd state on 11 Nov 1889, you may be eligible for a Washington Pioneer certificate. Or if your ancestors arrived a little later — before 31 Dec 1900 — you can get a First Citizen certificate.

We began the Washington State Centennial Pioneer Certificate Program in 1984 in anticipation of the state's centennial admission to the union in 1889. The initial certificates were issued to applicants who could prove their ancestors were in Washington Territory prior to 11 Nov 1889. Those descendants' names, almost 18,000, were printed in a two-volume set of books entitled "Washington Pioneers" in 1992. A third volume, published in 1993, included Pioneers and First Citizens (those in the

state on or before 31 Dec 1900). The three original volumes are out of print, but an index is available here:

<https://bit.ly/2LXppYY>.

WSGS members have access to family lineages in the Members' Only section of the website. Pioneer and First Citizen Certificates are still being issued, although they are published only on the WSGS website at this time. If you can prove your ancestor was in Washington prior to 11 Nov 1889, you may be eligible to purchase a Pioneer Certificate. If your ancestor was in Washington on or before 31 Dec 1900, you may be eligible for a First Citizen Certificate. More information, including resources to prove residency, is available in the Pioneer and First Citizen Program brochure. An application and instructions are available at the link below.

<https://wasgs.org/upload/files/PioneerCertificateBrochure.pdf>



On September 24th, a copy of the Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools Book was presented to Dr. Jeff Huleatt, President of the Arlington School Board by SVGS Vice President, Shirley Case and SVGS member and author, Sue Walde.

An Opportunity to Serve

Pam Liebelt

As a society, we have a mission statement, bylaws and standing rules that direct our path. In our bylaws, it states that we have officers which include President, Vice President, Vice President of the Library, Secretary and Treasurer. Each year at our Annual Meeting in May, we vote on some of these offices. The President, Vice President of the Library and Secretary are voted on in odd years and the Vice President and Treasurer are in even years. May 2019 we will be voting on the President, Vice President of the Library and Secretary. Although the Treasurer position is not up for re-election this year, Anne has asked that we find someone to replace her as well and we would like to find someone immediately who could train with her.

While those currently in office have done and are doing wonderful work for the society, it is always good to have fresh ideas and perspectives. We hope you will look over the duties of these positions and ask yourself if you can to take a turn serving the society in one of these positions. Please remember that you will not be alone in serving and will have the full support of the previous board members during the transition of duties and after.

Should you decide to run for office, please contact Joanne Wetmore, our Nominations Chairperson at membership@stillygen.org.

The Duties of these offices, per our bylaws, are:

President

Preside at all meetings of the general membership and the Board of Directors and prepare agendas to all meetings.

Appoint all chairs of Standing Committees and Special Committees, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Be the principal executive officer with responsibility for the general supervision of the affairs of the Society and be the official spokesperson of the Society, Sign, with the Secretary all contracts and sign, with the grant writer, all grants.

Be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Appoint a member to pick up the Society's mail and distribute it to the proper Chairs with the Society.

Represent the society in all matters concerning external affairs and relations with other organizations.

Vice President of Administration

Assume the duties of the President in the absence of, or at the request of, the President.

Assume the duties of the President for the remaining term of office in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President.

Maintain a list of all Standing and Special committee Chairs with one copy of the list being kept on the website.

Vice President of the Library

Chair the Library Committee.

Recruit and train librarians.

Maintain the librarian's schedule.

Appoint a Genealogist to respond to queries.

Maintain the Librarians manual.

Maintain library sign-in sheets.

Present a report at the Annual Meeting.

Secretary

Record proceedings of the official Society meetings and be the custodian of its records, except those that are specifically assigned to others. A copy of these records shall be held at the Society Library and be posted on the website.

Keep and have available for reference at all meetings one book containing current copies of the Society's Mission Statement, Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Preserve committee reports among the records.

Maintain a current inventory of all legal documents, records and equipment belonging to the Society.

Sign with the President, all contracts and documents authorized by the Society.

Conduct correspondence as needed by the Society, and maintain a copy of such correspondence.

Maintain meeting attendance records.

Treasurer

Be custodian of the funds of the Society.

Sign checks for authorized disbursements on behalf of the Society.

Make all financial records available for audit at the end of the Treasurer's two-year term.

Prepare a proposed budget for the next fiscal year to be presented at a meeting of the Board of Directors prior to the April general membership meeting.

Present a statement of finances at each meeting of the Board of Directors and at general membership meetings.

Present a financial report covering the previous fiscal year at the June general meeting.

Send us your submissions!

If you have a story that our readers might enjoy, please send it to us!
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to newsletter@stillygen.org by **February 26th**.



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