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SVGS HAS MADE THE MOVE

**Everybody loves the new library —
A big thank you to the volunteers!**

After searching for a new place to call “Home” SVGS was fortunate to secure a new larger library location previously known as “The Oso Building” (formerly the home of Oso Lumber) located near the Arlington Airport.

A big “Thank You” goes out to the City of Arlington who assisted in finding us a home within our limited budget. We began planning the big move late last year and it was not an easy task! We needed to index, label and pack our inventory of 6000 books. Thanks to Steve Baylor, Vice President of the Library, who prepared the identification labels.

Another big “Thank You” goes to Phil & Lisa Bartlow who generously secured the packing boxes we needed along with a professional moving company who volunteered their services the day of the big move.



The last week of January we had many volunteers—too many to mention but greatly appreciated. You really stepped-up to pack, load the moving carts, move our bookshelves, unload boxes and reshelv our books. The new

facility was made “move-in ready” by volunteers who patched holes, painted, refinished doors and baseboards, upgraded the bathrooms, cleaned windows and weeded the large new gardens.

A special thanks to SVGS Member John Winsor and his grandsons Elliot Jones & Jacob Davenport who prepped the floor for new carpeting—not an easy task.

Steve & Michele Heiderer added a special touch by making window valances using old Arlington Times newspapers and many other attractive decorative items.

Our new home is bright, comfortable and ready for you to enjoy!
WELCOME HOME TO ALL OF US!



Register Now!

www.NwGC.org

2016 Northwest

Genealogy Conference

Here in 5 months, 17 days

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Have an item you'd like
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The beautiful new SVGS Library!

Pictured clockwise, from left top: Spacious book-lined hallway, large meeting room, media room, treasurer and secretary's office, beautifully appointed library rooms, pointing out another view of the meeting room. Be the first to identify all the people in these photos and win a prize. Submit your entries to newsletter@stillygen.org.





Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society

GRAND OPENING

April 8, 2016

11:00–6:00

Meet & Greet — 6111 188th Pl NE

Special Guest Speaker Presentation:

Star genealogist of television and internet fame

CeCe Moore

1:00–2:30 pm at Hadley Hall, Arlington Boys & Girls Club

18513 – 59th Ave NE, Arlington

Pre-register at www.stillygen.org to attend or
call 360-435-4838 to reserve your space.



2016 NW Genealogy Conference “Free Day” Speaker



Beth Foulk discovered her love of genealogy from her father, and has for decades enjoyed the pursuit of family history and stories. For more than seven years she has shared this passion through her presentations at genealogy conferences. Her focus is Early American History — anything after the Civil War is just too modern! She is a member of the Genealogy Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists. Some of her more recent engagements include:

- Legacy Family Tree Webinar Series – 2015
- GenealogyKC – 2014 Keynote Speaker
- Ontario Genealogy Society – 2014 Webinar Series Speaker
- Minnesota State Genealogy Society Spring Conference – 2014 Speaker
- National Archives – Kansas City – 2013, 2014 Speaker
- Iowa State Genealogy Society – 2013 Keynote Speaker
- Nebraska State Genealogy Society – 2013 Featured Speaker
- Missouri State Genealogy Society – 2012, 2013 Speaker
- Midwest Genealogy Center Annual Conference – 2012, 2013
- Kansas Ancestor Fair – 2013 Speaker
- Southern California Genealogy Society – 2013 Webinar Series Speaker lining up their prospective choices.



Genealogy Workshop Saturday, March 19, 2016, 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Sons of Norway Hall, 23905 Bothell-Everett Highway

SESSION ONE — Difficult Women: The ways our female ancestors confound our research.

Names of our female ancestors changed in expected and in unexpected ways. Using case studies, strategies and techniques will be shared to correctly identify our female ancestors.

