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2017 NwGC Keynote Speakers



Kenyatta Berry



Diahann Southard



Daniel Earl



Peggy Lauritzen

SVGS – On the Road Again!

Our conference team members have had a busy couple of months on the road to represent SVGS and the upcoming conference. We had a presence at the Camano Island Historical Tour on March 25 & 26 – we were represented by Anne Grimm and Ruth Caesar.

Next up was the Olympia Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar on April 8th which featured Janice Lovelace and Jill Morelli (both speakers at our conference in August) – SVGS was represented by Pam Liebelt and Ruth Caesar.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society had a Heritage Weekend April 21-22 with an "O Canada" Genealogy Seminar on April 22 – NwGC2017 Conference Chairs Phil & Lisa Bartlow represented SVGS/NwGC at this event, which was held the same day as the Yakima Genealogical Society's conference (sponsored by WSGS). Ruth Caesar and Pat Manning attended the Yakima event, and Pat received the WSGS Volunteer of the Year award which recognizes her contribution for her many years of volunteering at SVGS.

Also recognized posthumous was John Winsor – another long-time SVGS volunteer whom we could always count on to pitch in wherever needed, and who will be sorely missed by all of us.

The Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society's 2017 Spring Seminar was held on Saturday April 29th, and SVGS was represented by Ruth Caesar and Michele Cozad. The featured speakers were Judy Russell and Cindi Ingle – both of whom have spoken at NwGC events.

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months, 16 days**

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Memories of the Pioneer Cemetery



Larry Taylor &
Ruth Yost

At the Tombstone Project Committee Meeting, March 11, 2017 at the SVGS Library — We were blessed to have not only Ruth Yost but also Willis Erickson join us at the meeting.

Tombstone Project Committee members had special guests at their March 11, 2017 meeting. Members welcomed Ruth (Wangsmo) Yost to share some history of the Old Pioneer Cemetery in Arlington. Willis Erickson also was present. He grew up near the pioneer cemetery and was able to add and collaborate the information that both he and Ruth shared. It was fun to watch the two long term neighbors share memories.

The Pioneer Cemetery was the first cemetery in Arlington. Ruth was married to Harry Yost, and they lived across the street from the cemetery, where the family was active in taking care of the grounds.

Ruth has lived next to the Pioneer cemetery for 71 years. In 1945, Harry and Ruth purchased 7 lots for \$2000, across from the cemetery. They were able to watch the cemetery change through various stages. The cemetery began in 1895 on 5 acres with burials of early Arlington settlers and members of the Stillaguamish Tribe. Burials of Arlington pioneer families continued until 1912. Ruth shared the story of how the cemetery owner, Elias Clum, wanted to sell the cemetery. He tried to talk families into relocating their loved ones buried in the Pioneer cemetery, to other area cemeteries. Some families did have their family members relocated. Some did not, and the Grant family was one who refused to move their family graves.

Ruth spoke with her children and they recalled seeing many family markers in the early days of the cemetery. They also recalled at least four prominent individuals buried in the cemetery. They were:

Ole Johnson, Civil War Veteran, June 4, 1898.

B. L. Hildebrand, Civil War Veteran, Apr. 4, 1896.

Charles Warner, Civil War Veteran, Sept. 13, 1901.

John Grant, Civil War Veteran, Jan. 17, 1899.

The cemetery was sold around 1950, except for a one acre area, which is the area presently seen on Gifford Ave. This area was not maintained for many years and finally became overgrown. In the 1980's, Harry Yost and a neighbor, Bill Senica, wanted to see the cemetery cared for. Harry and Bill went to the City, and asked John Larson, the mayor at the time, to see if they would cut the trees in the cemetery. Ruth said Larson told them he did not know if the City would cut the trees.

There was a guy who eventually arranged the cutting of trees. Ruth recalls when local loggers cleared the cemetery area of trees, and hauled the trees away. The area was then bulldozed. Tombstone markers were also bulldozed and dumped over the bank. Ruth said Harry and Bill burned all the debris that was left over from the cut after the loggers left. They cleaned up the whole acre area, hauled in dirt, filled in areas, and planted grass. Harry and Bill began to keep up maintenance of the cemetery. Harry mowed the cemetery lawn for many years after this. He finally had to tell the City that this was their cemetery and they could take over mowing and maintenance. He and Bill were no longer able to do the work to maintain the grounds properly.

