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Changing Faces at SVGS

It is with deep regret that one of SVGS Founding Members – Steve Baylor and Vice-President of the Library – tendered his resignation to focus on his family. We are very fortunate to have Pam Liebelt (Sno-Isle Librarian at the Arlington Branch) step up to fill this spot. Pam is experienced in Library Science and is a great addition to our staff.

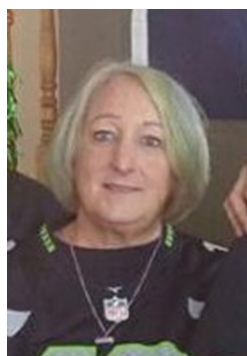
Also tendering his resignation was Larry Taylor who stepped up when needed to fill this position a few years back. Larry will always be remembered as “Mr. Spreadsheet” demonstrating his ability with Excel to keep the P&L (Profit & Loss) Statements, QuickBooks Accounting, Mailing Lists and many other accounting tasks



Pam Liebelt

up-to-date and shared with all of us. Larry will be sorely missed, but we are very fortunate to have Anne Grimm step up and fill this position.

Larry was also Chair of the Tombstone Project and a contributor to “Findagrave.” He photographed and uploaded tens of thousands of pictures to this site. We will all miss Mr. Spreadsheet and his colorful stories. The Chair position for the Tombstone Project is open – come join us at the next meeting – maybe this it will be a good fit for you!



Anne Grimm

Steve Baylor was also Chair of the Education Committee and this spot has been filled by Bill Grant. Bill has over 25 years of experience in teaching and genealogy research (his family has been in America since 1635!). He is an expert in Colonial/ New England genealogy with over 10,000 people in his Family Tree. He welcomes research inquiries – check the librarian schedule for his time and feel free to stop by for a visit. Bill will be responsible for monthly meeting speakers and other educational items.

As Newsletter Chair, Kathy Bowman, relates “It has been such a pleasure to be Editor of the newsletter, and I’m happy to let you know you are left in good hands with Bob Dunn.” Bob is an artist with experience in newspaper and publicity – he is also a great addition to the Northwest Genealogy Conference Team.

As always “The Stillaguamish Star” is always looking for articles of mutual interest to share. You can reach Bob at newsletters@stillygen.org and share. Please welcome all the new faces aboard!

~ Michele Cozad



Bob Dunn

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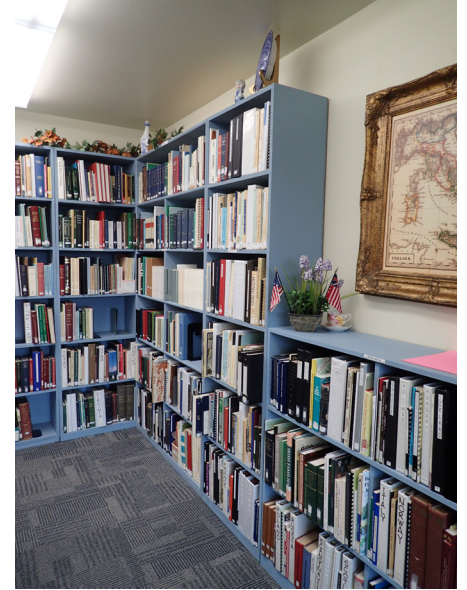
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– Announcing – New Books available at the Library!

Here's how to find them:

1. Go to our website: www.stillygen.org
2. Click **Library Catalog**.
3. Look for the word **Subject** in the blue box at the top.
4. Click the **Drop Down Arrow** in the box to the right of the word "**Subject**."
5. Select **New Library Item – 2017**
6. At the far right you'll see a number that's over 500; 541 at the writing of this article.
That's the number of new books we've received this year!
7. Click on the heading **Call Number** to sort these in alphabetical order by section.



WHERE ARE ALL THE DONATIONS FROM?

First, the library received a large donation of books from the Estate of Elizabeth Wilson, a former member. Second, Steve Baylor invested many volunteer hours to review requests, select titles, and purchase many of these new books. Third, some donations were from our members, patrons, and the public.

