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**Come!
Help Us
Celebrate!**

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 18 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Library
6111 188th PL NE, Arlington, WA

We hope you can join us in celebrating the completion of our recently expanded facility.

We've enlarged our conference room, where we will hold our monthly meetings beginning March 14th.

We've added 2 new desktop computers to better serve our patrons, and have added an additional room for our growing library collection.

This will be a great opportunity to socialize with members and your fellow genealogists.

Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you here...



Countdown to the
**2017 Northwest
Genealogy Conference**
5 months, 14 days

Anne of Cleves



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HAVING FUN WITH GENEALOGY And Who's in YOUR Tree?

At a recent Thursday Research Group meeting, the topic of Finding Relatives came up. One member had discovered a way to determine which presidents are in anyone's family tree. They just had to try it, and they all turned up a surprising number of US Presidents in their trees.



*Charlemagne Descendant
Larry Taylor*



*Charlemagne Descendant
Brooke Shields*

Ruth Caesar found over twenty presidents as her shirt-tails, and then lo and behold several members of the group were able to discover that they too were related -- to each other!

This is such a fun and intriguing aspect of genealogy, that I just had to try it myself. Turned out I too had over 20 presidents, and then I looked further — I'm ninth cousin to THE KING. Elvis Presley! Then Walt Disney turned up, and Glenn Miller and Stan Kenton and Brigham Young himself. The list goes on, and it's full of famous and talented people.

As I got used to the fact that I'm related to so many illuminaries, I wanted to see if any of them were closer than 7th cousin. So in exploring the site, I found I could arrange the relatives by degree of closeness. And that's when I found out I am a fourth cousin to Lou Henry, Herbert Hoover's First Lady. That's within significant DNA reach.

Are you interested in looking up your famous relatives? Here's how to do it:

1. Sign onto familysearch.org and get a username and password.
2. Then upload a gedcom file or manually start entering your ancestors.
2. Go to relativefinder.org and sign in using the familysearch.org username and password.
3. Start poking around -- your relatives will show up automatically.

Now, there is a caveat. It's a good idea to look closely at the genealogy charts provided. There might be some discrepancies. When I wanted to see how I was related to Jimmy Carter, it took me to a Jimmy Carter who passed in 1953. But it turns out that is the President's father, just a slight glitch.

When a friend found out they were 1st cousin, 12 times removed, to Queen Elizabeth I of England, we had to see how the connection was made. Turned out Friend came down from a brother of Anne of Cleves. That's all fine and dandy, but Good Queen Bess's mother was Anne Boleyn, not Anne of Cleves.

So go try it — it's a lot of fun — and you just might find an even closer cousin.





Relatives!



Call it Family History or Genealogy. It is about being connected to that person next to you. Calling them "Cousin" and making this world a little smaller and a little more friendlier.

Many years ago, I took a position as General Manager for a construction company here, near the airport. I liked the way Arlington felt and promised myself that someday I would retire here. So when God decided I had worked enough on 1/11/2011, I started plan "A" for moving to Arlington.

I have said a dozen times or more that none of my family was in Snohomish County. I am more than happy to say I was wrong. I have found 8 of my family in the local cemeteries. Give me enough time and I now believe I can find a connection to you. I do mean everybody!

I was showing Leilani Wallace "Circles" on Ancestry.com and she accused me of having HER Benjamin Fincher 1740-1808 on one of my "Circles." I stated he was my 4th great grandfather and that he was my Benjamin Fincher. Leilani is now on my family tree. She is my 5th Cousin, once removed. Leilani is the third person I have made connections to.

Kay Crabtree. (November 2016 Newsletter)

Mary Buzzell. (January 2017 Newsletter)

Leilani Wallace. (This Newsletter, photo above)

Here are others I have found:

Ruth Caesar (11th Cousin +1), Anne Grimm (13th Cousin +3), and Lisa Bartlow (11th Cousin +1) are also related to me. Kathy Bowman and I are both related to Elvis and Jimmy Carter.

Our next step is to find the common ancestor. Then we take the two pedigrees from relativefinder.org and make the connection on our family trees.

Have fun, help me make this world a little smaller. Let me know if I can help. I'm in the library a lot. Come visit our Thursday Rug Rats. Or make an appointment, Cousin. larry_taylor@hotmail.com.

God Bless those who have come before us, and those who are reading this now!



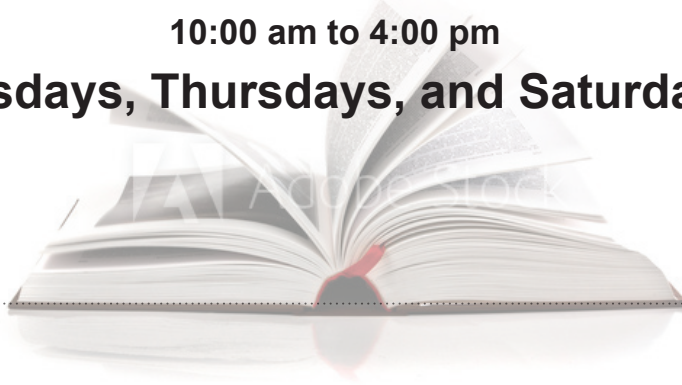


Announcing – New Library Hours

Effective March 14th the library will be open

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.



