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Civil War Veteran

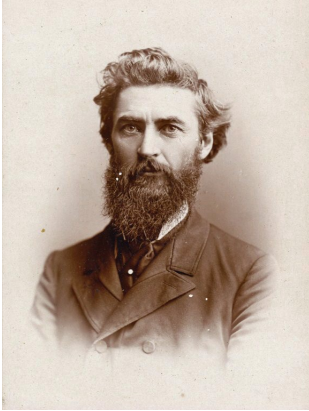
At the Arlington Pioneer Cemetery

The SVGS Tombstone Project began in early 2015 with the goal of preserving history by placing headstones on unmarked graves in local cemeteries. The Arlington Pioneer Cemetery had been used as a burial site since around 1845 and sits at the end of Gifford Avenue. There was a sign and flag pole at this site but we wanted to do more to preserve the history of the cemetery by placing an external display (kiosk) at the entry area along with information that would honor the memory of all who we believed were interned there. Although the exact number still buried there is unknown there was only 1 marked grave - that of Corporal John Grant a Civil War Veteran. The stone was deteriorated and barely readable. First we obtained a grant for the kiosk and then applied to the Veterans Administration for a new granite headstone. We are happy to report that the new stone has been received and when weather permits our SVGS volunteers will place the new stone to honor this Arlington Pioneer.



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My Great Grandfather,
Dr. Capt. Jefferson Dunn

From your Editor, Bob Dunn

At the November Meeting, I asked those present to answer some questions about what you expect from the SVGS Newsletter. There were fifteen responses. All but one read the Stillaguamish Star regularly and all see it online. Here are some of the responses:

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Five volunteered to help me. Please send articles to newsletter@stillygen.org. Thank you

I plan to print the newsletter on the first of January, March, May, July, September and November. The deadline for stories is two weeks prior. Please send to newsletter@stillygen.org



Raising Hands

SVGS has been very fortunate in that we've received grants from The Tulalip Tribes and the Stillaguamish Tribes over the years. On October 28th SVGS was honored along with apx 200 other non-profits who received 7.5M in grants in 2017 from the Tulalip Tribes. We were represented by President Ruth Caesar and Secretary Michele Cozad who both agreed that this event was spectacular. Held in the Orca Ballroom at the Tulalip Hotel the event gave us a chance to get to meet others and invite the community to the Northwest Genealogy Conference.



Education Corner

Bill Grant, Education Chair

I'm sure that everyone interested in genealogy has wondered if there is a family association for their surname.

According to WIKIPEDIA: "A family association is an organization formed by people who share a common ancestor or surname. They join together for a variety of purposes, including exchanging genealogical information, sharing current news about family members, having reunions, and promoting family pride and unity among living descendants. Some family associations strive to collect information about people with their surname all over the world, while others consist of a relatively small family group in a specific geographic area. Some groups put a lot of effort into family research while others prefer to concentrate more on family reunions and current family news."

Joining a family association may help you in your research. Here are a few reasons why:

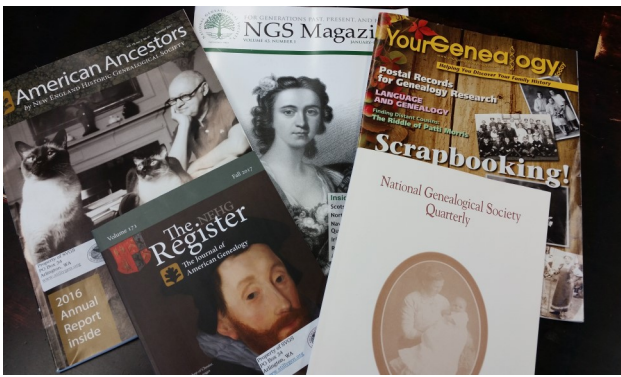
Information Exchange—Many family associations maintain collections of their members' family trees, so there's a good chance that you could find more information about your family when you join.

Family Newsletters—Almost all family associations put out some sort of newsletter, whether it's once a year, once a quarter, or once a month. Newsletters can contain pedigree trees, pictures, interesting tidbits about a family's history, announcements of current births and deaths, information about upcoming reunions, and even queries.