A special thank you goes to our group of volunteers lead by Steve Baylor and Kay Crabtree who have worked so tirelessly to keep our catalog current! Remember, the coffee is brewing and the library is open during our stormy fall/winter months. Visit us from 10-4 Tues., Thurs., and Sat. to review our new books, break down those brick walls, and add to your family history.

~ Pam Liebelt and Flynn Clarke Kennedy

As some of you may have heard, Steve Baylor is stepping down from his position as V.P. of the Library. Pam Liebelt and Flynn Kennedy will be assuming his duties in the interim.

Thanks, Steve, for all your work to keep the library running so smoothly. We will miss you!

We will have a Library Board meeting on Tues. Nov. 7 at 1:00 p.m.
All librarians and assistant librarians are welcome to attend.

~ Flynn Kennedy



“Where am I?”

A recent inventory of our library books found some missing books like....

- North Carolina #6 “Directory of Scots in the Carolinas”
- New Jersey #7 “Genealogical Abstracts from the Chieftan”
- 850-8.2: Volume 2 of the Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy. This is probably a 2 to 3 inch thick book with very old binding, much like vols. 1, 3-4.

Please check around and if you find any of these books please return them to our library – Thanks!

As a reminder – We are not a lending library but if you are a member and are working on a SVGS project, you can borrow a book if you fill out a “Check-Out” form and file it with the Librarian at the desk.

And lastly, we are always accepting donations of genealogy and history related books – if they are surplus to you they may be “NEW” to us!

~ The Librarians



Fun Facts. In 1917 and 1918, approximately 98% of men under the age of 46 living in the United States completed a World War I draft registration card. Chances are, you had male ancestors who registered, and you can get a copy of their original draft registration card – an interesting document placing your ancestors in a major historical event. As an aside, you even might find his height, weight, and eye color.



Getting to know our new Treasurer

I became aware of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society when I bid on and won a free registration to the Northwest Genealogy Conference in 2015 at the Silvana Community Fair Auction. I have been doing family history research since the early 1970's. Mostly on and off as 6 kids took up most of my time.

After attending the conference, I decided to check out the Genealogy Library in which I became a member of the Tombstone Project. Soon after, I was invited to participate in the 2016 Conference. I have had a GREAT time the last 2 years helping out at the conference. It's a lot of work, but rewarding in the end.

Early this year I was asked to help the Hospitality chair person, so I have been doing that in addition to Conference tasks, Door Prizes, Vendors, Registration, Sales Table and wherever needed around the Society.

I have most recently stepped into the position as interim Treasurer when the treasurer resigned. I thought since I had been a past bookkeeper for many years for a group of family owned grocery stores in the SW Washington (Vancouver, Washougal and Camas) area that I could probably handle it. A LOT is different with computer programs nowadays.

I enjoy being around the people involved with the Genealogical Society, they are all so easy to get to know and be friends with.

~ Anne Grimm

What did your ancestor eat in the 18th Century? Here's a recipe from England:

Moist, rich and dotted with currants, Portugal cakes are a delightful, delicious dessert. After tasting these, I've no idea how they could have fallen from favor for they are one of the very best cakes I've ever enjoyed. Rosewater and sherry provide subtle flavoring while loaf sugar – available in ethnic markets and online as piloncillo – sweetens the cake. Unlike refined white sugar, loaf sugar as it was used in the 18th century was boiled, reduced and crystallized sugarcane juice molded into cylindrical cone-like loafs. Unrefined sugar retains much of the natural minerals found in cane juice and is an excellent alternative to white sugar. When we use sugar in our home, it's a very rare occasion and we only use it in its natural and unrefined state. In the 18th century, sugar was a rare commodity and average consumption in England was under 10 lbs per person per year.

Portugal Cakes

MIX into a pound of fine flour, a pound of loaf sugar beat and sifted, then rub it into a pound of pure sweet butter till it is thick like grated white-bread, then put to it two spoonfuls of rose-water, two of sack, ten eggs, whip them very well with a whisk, then mix into eight ounces of currants, mixed all well together; butter the tin-pans, fill them but half full and bake them; if made without currants they will keep half a year; add a pound of almonds blanched and beat with rose-water, as above, and leave out the flour. These are another sort, and better.