SESSION TWO — Timelines and chronologies. A method used to summarize a person's life, lives interconnections, point out problems for further research, help in writing a memoir, family history or obituary. An example will be presented applying this method. **Janet O'Connor Camarata**, who will present these sessions, is a professional in many facets of genealogy. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a graduate of the University of Washington Genealogy and Family History program.

PRE-REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT BY March 12, 2016.

COST: \$20.00 for Bothell S/N Lodge members; \$25.00 for non-Bothell S/N Lodge members; \$40.00 for family discount.

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Bring a sack lunch and laptop computer (not required). Coffee, water and cookies available.



HELP NEEDED AT THE CONFERENCE — Fun opportunity for those who love genealogy or just talking to people! If anyone is interested in helping man the Sale Table during the conference, please contact Michele Cozad, Kay Crabtree, Larry Taylor, or Joanne Wetmore. All help will be very appreciated.



Whatever happened to ... ?

Remember that stolen canoe that was returned to the Stillaguamish Tribe by the Stanwood Historical Society? We have found the canoe once again. It will be prominently displayed in the new Stillaguamish Tribes administration building, to be completed soon. For the complete story, please refer to the Everett Herald article by Kari Bray. Photo here by Kevin Clark.

Yet another reason to attend the SVGS Monthly Meetings

At the February meeting, we were treated to an entertaining talk by former SVGS volunteer **Laura Spaar**. She spoke about the great State of Tennessee and we learned about resources for researching Tennessee ancestors. Laura shared details of her recent trip to the Tennessee State Archives. She included tips and hints for finding ancestors who were born in present-day Tennessee counties when those counties were a part of other states, such as North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, or Alabama. This was another of the speaker series at the SVGS monthly meetings. Speaker selector Flynn Kennedy does an excellent job finding speakers who inform and entertain at the same time. We look forward to the March meeting, when we'll hear from Richard A. Hanks, PhD.

Genealogy notes from the internet, DNA-wise

Here's an interesting article that links Neanderthal DNA to Smoking and Depression! Well, if you read it, you'll see that the DNA suggests a tendency, since the Neanderthals didn't actually have tobacco and they probably weren't really depressed themselves. Here's the link:

<http://news.discovery.com/human/evolution/neanderthal-genes-make-us-depressed-smoke-160211.htm>



Did your ancestors go Dutch?

Quick tip — Was that last name a patronymic?

IF THE LAST NAME of your ancestor ends in -s, -se, -sen, or -en, it could originally have been a patronymic; a name derived from the name of the father. Common examples are Jansen [son of Jan], Pieters [son of Pieter] or Cornelissen [son of Cornelis]. Other names are more difficult to recognize as a patronymic, such as "Flooren" [son of Floris], "Dielen" [son of Egidius], or Celen [son of Marcel].

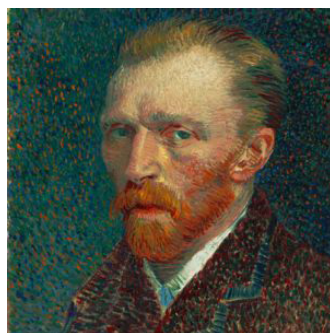
Patronymics were common in most parts of the Netherlands. In the northern provinces, most people used patronymics exclusively before 1811. In the western and southern provinces, people often used patronymics in combination with a last name. From 1811 onwards, the civil registration required hereditary last names.

If you encounter an ancestor with a name that looks like a patronymic, two things could be going on:

- It could be a true patronymic. In that case, the patronymic will reflect the first name of the father.
- The patronymic could have evolved into a hereditary last name. That could have happened at any point before 1811.

Finding the first person who used a patronymic is always exciting, since it will tell you how the family got its name.