Reunions and Meetings—Getting together with family members once per year or once every several years can be a real boost to your family history research. It's likely that you will have many opportunities to do research, share information with others, and visit locations that are historically significant to your family. It's also great to spend time with people who share the same interests as you, catch up with relatives that you haven't seen in a long time, and even meet new relatives.

Research Advice—If you are stuck on a particular research problem, perhaps unique to your ethnicity, chances are that others in your family have already been through it and may be able to offer advice. If not, it can be fun to pool your resources and work out a solution together.

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From the Library Stacks

by Pam Liebelt

What resources do you utilize in your family history research; books, online databases, journals and magazines?

We have some of each of these resources in the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society library. Today I want to bring attention to the journals and magazines that we receive at different times during the year. We receive *The NEHG Register: The Journal of American Genealogy* and *American Ancestors* quarterly from The New England Historic Genealogical Society. We receive *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *NGS Magazine* also quarterly from the National Genealogical Society and we receive *Genealogy Today* which is published bi-monthly.

What can you find in each of these publications? Following is a sample of what you might find in each:

American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society:

The Winter 2016-2017 issue that I recently looked at had articles entitled *The Stranger in My Genes: An excerpt from Bill Griffeth's new memoir* by Bill Griffeth; *Remarriage and Stepfamilies in Early America*; *The Charming Rogue*; *Uncovering my Grandfather's Deeds and Misdeeds*; *The Story of Sidney O. Francis: A Massachusetts Boy Kidnapped into Slavery*; and *Studying Yorkshire Surnames*. The feature articles in this issue were case studies that show how the author solved a particular question in their research. These case studies can provide insight into sources of evidence

and can be greatly helpful. In addition to the feature articles, there are columns in the magazine. Some of the columns are as follows: Research Services; Case Files; Jewish Heritage Center Spotlight; Genetics & Genealogy; Manuscripts at NEHGS; Focus on New York; From Our collections. This magazine is a quarterly publication and seems well worth the time and effort to peruse. I am sorry that I did not come across it earlier.

The NEHG Register: A Journal of American Genealogy:

Each issue explores different surnames. The cases explored in the Fall 2017 issue are Griswolds of Windsor Connecticut; Richard Morton of New Salem; Anne Wilkenson Lloyd; Margaret Browne wife of James Cade and Nicholas Baxter of Boston, MA; George Barlow of Sandwich, MA; George Puffer of Braintree, MA; The Higginsons of Berkeswell and Warwickshire; Jedediah Smith's Book of the Records of Marriages in Blandford, MA; William Trowbridge, alias William Bent of Farmingham, MA and Nova Scotia. Also in this edition is the index of names for all of the issues for the year. We have many of these journals in our library and they are a valuable resource for those doing New England research.

National Gen. Society Quarterly:

This publication is similar in style to the NEHG Register but is not limited to New England. One of the articles in the most recent publication was written by Jill Morelli, CG who spoke at two of our recent meetings. Her topic was Swedish Records.

NGS Magazine:

This publication covers all kinds of topics from DNA to Cloud Computing to Scots-Irish Migration and looks to be a very informative magazine for a broad genealogical audience.

Your Genealogy Today:

Like NGS Magazine, this publication covers a wide range of topics of value to family history researchers. published bi-monthly.

STEVE BAYLOR HONORED

One of SVGS Founding Members was honored at the Holiday Potluck on Dec. 12th. with a Certificate of Appreciation. Steve has served in a variety of positions at SVGS (most recently as Vice President - Library) and at the Washington State Genealogical Society where he was President. Steve recently resigned to focus on his family but has graciously offered to keep doing the yard and maintenance work. We will sincerely miss seeing Steve who has also served as Librarian and as a good friend to all of us.



2017 in review by Ruth Caesar and Michele Cozad



The beginning of 2017 found all of us busy at our new facility by expanding to what we commonly referred to as “The West Wing”. Our volunteers patched, painted, carpeted and gathered up shelves, desks, tables and chairs to fill the additional space – apx 744 Sq Ft. This extension doubled our capacity and added a separate Washington Room. We moved our “Media Room” adding 2 new desktop computers bringing us to a total of four computers for

our patron’s use. Our conference room was enlarged allowing us to start having our monthly meetings at our own facility! This has been a wonderful change and allowed many first time visitors to get a feel for our society and helped gain many new members. Early spring found SVGS hitting the road to represent our society and spread the word about our Northwest Genealogy Conference

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Plan Ahead

You are invited to the
Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Library,
6111 188th Pl. NE, Arlington, WA

On Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 1:00 PM for:

I've Had My DNA Tested Now What?