Exploring the StillyGen.org website **This month we take a look at** **2017 Conference Events and Speakers**

Conference Details Abound on the stillygen.org website:

1. Go to www.stillygen.org.
2. Choose the NW Genealogy Conference tab on the left.
3. The Keynote Speakers will appear, along with some general information.
4. Click the "Speakers" tab on the left – and you get all 16 speakers, complete with credentials, details and bios.
5. Click the "Classes" tab at left, and there you have it! A complete rundown of the classes, who's teaching, and the topics.
6. "Class Schedule" tab shows what time the classes will be offered. It might be good to study this ahead of time so you know exactly where you want to be on the day in question.
7. Then click "Accommodations" if you are interested in staying in a hotel during the conference. Follow the directions to get your discount.



USA Lecture Tour, 03 – 22 March 2017

Want to discover your Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors?



What better way to celebrate St Patrick's Day itself, than by making a start on your Irish and Scots-Irish ancestral quest. Your Irish genealogy is waiting to be discovered.

With sixty years' experience of serving Irish people everywhere, let the Ulster Historical Foundation help you discover your family's story.

Many people believe that researching Irish ancestors is impossible because of the destruction of the Public Record Office in 1922. While many records were destroyed, others survived and large collections have come online in recent years.

Join Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Foundation during their annual USA lecture tour to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research.

Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, you won't want to miss these workshops!

Fuller contact details with additional information can be found at: www.ancestryireland.com/northamericantour2017

Friday & Saturday, 03 & 04 March — Phoenix, AZ (9:00am–5:00pm)

Location:

Irish Cultural Center
1106 N Central Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Host: The McClelland Library

Web:

www.azirish.org/upcoming-ulster-historical-foundation

Phone: 602-864-2351, 623-225-6352 (Mobile)

Main Contact: Cindy Patricki —
cindy.patricki@azirishlibrary.org

Sunday, 05 March — Tacoma, WA (1:00pm–5:00pm)

Location:

Pierce County Libraries
Administrative Center Library
3005 112th St E
Tacoma, WA 98446

Host organisation: Lakewood and South Hill Libraries





The DNA Detectives Announces The Kits of Kindness Donation Program

On January 1, 2016, [The DNA Detectives](#) introduced the [Kits of Kindness DNA](#) testing kit donation program. To date, the program has been responsible for over 275 people receiving donated DNA kits, and many of them discovering and being reunited with previously unknown biological family members.

The DNA Detectives Kits of Kindness Program was established in January 2016 to facilitate donations from those who wish to assist in purchasing DNA kits for those searching for birth family who cannot afford to DNA test. In many cases, donations come from those who have received volunteer help in their searches and wish to "pay-it-forward." We also receive regular donations from members of the genetic genealogy and adoption search communities who support our goals.

If you would like to donate a kit or request a donation please write to us at kits@TheDNADetectives.com. Monetary donations of any amount can be sent through PayPal to kits@TheDNADetectives.com.

Checks can be sent to The DNA Detectives, 555 N El Camino Real #A153, San Clemente, CA 92672. One hundred percent of monetary donations go toward kit purchases and mailing costs. If you have a kit on hand that you would like to donate to someone through our program, please contact us at the above address for an address to which to mail it.

In order for us to be efficient, all requests for donated kits must be made by sending an email to kits@TheDNADetectives.com. Requests are reviewed about once every two weeks and approved recipients are placed on a waiting list, so please do not expect an immediate response to your email.

Priority for donated kits goes to members of the DNA Detectives Facebook group who are searching for immediate birth family and are experiencing financial difficulties. Other types of requests are also considered. We prefer to hear directly from the person who needs the test, but will accept third party requests if the person in need does not have access to a computer.

When submitting a request, please include:

- The details of your birth family search and what other methods you have already tried previously
- If you are adopted, please include the state and year of your birth
- The reason for your inability to purchase a DNA kit
- Your Facebook profile (if you have one)
- The mailing address where you would like the kit sent

Requests can be made for any of the three autosomal DNA testing kits, AncestryDNA, 23andMe and/or Family Tree DNA's Family Finder as well as the Family Tree DNA Y-37 kit for males. (We typically recommend starting with the AncestryDNA kit due to the size of their database, so most of the kits provided to our recipients have, so far, been from AncestryDNA.)

Another way to support the Kits of Kindness donation program is to use The DNA Detectives' affiliate links when ordering kits or purchasing genealogy and search-related products. A portion of the commissions we receive from these sales goes toward purchasing kits for the program.

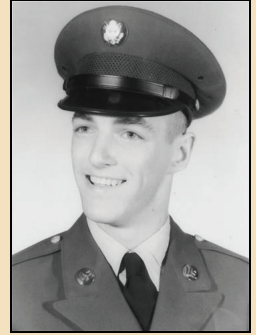
For more links and more complete information, please go to [DNA Detectives Kits of Kindness](#). You'll find all the links you'll need to click and all the fine print you'll ever need to read.