About View Crest Abbey

View Crest Abbey was built in the 1940's in north Everett at 2901 Whitehorse Trail. A place where 3,502 souls are interred and call home. The building is embellished with two big enormous crosses that face east and the rising sun, when clouds allow. View Crest Abbey is not a park-like setting, but a building with twelve-foot ceilings.

There are almost a thousand crypts and another thousand niches where many tenants reside. Buried here, we find some of our pioneers, and heroes from past wars. The four founding doctors of the Everett Clinic are here too. There are even mayors and politicians, but probably not a plumber or electrician.

My mother-in-law owned a home and lived just up the hill until about 10 years ago when she moved to be closer to her family. Pi, one of our new and capable volunteers, lives within easy walking distance. So we welcome Pi with open arms and laugh and giggle because we see this project coming to a close, as far as Find-a-Grave is concerned.



Many of these individuals don't come with husbands and wives. They are individuals, alone and forgotten. We will not forget them and plan to do all that we can for them. These were real people, and walked the path before us, clearing out some of the thorns of life. We owe them a heartfelt "thank you."

~ Larry Taylor

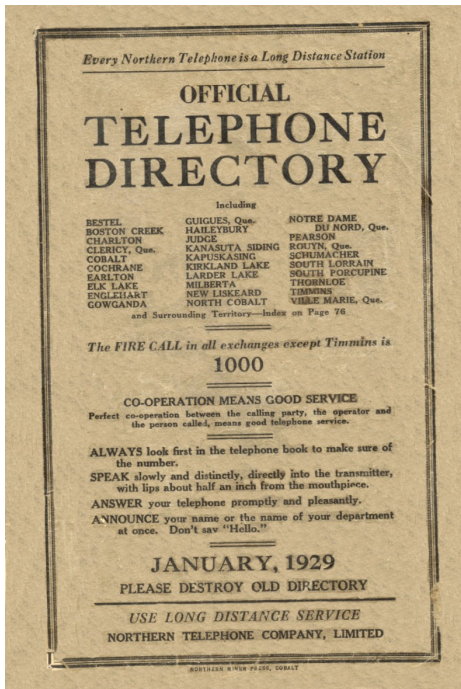


Now Larry sees another project that needs to be done here. There are 1,500 boxes of remains in the two closets and an attic which make up the community vaults. If our 10% rule holds true, there could be 150 veterans of foreign and forgotten wars hiding in those closets and attic. 10% you ask, that is about the percentage of burials in our other big cemeteries throughout Snohomish County that are Veterans. To include their wives, that would make almost 300 individuals eligible for a final resting place into our closest National Cemetery in Kent.





Not Just Stillaguamish Valley Resources



Our library houses a wealth of information for many different localities across the United States and abroad.

Recently, Kay Crabtree cataloged a donation of Seattle City Directories. City directories can provide addresses of residence and even information on occupation.

In perusing these directories, I found both sets of my grandparents listed. In the 1951 directory, I also discovered that my dad's great aunt and uncle were listed at the same address as his family.

In the library we have city directories for Bellingham, Yakima, and Seattle and more. Our online catalog is very easy to use. You can search by location, subject, media type, collection or by specific item. Be sure to check it out at www.stillygen.org – click the catalog tab.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to come in and take a look around the library as well.

~ Pam Liebelt

Want Even More News?

There are several avenues to receive news from the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society. Of course there is this newsletter, but there is also our blog and Facebook pages for the society and for the Northwest Genealogy Conference.

You can access the blog at our website:

- www.stillygen.org and click on the **blog** link on the left.
- Once you are on the blog page, if you scroll down a ways on the right, there is a **follow button**.
- If you click **follow**, you will receive email notifications of new posts on the blog.

The Facebook pages can be accessed by searching Facebook for Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society or Northwest Genealogy Conference; once you find the pages you can click **like** and then the new posts will come up on your Facebook feed. The blog and Facebook pages are great ways to stay informed about items and events that come up in between newsletters.