Ruth Yost is a lifetime Arlington resident and descendent of the Wangsmo family, who were early pioneers in Arlington. Her historical perspective and sharing of the Old Pioneer cemetery was valuable information to committee members as we search for further stories and facts about the cemetery. The Tombstone Project committee will be honoring the families buried in the Old Pioneer cemetery, by placing a memorial display on the cemetery grounds. Thank you Ruth Yost, for sharing your delightful stories and helping us verify information about the Old Pioneer Cemetery of Arlington.

We want to thank both Ruth Yost and Willis Erickson for participating in the meeting. We all learned a lot and had a fun time visiting with them.





Keynote Speakers

At the Upcoming 2017 Northwest Genealogy Conference

Kenyatta Berry *A Roadshow Genealogist*



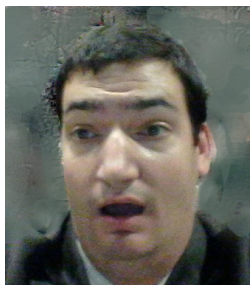
Kenyatta D. Berry is a genealogist and lawyer with more than 15 years of experience in genealogical research and writing. She began her genealogical journey while in law school and studying at the State Library of Michigan in Lansing. A native of Detroit, Berry graduated from Bates Academy, Cass Technical High School, Michigan State University and Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She has deep roots in Detroit, her ancestors have lived in Detroit since the 1920's.

A frequent lecturer and writer, she focuses on African American, Slave Ancestral Research and DNA. Berry has been featured in Real Simple, Jet, Wall Street Journal, Orange County Register, Sacramento Bee, Wave Newspaper and other publications. She has been a guest on numerous radio programs including MakeItPlain #WomensWednesday on SiriusXM Radio.

On March 11, 2016, Kenyatta received a California Legislature Assemblyman Resolution from the Honorable Jim Cooper on the floor of the State Capitol where he declared March 11th, Kenyatta D. Berry day. The Resolution recognized her work in the genealogy industry and on Genealogy Roadshow.

She also received a Resolution from the City of Sacramento on March 12, 2016, recognizing her work in Slave Ancestral Research and on Genealogy Roadshow. Kenyatta has appeared on numerous morning news shows in various markets and recently appeared on The Real where she revealed the DNA results of the Hosts. An avid sports fan, Kenyatta loves to watch the Lions, Tigers and Red Wings from her home in Santa Monica.

Daniel Earl *Back by Popular Demand*



Daniel Earl got his start in family history at age 10 when his father took him to the grave of his great-grandfather that sparked a lifetime of interest in family history. Daniel has spent the last 25 years researching his own family history and helping others make history a part of their story. In addition to being a professional genealogist and genealogical lecturer, Daniel is married and the father to six wonderful kids. He lives just outside of Lansing, Michigan.





Keynote Speakers

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Diahan Southard *Your DNA Guide*

A microbiology graduate, Diahan Southard has spent 15 years in the genetic genealogy industry. In her current position as Your DNA Guide, she provides personalized, interactive experiences to assist individuals and families in interpreting their genetic results in the context of their genealogical information.

She is also the author of DNA Quick Guides, producer of a video tutorial series, as well as a featured author for Family Tree Magazine, regular contributor to Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems, and recurring writer in Your Genealogy Today magazine.

Peggy Lauritzen *Free-Day Genealogist*



Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG, was involved in genealogy before she was even born. The daughter of avid genealogists, she was spending time in courthouses and cemeteries while other children were playing on swings and going to the beach.

The love of her family's history has never left her, for she vividly remembers interviewing her grandparents, all of whom were born in the 1800's. She felt when she touched their hands, she was touching history. With her experience serving as a Family History Director, she frequently speaks at genealogical societies, workshops, seminars, and webinars where she loves bringing genealogy to life. Some of those would include The Ohio Genealogical Society, The Ohio State University, Brigham Young University, and many other state and local genealogy societies. It was over fifteen years ago that she felt to further her knowledge and become Accredited. Her area of expertise is the mid-South, where every one of her ancestors planted their roots. She has recently completed several Legacy QuickGuides on Appalachia, which are also available on www.legacyfamilytree.com and www.amazon.com, and is an instructor at Ancestry Academy. She has recently been asked to be part of the GenealogyDotCoach consulting team.