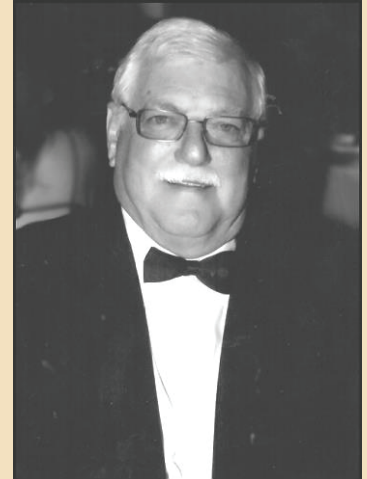
In Memoriam

John Jay Winsor

September 2, 1944 - January 28, 2017



John was born to Jay and Mary Ann Winsor on September 2, 1944, in Snohomish, Washington. He left us unexpectedly from a heart attack on January 28, 2017 at an Everett Silvertips game. He grew up in Everett, where he attended Monroe Elementary School, North Jr., and graduated from Everett High School in 1963. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam where he was an Air Gunner in the 121st Assault Helicopter company. He came home a Decorated Vietnam War Veteran.



John worked 25 years at Scott Paper Co/Kimberly Clark, retiring in 2005. During his time there he served as a Shop Stewart, Trustee for Local 183, and Trustee for the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers. He was in charge of the Annual Labor Day Picnic for over 15 years and involved in the Boater's club. He also served on the Board of Trustees at Mill Town Credit Union, serving as President for two years.

For many years, John had season tickets to the Husky Football Games, Seahawks and Silver Tips. He also belonged to the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society and to the Port Susan Camping Club. John loved to hunt, fish, enjoyed camping, the theatre, traveling and loved being with family and friends. He had many special memories of the times he and his grandson, Elliot went fishing in Canada.

John was a story teller, had a great sense of humor, was fun loving, had patience with everyone, always took time to make you feel special and, what might surprise some people, he loved to shop!

John is survived by his best friend and wife of 51 years, Lynda, his daughter, Julie (Wes) Jones-Knutsen; his grandchildren, Fallon Winsor, Elliot Jones, and Michael Knutsen, and his mother-in-law, Ida Payne. He also leaves behind his brothers and sisters, Helen Hendrickson, Carol (Bill) Porn, Jim (Anne) Winsor, Dolly (Bob) Gay, Dean Zevenbergen and Don (Linda) Zevenbergen; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Rae Payne, Ann (John) Coleman, Bill (Mary) Payne and Kathleen (Andrew) Gilkerson.

For the complete *Everett Herald* obituary, please go to www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldnet/obituary.aspx?pid=183885467



UPCOMING EVENTS

~Every Thursday~ 10:00 am to 12:00 noon SVGS Library 6111 188th PI NE Arlington, WA	Thursday Research Group Meet with fellow genealogists to discuss current events and genealogy over a cup of coffee. You may discover a new research method or just make a few new friends. Meetings are held at the SVGS Library.
Tuesday, March 14 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm 6111 188th PI NE Arlington, WA 98223	Monthly Meeting Using Un-indexed Databases Professional Genealogist Karin Coppernoll of Brick by Brick Genealogy will be sharing how to search un-indexed databases in our family history research. Don't miss this unique educational opportunity. There is no charge for admission. This is a free presentation open to the general public.
Saturday & Sunday March 25 & 26	Camano Island Historical Event.
Saturday, April 8	Olympia Gen. Society Seminar. Speakers Janice Lovelace & Jill Morelli.
Tuesday, April 11 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm 6111 188th PI NE Arlington, WA 98223	Monthly Meeting Our April featured speaker will be Mary Kircher Roddy. Mary is a member of the Puget Sound Association of Professional Genealogists and has written articles for Family Chronicle and Internet Genealogy magazines. She will be sharing how to use newspapers in our family history research. We hope you can join us. This lecture is free to the public. Membership in the society is not required.
Saturday, April 22	Skagit Valley Gen. Seminar. Speakers are Dave Obee and Mary Kathryn Kozy.
Friday, April 28	Tacoma-Pierce County Seminar, Speakers Judy Russell & Cyndi Ingle.
Wednesday, Aug. 16 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Byrnes Performing Arts Center Arlington High School 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223	Free Day at the Conference Special Free Day class will be held at the Conference. Noted genealogist Peggy Lauritzen will be the speaker in the afternoon class. Come early, register, and take part in the Scavenger Hunt. You might win a prize.
Thursday – Saturday Aug. 17-19, 2017 8:30 am to 4:00 pm BPAC 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223	Three Days of Fascinating Speakers at the Conference Sign up now for the "Best conference this side of Darrington." Three days of top-notch, nationally known speakers. They will inform and amuse you.



A Little Bird Says:

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New Library Hours
Open House Invitation
Exploring stillygen.org**

**Plus articles about
Famous Relatives,
Irish Roots, and more!**



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