~ Pam Liebelt
Publicity Chair



Surprising Finds in Land Records

~ A Book Review ~



Land records--grants, deeds, mortgages, surveys, and more--are among the most valuable resources for genealogists to prove relationships and to point to new relationships.

One of the strongest motivators for American immigration was land, and one of the strongest motivators for migration within America was land. Because of this, land records are the most common records available for pioneer ancestors. For many, they may be the only records.

Here we review the new book from Margaret "Pat" Law Hatcher. Among the many illustrations Pat Hatcher offers concerning the surprising clues in land records awaiting the researchers who take to heart the advice found in the updated edition of her acclaimed book, *Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records*, are tips for establishing dates and establishing family relationships. You can see what Pat means if you read the following excerpt from Chapter One:

Establish Death Dates

If a deed shows land being sold on 2 January 1848 by the estate of John Jones or by William Jones, executor of (or administrator

of) John Jones, then clearly John died before the date of the deed. There should have been a will or administration, but it is not uncommon to find such a land record without an associated probate. On your family group sheet for John's death date, you can enter "before 2 January 1848."

An even more interesting example is that of the death of the widow. Because of the widow's dower interest, her husband's three hundred acres couldn't be "sold out from under" her after he died. A couple of options existed. The land could be partitioned (more on this process in chapter two, *Where Are the Records?*), or the widow could retain her dower right to her portion of the three hundred acres. When the widow died, her dower rights went to the named beneficiaries in the will or to the heirs of the deceased husband (not to the widow's heirs, because she only owned an interest during her life).

Either way, you may find a deed from the heirs written shortly after the death of the widow. Once again, you can say that the widow died probably shortly before the date of the deed. The trick is spotting the deed. It probably won't be indexed under the name of the deceased husband or the widow. The dower interest usually ended up with the



couple's children and is indexed under their names. Not all indexes list all parties (more on this in chapter four, Finding a Deed in a Courthouse). You should always scan the surname in the index for additional interesting possibilities. Deeds marked *et al.* (and others) or identified as quitclaims are quite possibly prompted by a widow's death. The trickiest ones to find are those for which the first child named – and the only one indexed – happens to be a married daughter.

These deeds rarely state that the land is being sold because the widow has died. Your evidence is a bit of reverse logic – the land couldn't have been sold without her being a party to the deed unless she had died.

Find Statements of Relationships

The big payoff in deeds, and the reason it is so sad that more researchers don't use them, is that they so often contain the only statement of relationships we will find. For the colonial period, few areas outside of New England have vital and church records to establish family relationships. We must rely on land records in order to reconstruct families.

Two types of records – deeds of gift and maintenance agreements – usually derive specifically from family relationships.

"For natural love and affection" is the standard phrase found in deeds of gift. Occasionally the relationship is stated

explicitly, sometimes it isn't. Be careful when making notes and reporting findings that you do not insert wording such as "their son" that in any way could be construed as having been part of the original record. Sometimes the consideration (payment) included a token monetary value, such as one dollar or five shillings. This doesn't mean anything special; they were just trying to ensure that the document couldn't be challenged. Often several deeds of gift were made at about the same time. Records about women can be difficult to find, but deeds of gift to a daughter when the husband is named prove both father and marriage for her. The following deeds of gift are all for land in Barren County, Kentucky. The slight variations in wording are typical.

- 29 May 1807 John Garnett and Betsy his wife to Richard Garnett of Barren Co. for natural affection and \$1.
- 11 May 1811 Elizabeth Wright to her son Thomas Wright for natural love and affection.
- 19 June 1811 Thomas Hardy to George Hardy for \$10 and the love & esteem he bears unto his son George Hardy.

For more information about the other discoveries that await you in <http://www.genealogical.com/products/Locating%20Your%20Roots%20Discover%20Your%20Ancestors%20Using%20Land%20Records/2595.html/>, please click the the link here.

Fun Facts. About 35 million Americans are related to one or more of the 102 pilgrims who sailed to America on the Mayflower in 1620. Anthropologists claim that everyone is a 40th cousin. Any two people can find at least one common ancestor who has lived since 800 A.D.