NOTICES

Dear Everyone,

I don't know if anyone has mentioned the importance of notifying SVGS when you have a change of email or mailing address. ... We get a lot of emails back because of obsolete email addresses. Please email Membership@StillyGen.org any changes.

Thanks much,
Michele Cozad

David Dilgard: Living History. From the Everett Public Library.

March 22 was David's last official day at the Everett Public Library after 40 years of service. We wanted to send him off with a big celebration, but have bowed to David's wish to exit without a fuss. So we'll use this space to celebrate the work of David Dilgard in particular and the Northwest Room in general.

While David may be the face of Everett history to many, he would be the first to tell you that he didn't do it alone. His colleagues past and present, Margaret Riddle, Mindy Van Wingen, and Lisa Labovitch, have all been part of the creative and dedicated staff who make our history come alive—whether by cataloging and indexing archival material, digitizing our collections for the web, creating podcasts based on oral histories recorded decades ago, or helping patrons with local research needs.

It's not surprising that the stellar work of our NW staff has received outside notice. In

2009 David received a DAR award for Excellence in Community Service. That same year the Northwest Room podcast team received the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation for the Evergreen Cemetery Tour. Other honors include the Malmstrom Special Recognition Award, and an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. In 2009 David and Margaret received the Washington State Historical Society's highest honor, the Robert Gray Medal.

David's particular gifts to our community are his encyclopedic knowledge of local history, his willingness to share, and his skill as a raconteur. He is also the author of several books, including *Mill Town Footlights: The Theaters of Everett, Washington*. We may be letting him depart on his own terms with no formal celebration, but we'll miss him just the same.



It seems appropriate to announce the appointment of Mindy Van Wingen to the position of Historian in the Northwest Room in the same newsletter in which we announce David Dilgard's retirement.

The Northwest Room staff has always been focused on preserving and presenting history rather than promoting themselves—and David will be pleased that the work will continue without a pause.

Mindy will be returning to the Library in the

position she previously occupied from 2008-2012. She has undergraduate and graduate degrees in history as well as an MLIS. In the time since she last worked here, she has worked as an archivist for the Washington State Jewish Archives, earned a certification in non-fiction writing from UW, and served as Special Research Assistant to Washington's Attorney General. She started work at EPL on Monday, March 27th, joining Lisa Labovitch. Fellow local historian Jack O'Donnell says, "As we look to the future, these two capable young people will continue the excellent reputation of the Northwest Room."

From the Everett Public Library.



The April Meeting at the SVGS



SVGS's monthly meetings are so worth attending due to the quality of the speakers. This April's speaker, Mary Kircher Roddy, taught us how to access historical newspapers online—a genealogist's treasure trove of information.



Incidentally, this meeting was held in the newly expanded library. The meeting room has been enlarged to seat 50, which makes for a comfortable fit. If you haven't had a chance to see the new spaces, you'll have to come take a look. The place is decorated beautifully, and there are lots of nooks and crannies for doing research or for holding small meetings or confabs.



In Memoriam

Donald Andy Eliason

February 12, 1936 – April 22, 2017

Donald Andy Eliason was born 35 minutes after his twin Darald, in Hamilton, Washington. Donald graduated from Arlington High School and Western Washington College of Education at Bellingham. He served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict. He met

Helen Bernice Hubert during the summer of 1961, at the Twin City Food processing plant in Stanwood. They were married in 1962 in Arlington.

Donald taught school three years in Sequim, and ten years in the lower grades in Republic, Ferry County. Donald and Helen later purchased and operated the Western Auto Associated Store in Republic for five years. After selling the store, Donald went to work for Hecla Mining Company located in Republic. The Eliasons spent over 30 years in the Republic area, and in 1995 moved back to Arlington.