DNA testing has really come to the fore as a way of helping us to break through brick walls in our genealogical research. Many people have had their DNA tested only to get some rather confusing results that they don't understand, much less know how to use to advance their research. This lecture will briefly review what DNA testing is and what it can—and can't—tell you. More specifically, we'll be discussing autosomal DNA in this lecture and the tools available online from the testing companies, as well as third-party entities, to help you interpret your results.

Mary Kathryn Kozy will be our speaker this month. Mary has been researching her family history for over 35 years and in many localities. She has served in multiple positions in societies on the local & state level and currently serves on the board of the Jewish Genealogical Society of WA State & as an LDS Family History missionary. She holds bachelor's degrees from UW in both Zoology and Information Technology & Systems and has completed three certificate programs with the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She has also completed the ProGen program with an eye toward certification as a professional genealogist.

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Tuesday, February 13, 2018

The "Ins" and "Outs" of Colonial Records

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Library
at 6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington, WA

Long time friend of the society, Laura Sparr, will share her vast knowledge in a presentation entitled the "Ins" and "Outs" of Colonial Records. You won't want to miss this lecture. It is free to the public. You need not be a member of the society to attend and learn. We hope to see you at the library.

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How do you find a Family Association?

Genealogy Publications—National publications are good places to look because family associations sometimes advertise in them. You may also want to check in smaller, regional publications in the area where your ancestors lived.

Directories—Books listing family associations are available through your local libraries and genealogy booksellers. One example is Elizabeth Petty Bentley's Directory of Family Associations, which contains contact information for over 5,250 different family associations.

Search on the internet: family associations, familysearch.org, cyndislist.com or vita-brevis.org Happy Hunting, *Bill*

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seminars – the Olympia Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's Heritage Weekend the Yakima Genealogical Society's Seminar (sponsored by the Washington State Genealogical Society). Long time SVGS member Pat Manning was recognized at this event as was our beloved John Winsor who passed away in early 2017. Additionally, we spent two days in Skagit County at the Highland Games promoting SVGS and our 2017 Conference.

During the summer we were busy preparing for the August conference. The 2017 theme was "Where does your story begin?" Featured speaker Kenyatta Berry of Genealogy Roadshow also spoke to a sold out crowd at our "Night in Italy" banquet held at the beautiful Gleneagle Country Club. Keynote speaker Diahan Southard informed us on DNA and Daniel Earl was brought in as a keynote speaker by popular demand to share his wisdom and humor. There were over a dozen additional speakers presenting over 45 sessions during the four day conference. We're pleased to tell you that the NwGC continues to become more popular and well reviewed by attendees as well as presenters as our conference experience grows.

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(NwGC) at various regional seminars – the Olympia Genealogical Society’s Spring Seminar, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society’s Heritage Weekend the Yakima Genealogical Society’s Seminar (sponsored by the Washington State Genealogical Society). Long time SVGS member Pat Manning was recognized at this event as was our beloved John Winsor who passed away in early 2017. Additionally, we spent two days in Skagit County at the Highland Games promoting SVGS and our 2017 Conference.

Regretfully, fall brought us some key position resignations; Steve Baylor, VP of the Library who also managed our Education Chair and Larry Taylor, our Treasurer who wore many hats at SVGS. We were very fortunate to have Pam Liebelt and Anne Grimm step-up to fill the the positions of VP of the Library and Treasurer respectively, and a new and valued member Bill Grant stepped in as our Education Chair. We were also very busy preparing grant reimbursement invoices and applications for new grants. We were successful in obtaining partial funding for the 2018 NwGC event via the Arlington Hotel/Motel Fund as well as an operating grant for 2018 from The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians for which we remain extremely grateful.

We can all look forward to a fun and successful 2018 with a multitude of educational and social events at our society. We hope to see all of you soon... and we thank you again for your wonderful support! **Ruth Caesar – President and Michele Cozad Secretary**

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