Study Finds Connection Between Names, What You Do & Where You Live

A study by social psychologists Brett W. Pelham, Matthew C. Mirenberg, and John T. Jones used Ancestry's data and social security death index records to study the connection between names and where people live.

Here's their surprising discovery: They found that people are disproportionately likely to live in places whose names resemble their own first or last names.

People named Virginia, for example, are disproportionately more likely to move to Virginia than other neighboring states.

The study authors also found some evidence that people's first initial often matched the name of their field.

People with names that begin with "H," for example, seemed more likely to work in hardware.

While the results were not conclusive, there are some fascinating examples from history of people with strangely appropriate surnames.

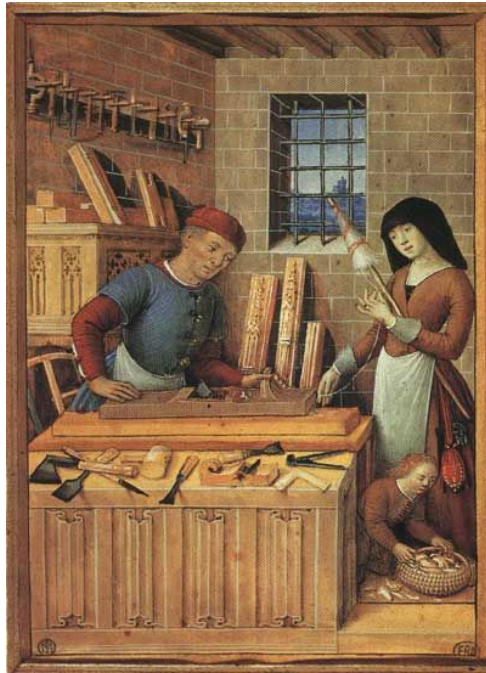
Faux Connections Between Surnames and Occupation

In some cases, names seem perfectly appropriate for a person's occupation yet the original meaning of the surname is not really related.

Here are some fascinating examples:

There's William Wordsworth, the Romantic poet. Interestingly, the meaning of the surname is not connected to words. The etymology of his name is unclear, but it may be related to the Dutch place names Woord or English towns named Worth.

Frances Crook is a British prison reformer. It seems like the perfect surname, yet the origin of the last name Crook is not related to criminal activity at all. Instead, the Old Norse name was given to people with a physical deformity—a



“crook” or bend—or who lived by a bend in the road.

Larry Speakes was a spokesman for President Ronald Reagan. While this seems to be just the right name for a spokesman, the name actually derives from a Middle English nickname for someone who resembled a woodpecker.

Rem Koolhaas was a Dutch architect who may have been inspired by his surname to design cool houses. But his name is probably a shortening of the Dutch personal name Nikoolaas.

In other cases, your last name at least tells you exactly what your family historically did for a living.

Surnames Tied to Historical Occupations

Historically, occupational names identified people based on their job or position in society. Here are a few examples of family names based on occupations:

- Becker (baker)
- Boucher (butcher)
- Cantor (singer)
- Conte (count)
- Herrera (smith)
- Lanaro (wool trader)
- Mullins (miller)
- Romero (pilgrim)
- Schneider (tailor)

Could your last name be telling you that you come from a long line of bakers or artists or adventurers?

Try plugging your surname into the Ancestry Last Names Meanings and Origins widget found at <https://blogs.ancestry.com/cm/strangely-appropriate-surnames/>. For example, type in the surname “Weber,” and you'll see it's a German occupational name for a weaver.

~ Rebecca Dalzell



Traditions

are a big part of the Thanksgiving holiday, and every American family has their own way of celebrating. Here are five popular traditions shared by American families each Thanksgiving.