Surviving are his wife Helen; daughters Cynthia Ann (Bobby) Laktin of Grand Forks, Canada, and Rebecca Lynn Eliason of Burlington; and sons Richard Bryon (Donna) Eliason of Mt. Vernon and Daniel Todd (Delia) Eliason of Mt. Vernon.

Services are to be held Friday, May 5th at 2:00 pm at the Arlington Cemetery.



Washington State Genealogical Society
recognizes

Patricia McCann Manning
of Arlington, Washington

for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of
the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society



Patricia McCann Manning has been selected by the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) as their recipient of a WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Award. She was selected for her many years of service and support to the society.

Ms. Manning has held positions as secretary and treasurer with the SVGS and could always be counted on when needed – the hallmark of a true volunteer.

Extremely proud of her Alaskan family ties, Ms. Manning has allowed a number of her personal mementoes to be on permanent display at the society's library.

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society greatly appreciates Ms. Manning's contribution for all that she has done for the genealogical community of Snohomish County. She thereby richly deserves this recognition.

Given this 22nd day of April in the year 2017, at the annual meeting of the Washington State Genealogical Society at Yakima, Washington.

Virginia Majewski
President
Washington State Genealogical Society





2017 Annual Reports



FROM THE PRESIDENT Ruth Caesar

This year has been a very exciting year of expanding growth both at our facility and in membership. SVGS began the year with

162 members and are pleased to report that we now have 240, which includes memberships from other Washington State societies which SVGS offered for free. This was very well received from our fellow genealogists who now receive our Newsletter, conference announcements, meeting notices and other information which increases our visibility and allows a great two-way flow of information.

Last year saw the SVGS library expand to what we call "The West Wing" with an additional 744 sq ft of space. We also added 2 new desktop computers and 1 new laptop for the office. The conference room was expanded allowing us to have our monthly meetings right here (every second Tuesday). A big "Thank You" goes out to all of the volunteers who helped with this project with a special big "Thanks" to Steve and Michele Heiderer who built bookcases and added special decorating touches to every room.

SVGS hosted another Northwest Genealogy Conference in August at the beautiful Byrnes Performing Arts Center at the Arlington High School. We had over 350 people attend the events over the 4 days. Many of the patrons have already registered for NwGC2017!

Again a big "Thank You" goes out to all of the volunteers who made this event possible. We are gaining a reputation of being a destination event drawing patrons from all over the West Coast and Canada. We thank the City of Arlington and Snohomish County for their continued support of this event. This years conference will feature keynote speaker Kenyatta Berry of Genealogy Roadshow fame. DNA Guide Diahan Southard and back by popular demand – Daniel Earl. The Free Beginning Genealogy Day on Wednesday will feature Peggy Lauritzen. Highlights of events will be "Dress as your Ancestor" day and "An Evening in Italy" buffet at the gorgeous Gleneagle Country Club – check out the details at www.nwgc.org.

To summarize 2016, we continue to prosper – come and see us at our expanded facility and don't forget to join in at our summer BBQ in July – see you there!

Name Origin

"ARLINGTON, A TOWN in Snohomish County. When the railroad's arrival gave promise of a city there Morris G. Haller called it Haller City in 1888 in honor of his father. Two years later, Earl & McLeod, railroad contractors, purchased the townsite and changed its name to honor the memory of Lord Henry Arlington, one of the notorious 'Cabal' cabinet of Charles II, of England."

from <http://genealogytrails.com/wash/snohomish/towns.html>



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Wow, here we are once again, seems like we just did our annual reports. Each year has been a good year as Membership Chair and seeing all the changes within our Society. Last year I said that we were making changes in the membership list to make it more efficient. Well, we are still working on that and that means I'm still learning ~ trying to make changes within a program is not easy, especially for someone with minimal computer smarts, and one of these days we'll surprise ourselves and succeed.

I once again want to thank Michele Cozad for all her help and Ruth Caesar for all her knowledge and help. There is so much going on we just run out of time getting the things done that we would like to get done.

And as always I hope the members are using the Society's web site to learn about what is going on within the library, plus we have a very nice computer room set up for members to use.

Respectfully Submitted by Joanne Hoidal Wetmore, *Membership Chair*

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

This year the President and Secretary's position were up for nominations, the committee looked within the membership for someone to fill these spots but this has proven once again a challenge. Time is a big part for both being President and Secretary, which not only includes the library but also the 2017 NwGConference and other side meetings.