Courtesy of Yvette Hoitink





Upcoming Seminars and Conferences

Monday, March 14

Lewis County Genealogical Society

Bethel Assembly of God Church
132 Kirkland Road
Chehalis, WA

Researching Your Irish and Scots Irish Ancestors.
Presentations by Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt
from the Ulster Historical Foundation. <http://www.walcgs.org/>

Saturday, April 9

Olympia Genealogical Society

Capital Event Center
6005 Tyee Drive SW
Tumwater, WA 98512

Spring Seminar 2016
The Power of Your DNA
Presentations by Cece Moore, Your Genetic
Genealogist. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/seminars.htm>

Saturday, March 26

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Useless Bay Country Club
5726 South Country Club Lane
Langley, WA

Spring Seminar, Emigration and Immigration
Presentations by Gary Zimmerman, President,
Fiske Genealogy Library
www.gssswi.org/index.shtml

Saturday, April 23

Qualicum Beach Family History Society

(On Vancouver Island, North of Victoria)
The Beach Club Resort
181 Beachside Drive
Parksville, BC

International Genealogy Conference
Unlocking The Past 2016
Presentations by Colleen Fitzpatrick, PHD,
Internationally recognized Forensic Genealogist
and Chris Patton, Former BBC Scotland TV
producer/director specializing in history-based
documentaries. <http://www.qbfhs.ca/>

Saturday, April 2

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

Mt Olive Lutheran Church
7809 Drive
Yakima, WA

Annual Spring Seminar
Presentations by Kelvin Meyers, one of the
country's foremost forensic genealogist
www.Yvgs.net

Saturday, April 23

Bend Genealogical Society

Bend Golf and Country Club
1045 Country Club Drive
Bend, OR

BGS Spring Seminar
Presentation by Lisa Louise Cook, Genealogy
Gems. <http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/springseminar.html>



Upcoming Seminars and Conferences Cont'd

Saturday, May 21

Seattle Genealogical Society

Fairview Christian School
844 NE 78th
Seattle, WA

Spring Seminar: Finding Solutions To Your Toughest Research Problems, Utilizing Migration Routes, Civil War Records and On-line Techniques. Presentations by William Dollarhide, nationally recognized genealogical lecturer and award winning author

www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/seminars

Thursday June 2

Jamboree 2016

Los Angeles Marriot Burbank Airport Hotel
Burbank, CA

Genetic Genealogy 2016: The Future of the Past:
Genetic Genealogy 2016

Presentations by: Blaine Bettinger, Diahan Southard, Kitty Munson Cooper, Emily D. Aulicino, Stephen Morse, James Bartlett, Janine Cloud of Family Tree DNA, David Dowell, Paul Alan Woodbury, Tim Janzen, Shelly Talladay Dardashi, Julie Granka of Ancestry, Michael D. Hammer, Miguel Vilar of National Geographic, Shannon S. Christmas, Thomas Wright Jones, Randy Whited, David Dowell, Nicka J. Smith

Friday–Sunday, June 3–5

Southern California Genealogy Society

Los Angeles Marriot Burbank Airport Hotel
Burbank, CA

Southern California Genealogy Society, Jamboree 2016

Giving to the Future by Preserving the Past
Presentations by 78 speakers

Saturday, June 18

Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Conference

La Quinta Inn and Suites
1425 East 27th Street
Tacoma, WA

WSGS Annual Conference

Presentations by Paula Stewart-Warren, professional genealogist specializing in genealogical and historical research.

Blog: GenealogyByPaula.com

<http://www.wasgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=76>

Thursday–Friday, July 29–30

Genealogical Council of Oregon

Lane Community College
Center for Meeting and Learning
4000 East 30th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon

Summer Genealogy Fest

Presentation by Thomas Jones and John Phillip Coletta, Tim Janzen, Lisa McCullough, Emily Aulicino, Janice Lovelace, Karen Mauer Jones, Pam Vestal and Judi Scott.