1. **Turkey and Trimmings.** From the first Thanksgiving to today's turkey burgers, turkeys are an American tradition dating back centuries. According to the NTF, 95 percent of Americans eat turkey at Thanksgiving. Regional twists offer variations on the traditional roasted bird, including coffee rubbed turkey from Hawaii, salt encrusted turkey from New England, and deep fried turkey from the South.
2. **Time Out for the Pigskin.** Throughout the United States, football on Thanksgiving Day is as big a part of the celebration as turkey and pumpkin pie. Dating back to the first intercollegiate football championship held on Thanksgiving Day in 1876.
3. **Parading Around.** The first American Thanksgiving Day parade was held in 1920, organized by Gimbel's Department Store in Philadelphia, not Macy's as most people believe. The NYC Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade tradition actually began in 1924, and has grown into an annual event of balloons, bands, and floats, enjoyed by more than 46 million people each year in person and on TV.
4. **Making a Wish.** Does your family fight over the wishbone from the Thanksgiving turkey? Known as a "lucky break" the tradition of tugging on either end of a fowl's bone to win the larger piece and its accompanying "wish" dates back to the Etruscans of 322 B.C. The Romans brought the tradition with them when they conquered England, and the English colonists carried the tradition on to America.
5. **Giving Thanks.** Last, but certainly not least, Thanksgiving is about giving thanks for the people and blessings of the past year. Families engage in a wide number of different activities for bringing thanks to their Thanksgiving table, from a blessing or special grace to Thanksgiving show- and-tell. Some also use the holiday to spread the cheer to others, such as helping out with holiday meals for the homeless.

MAKE THE MOST OF FAMILY GATHERINGS THIS THANKSGIVING, GENEALOGY-WISE

Is your family gathering together for Thanksgiving? Take advantage of the special family time to go through old family photo albums with Grandma and have her help you with the names that go with the faces. Set up a video camera in the corner and record the great family stories that are shared over Thanksgiving dinner.. Collect information to put together a medical family history, or everyone's favorite recipes to create a family cookbook. Or why not bring along a few ancestry DNA kits with you and ask them for their spit (always good family dinner conversation)! **Thanksgiving and other big family holidays are a perfect opportunity to learn more about your family history and start preserving it for future generations. Take advantage!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday

10:00 am to 12:00 noon
SVGS Library
6111 188th Pl 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 at 6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
SVGS Library
6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington, WA

MONTHLY MEETING**OVERVIEW OF SCANDINAVIAN RESOURCES PART 2**

Jill Morelli, CG will be presenting an Overview to Scandinavian Resources in a 2 part series. This class is part 2 of her introduction to three major record sets of Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Jill lectures and writes about her discoveries as a family historian. She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, Association of Professional Genealogists and numerous societies. She is coming to us from Seattle.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017

12:00 noon to 3:00 pm
SVGS Library
6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington, WA

THE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

starts at noon with a general and board meeting to follow. There will be no monthly presentation in December. Bring your favorite potluck holiday dish.

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
SVGS Library
6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington, WA

MONTHLY MEETING**DNA - DNA - DNA**

Mary Kathryn Kozy will present a talk on the ever-popular subject of DNA. She speaks on many aspects of DNA, so it's always a new presentation. Come join us to learn more about how DNA helps the genealogist.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
SVGS Library
6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington, WA

MONTHLY MEETING**"INS" AND "OUTS" OF COLONIAL RECORDS**

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.

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society**Current Officers**

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Late-breaking News

These items just came in -- For more details and photos, watch for the next edition of *The Stillaguamish Star*.

UPDATE FROM THE TOMBSTONE

COMMITTEE - At the Arlington Pioneer Cemetery stands an old unrecognizable stone of Arlington Pioneer John Grant who served our country in the Civil War. SVGS recently obtained a grant to mark the Pioneer Cemetery with an external display which was installed in mid-July. The next step was to obtain a new granite headstone for Corporal Grant which was delivered last week from the Veterans Administration. SVGS will now replace the old weather-beaten marker with a new headstone to honor this area pioneer.

SVGS WAS HONORED AT THE TULALIP TRIBES 10th Year Anniversary "Raising Hands" gala held at the Orca Ballroom on October 28th. We were represented by President Ruth Caesar and Secretary Michele Cozad. Our Tulalip neighbors honored over 200 non-profits with 7.5 Million in gifts during 2017. The Tulalips' generosity has helped us keep our doors open along with helping hundreds of local people. THANK YOU TO OUR TULALIP NEIGHBORS.



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