If you are interested in volunteering for a position it would be good to work along with the person holding that position and learning all that is entailed, even working within the library as a volunteer helps one learn.

Respectfully Submitted by Joanne Hoidal Wetmore, *Nominations Chair*

WAYS AND MEANS ANNUAL REPORT

I have always heard it takes money to make money. We have worked hard and because of that we are in a position to go after \$100,000 in grants this year. Please enjoy what I am about to share with you and dream for the future. I see off to one side of our new library that holds 40,000 to 50,000 books an area where twenty to thirty adults can gather for a Family Reunion in comfort with a gas fireplace and comfortable seats. Room for children that can play nearby with unusual educational toys. A place where many can gather with a kitchen nearby for a Super Bowl, or National Championship. A fun place where we all like to go to.

What we have done this year:

Conference Grants:

City of Arlington, \$40,000 applied for, \$40,000 authorized.

County of Snohomish, \$9,000 applied for, \$9,000 authorized.

General Grants:

Tulalip Tribes, \$23,362 applied for, \$2,500 received.

Stillaguamish Tribe, \$17,600 applied for. Waiting for a response.

SCHPC \$1,694 applied for and committee approved the same.

City of Arlington on the Building, \$5,341 ask regarding new addition. In for approval.

Total grants applied for this year: \$96,998. Preliminary Authorization \$58,535. Rec'd \$2,500.

A fun place where we can get a cup of coffee and a pleasant word with our fellow travelers.

Thank You God! A goal worth working for.

– Submitted by Larry Taylor



LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Stephen Baylor, Vice President of the Library

If I had to pick a word to describe our library over the past year, it would have to be "expansion." We have expanded on several fronts. In the last twelve months we have been given four or five large donations of books, the great share dealing with genealogy. A number of these books are duplicates of ones we already had in our collection. In that case we have offered them to other societies or for sale to members or conference attendees. Proceeds go right back into our library. We added over 400 new books to our collection in 2016 and another 300 so far this year. This unexpected expansion increased our collection of books in the Virginia, Illinois, and Tennessee sections. The Tennessee collection alone has more than doubled in size.

All these new books created a problem, but I'd have to call it a good problem. We needed more space. This problem was solved earlier this year when the board voted to

expand into the west wing of the building. We again had a crew of eager volunteers working to carpet, paint, and decorate the new spaces. We tore down a wall to make a larger classroom and also added additional shelving. Our expanded digs are wonderful and welcoming for all our patrons.

Our final act of expansion was to increase our library hours. We are now open six hours, three days a week. To accommodate the expanded hours we have increased our volunteer staff of librarians. Six or seven folks have stepped forward to make sure we have at least two people on staff each day we are open.

I would like to thank everyone who has participated in a very successful year of operation. We could not have done it without your tireless volunteer efforts. There are so many of you to thank it would be foolish of me to try to name everyone. Just know that you are appreciated for everything you do.

Early Day Version of Online Dating

MATRIMONIAL – Young Southern man, 29, good moral habits, desires to correspond with a respectable southern lady; object, a kind and loving wife, who would appreciate a loving husband; no triflers. E.M. Collins, Snohomish, Wash.

[The Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta Georgia, August 2, 1901 –
Submitted by Shauna Williams]

Found at http://genealogytrails.com/wash/snohomish/news_miscell.html



EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

Stephen Baylor, Interim Chair

We were fortunate to have a wonderful slate of speakers for our monthly meetings. Our presentations drew about forty people each time. The only hiccup was where we would meet. We started September off at our usual venue at the Boys and Girls Club when Winona Laird filled us in on Supplemental Census records. By October we had to find another location as the remodel had begun. We held our program at the Stillaguamish Room at Haller Park featuring Kathryn Devine from the Washington State Library and Janette Gomes from the Washington State Regional Archives in Bellingham. They told us of the opportunities for research at their respective locations. In November our own Leilani Lucrezia shared the basics of choosing a DNA test and what results to expect to an overflow crowd.