Sunday–Friday, August 7–12

36th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

Hosted by: The Jewish Genealogy Society of Washington State
Sheraton Seattle Hotel
1400 6th Ave
Seattle, WA

<http://www.iajgs2016.org/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 4, 2016 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm 10675 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 98004	German Interest Group: X-DNA Basics — A Look at X-DNA Inheritance Patterns and How to Find X-Chromosome Matches T he X-chromosome. Not as well-known, often misunderstood, this small part of our DNA has limited inheritance.
Saturday, March 5, 2016 10:00 am to 11:00 am SIGS Research Library 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood	Genealogy 101 S no-Isle Genealogical Society offers a free beginning genealogy class. First Saturdays.
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Hadley Hall, Arlington Boys & Girls Club, 18513 – 59th Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223	Monthly Meeting and Presentation J oin us for a presentation by Richard A. Hanks, PhD. Born and raised in Illinois, Dr. Hanks is a descendant of Nancy Hanks, the mother of President Abraham Lincoln. During his career as a U.S. History Professor, Dr. Hanks has researched extensively on his Hanks/Lincoln connections. He'll share with us the challenges of documenting family oral tradition, corroboration, and the resources he's found useful in his search.
Every Thursday 10:00 am to 12:00 noon SVGS Library 6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington, WA	Thursday Research Group M eet 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.
Monday, March 14, 2016 Doors open 6:30 pm Presentation starts 7:15 pm LDS Factoria Building 4200 124th Ave SE, Bellevue	GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ISRAEL: T he Records and Databases of the Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA). Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Register at www.jgsws.org or email KarenCampbellGenealogy@outlook.com
Saturday, March 19, 2016 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Bothell Sons of Norway 23905 Bothell-Everett Hwy	Genealogy Workshop in Bothell, with Janet O'Connor Camarata P RE-REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT BY March 12, 2016. COST: \$20.00 for Bothell S/N Lodge members; \$25.00 for non Bothell S/N Lodge members; \$40.00 for family discount. CONTACT: Gary Ramstad 206-365-6913, ramslp@hotmail.com . See Details on Page 3.
Monday, April 11 2016 Doors open 6:30 pm Presentation starts 7:15 pm LDS Factoria Building 4200 124th Ave SE, Bellevue	RESEARCH IN HUNGARY/TRANSYLVANIA/ROMANIA AND ADJACENT AREAS OF UKRAINE B y Vivian Kahn, Professor, Lecturer and Genealogist. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Register at www.jgsws.org or email KarenCampbellGenealogy@outlook.com
Friday, April 8, 2016 11:00 pm to 6:00 pm Guest Speaker 1:00-2:30 pm Hadley Hall, Arlington Boys & Girls Club, 18513 – 59th Ave. NE, Arlington	SVGS Library's Grand Opening ! S urprise Speaker Featured! Come hear a presentation on DNA by a world-renowned genealogist who has appeared on television and national publications. This will surely be a treat for all genealogists, beginning or advanced. Please register at www.stillygen.org , or by calling the library at 360-435-4838. Refreshments and delightful conversation to follow.

The SVGS is abuzz with lots of fun and educational projects!

- Our Grand Opening will be held April 8th, 2016 at our new library. [We're almost ready!](#)
- Plans for the 2016 Northwest Genealogy Conference are in full swing — Registration is Open! The speakers have been lined up, door prizes are being selected, the schedule is arranged, caterers are under contract, hotels are lined up — We're working like mad to bring you the best yet 4-day Genealogy Conference in the Northwest!
- We are settling into the new library — We have a kitchen, offices, media room, conference room, wide-wide hallways, and a lovely lobby or as we like to call it, a sunroom! Come see it if you haven't already.
- We have bookmarks and postcards and flyers advertising the Conference. Please come take some. Hand them out to your friends and relatives.
- The Tombstone Project is working away at applying for grant money in its endeavor to mark all graves in the County — an ambitious project if there ever was one!
- The book that tells all about the Early Rural Schools in the Stillaguamish Valley is close to production.
- We are a busy Society, and invite you to come see what we're up to now. Maybe you'd like to join in the activities. We need all kinds of talents!
- Come on down — 6111 188th Pl NE, in *Beautiful Arlington, Washington*. *"Visit Stilly Valley."*



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