Our January program was supposed to be led by Stanwood Reference Librarian, Rob Branigan. Unfortunately he fell ill at the last minute so we had an session on how to nav-

igate our society website and a couple other genealogy websites. We will hopefully get to see Rob in the coming year.

Our February speaker was to be Jim Johnson of the Heritage Quest Research Library. Jim had knee surgery so Gary Zimmerman of the Fiske Genealogical Library filled in. His lecture was about the research library in Seattle and its collection of New England resources. Jim Johnson will be our featured speaker in June.

In March we were able to move our venue to our expanded classroom at the library. Karin Coppernoll taught us about locating un-indexed databases available through familysearch.org. In April Mary Kircher Roddy showed us where to access historical newspapers online.

Our speakers were both entertaining and enlightening. If you are like me, you likely spent a few hours online after each presentation looking for your ancestors.

A story found on the Genealogy Trails website for Snohomish County:

Salmon Jumped Into Boat

SNOHOMISH, WASH., SEPT. 29 – Gus Erickson had an easy time when he went salmon fishing in the Snohomish River. As he rowed in the stream a 16 pound salmon suddenly leaped from the water and landed in the boat.

[The Chillicothe Constitution Tribune, Chillicothe
Missouri - September 29, 1934 - Submitted by Shauna Williams]

from http://genealogytrails.com/wash/snohomish/news_miscell.html



NORTHWEST GENEALOGY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2017 conference kicked off with a meeting in June 2016 where the format was discussed and the theme 'Where Does Your Story Begin?' was chosen. By October, basic topics for presentations were decided and the call for speakers was sent out. The hard work of writing and submitting the grant proposals was completed by Larry Taylor, Ruth Caesar and Michele Cozad.

After Kathy Stuehrenberg received and organized all of the speaker proposals came the challenge of narrowing down the large numbers of possible presentations. With that accomplished, Kathy Bowman led the marketing materials team in crafting flyers, banners and brochures. She is also working on the syllabus as information comes in.

Erica Madsen set up the portal on the Society's webpage and registration was opened. Pam Liebelt heads the publicity team in finding the best ways to advertise the event.

It was decided to have both the Wednesday Meet and Greet as well as the Banquet at Glenagle Golf Course. Work continues by Joanne Wetmore on organizing the sales table. Anne Grimm is gathering fantastic door prizes and coordinating the vendors.

There are still a lot of details that need to come together, but we are well on our way and can't say enough good things about the efforts put in by so many people.

Respectfully submitted Lisa and Phil Bartlow, *NwGC Co-Chairs*

NORTHWEST GENEALOGY CONFERENCE UPDATE

By Pam Liebelt

The Northwest Genealogy Conference preparations are well underway. Food selections have been confirmed and you can now register for your meals. If you registered before the food was confirmed, you can now go online and make your selections. (NOTE: Meals need to be purchased prior to the conference).

A second, exciting change this year is that we will grant free admittance to students 13–17 years old with an adult with full paid registration. (NOTE: meals and syllabus need to be purchased separately). This is a wonderful opportunity for young people who are interested in their family's history. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, contact the society at info@stillygen.com.

If you have yet to register for the conference, don't miss out on this wonderful educational opportunity!

Name Origin

"DARRINGTON, A TOWN in Snohomish County. It was intended as an honor for a man named Barrington, but the first letter got mixed in conferring the name."

Origin of Washington Geographic Names, 1923
from <http://genealogytrails.com/wash/snohomish/towns.html>



PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Helen Eliason and Sue Walde, Co-Chairs

Early Schools in the Stillaguamish Valley is still in the works. This book is about the rural schools in the Arlington area. It will encompass several volumes and it will cover over 20 rural school districts with 40+ schoolhouses. There will be a "replacement" book for purchasers of the first edition, plus two or three more volumes containing interesting first-person accounts, stories, and a plethora of genealogically significant data. Because of the magnitude and scope of the work, this book will be long-awaited when it is published.

Our hats off to Sue Walde for the tremendous amount of time, effort and thought that she has put into this project. All while doing an exemplary full-time job as a public servant for the county.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Bowman, *Publications Typesetter*



TOMBSTONE PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT

The plan is to set up an outside display at the Pioneer Cemetery prior to Memorial Day. On that display will be the memorial information regarding a list of 40 individuals in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Over the year's it has been difficult to determine who is buried at the Pioneer Cemetery. On the Obituary of Stacey Grant, son of John Grant states "and laid to rest in the family lot by the side of a father and sister." So in October 27, 1900 there was three Grants in our Pioneer Cemetery on Gifford Avenue just north of Fifth Street. The story that has been given and copied in several locations was that only John Grant was left in

the Pioneer Cemetery because the family refused to pay to have him dug up, and buried in another cemetery. The Tombstone Project Committee asks the simple question, "Why would the family refuse to move the dad, but move the children?" So the record has a lie in it? Appears so. 37 other people in the records were buried in the Pioneer Cemetery and do not show up in any way, shape or form to be in any of the area cemeteries. We do have a record of over 20 others being buried in the Pioneer Cemetery and are now resting in other Cemeteries.

If you can add to our knowledge in this matter please contact Larry Taylor, Chairman of the Tombstone Committee. I'm at the library almost every day that it is open and on many when it is not. LOL! God Bless to all that have walked the path ahead of us!

Respectfully submitted by Larry Taylor,
Tombstone Project Chair



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, May 9 12:00 pm Location TBA Arlington, WA 98223	Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch All members are welcome to join us for our potluck lunch and annual meeting. You will be able to hear the latest on the welfare of the society and help vote in officers for the coming year.
Thursday, May 11 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Bellevue Regional Library, Rm 1 1111 110th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004	Eastside Genealogical Society "Publishing Your Family History" For 41 years, Gorham Printing of Centralia has produced short run, self-published books for people wanting to share their family history. If you want to publish that novel you always had in you, they will do that as well. Please come and see what Gorham can do for you and your project. www.eastsidegenealogicalsociety.com
Saturday, May 13 1:00 pm Burlington Senior Center 1011 Greenleaf Ave Burlington, WA 98233	Skagit Valley Genealogical Society The program for the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society on 13 May will be "Time Will Tell: Using Timelines to Understand Our Ancestors" with Mary Kircher Roddy. She will talk about designing timelines to place our ancestors in place and time. This research technique that all family historians can use to deepen their understanding of world and local history and how it influenced their ancestors' lives and decisions. For more information, visit the SVGS website.
Tuesday, June 13 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm 6111 188th PINE Arlington, WA 98223	Monthly Meeting – The Melungeons Are you a Melungeon descendant? Come learn about this little known group from Jim Johnson, President of the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner. This lecture is free to the public. Membership in the society is not required.
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.

Dress Up Day at the 2017 Conference by Larry Taylor



Scottish Dress

I have always enjoyed being a little different and being willing to think outside the box! And a Dress Up day would be different and fun. This would be on Friday, the day and night of the Banquet.

My whole intent is to bring people together. My Taylor line and Ledgerwood line are both from Scotland. I have lines to

England (Fincher), France (Coté), Sweden (Lund) and Germany (Dull). But for this day I am choosing Scotland and in future may choose one of my other lines to play with. I'm going dressed as a Scotsman, Kilt and all.

Why? To make connections to other individuals who have lines coming from Scotland. To find that community and have a blast doing it.

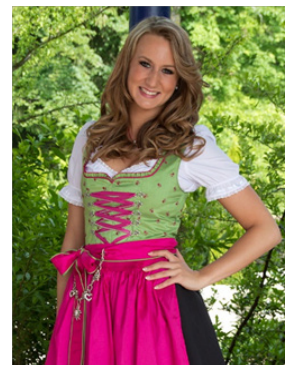
We can with a little effort make this an event

that is heard Nationwide!

I love FindAGrave. Because of it, I have connected to 8 or 9 or 10 third or fourth cousins.

I have spent hundreds and hundreds of dollars on Ancestry. I have only connected with two or three family members.

Last year I saw the name "Coté (French) on the registration list. When a lady came up and announced "Coté" at the Registration Desk, I jumped up and went over and introduced myself. My Great Grandfather is Napoléon Coté. The lady responded, "Napoléon Coté is on my Family Tree. Hi Cousin!"



German Dress



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