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## 2016 ~ A Year in Review



**MORE 2016 PHOTOS ON THE  
FOLLOWING PAGES ...**



From Left: Dee Saunders at the Viking Fest in Arlington; Tulalip Tribes recognize their grant recipients with gala dinner; Michele Cozad, Ruth Caesar and Lisa Bartlow representing SVGS and NwGC at the WGS conference in Tacoma; Ruth Caesar and Kathy Bowman at Tulalip Tribes Raising Hands Thank You Dinner.



As I look back on this last year at SVGS, I can only say I'm amazed. I think that we have so many great volunteers within our membership, they are always there to step up to the plate when needed, and this is so important for any organization that depends on volunteers.

Speaking of "volunteers" ~ the very successful 2016 NwConference wouldn't have been so if it had not been for these wonderful folks. Plus, the people at the helm did a terrific job. So once again, the plans for 2017 NwConference are in the works.

As for the library, I just hope that our membership, and others, are making full use of all that we have to offer while they search for their family histories. We have so many resource books, plus we have the Information Group that meets every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this group ~ it's another great resource, plus it's quite enjoyable.

All in all 2016 has been a very busy, fun year. —Joanne Hoidal Wetmore

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## More 2016 Year in Review



February 2016 ~ We made the move. Packed up all those books and headed down toward the airport.

It was a daunting task, but with the help of many volunteers, the move was made. The new library was fixed up, made presentable.

Now, because of our new and expanded space, we have received several more donations of books. The total is over 6,000 books and publications – all available to the public.

If you haven't made it in to the new library, we highly recommend you do so. The spaces are conducive to research, and there's good company and help if you need it.



Top: Dee Saunders, Kay Crabtree, Shirley Case, LeeRoy Kind and Larry Taylor at the picnic. Right: **The President and the Mayor:** Ruth Caesar and Barb Tolbert. Left: Recycling, composting – to benefit the next generations.



*More 2016  
Year in  
Review*

*July Picnic  
at the new  
library. A  
great day,  
and even  
the Mayor  
dropped by.*

### **At the October 11 SVGS Monthly Meeting and Presentation**



We were privileged to hear Speakers Janette Gomes and Kathryn Devine speak on *"It's All Relative: Finding Your Family at the Washington State Archives and the Washington State Library."*

Janette Gomes is with the Washington State Archives, Northwest Regional Branch in Bellingham. Kathryn Devine comes from the Washington State Library in Tumwater.

Their presentation shared resources available to the family historian. Among them, and perhaps the most easily accessible and fully informative, is the Washington Digital Archives. You'll find it at <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Home>. Go try it out. You'll be amazed.



### **LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT**

LOST: 2 THUMBDRIVES. One, black and squatty. The other long and mauve.

If you have noticed the quality in some of the pictures in this newsletter, you will realize the need to find the thumbdrives: they contain the better quality photos. If you find the thumbdrives, please contact [newsletter@stillygen.org](mailto:newsletter@stillygen.org). We thank you kindly for any information on this subject.



# Get great genealogy help right here at home

Sat Oct 1st, 2016

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The Saturday Herald recently had a great article about Ancestry Day in Tacoma. For those who couldn't make it and are interested in "Finding Your Roots" there is a great place right here in Arlington – The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society.

We just wrapped up the annual Northwest Genealogy Conference in August, held at the beautiful Byrnes Performing Arts Center at the Arlington High School. We brought in more than 300 patrons to hear how you can find your roots if you are a beginner (a free day class was held Aug. 17), or if you are an advanced researcher with classes on using DNA in genealogy research. Next year (Aug. 16-19), we'll focus

on "Where does your story begin" — Save the date! (Register now at [www.NwGC.org](http://www.NwGC.org) and get a discount.)

SVGS offers free monthly presentations to anyone interested in "Finding Your Roots." In the SVGS Library we have more than 6,000 books and access to Ancestry Worldwide Library Edition, plus a lot of other websites of genealogy interest. Our website ([www.stillygen.org](http://www.stillygen.org)) is a great source of information. Steve Excell, archivist at the Washington State Archives says, "Usually people who are serious family researchers enjoy helping others — We call it 'random acts of genealogical kindness' ..." We can help you right here in your home town — check us out!

~ Michele Cozad  
Arlington



## GREAT GIFT IDEA !!

With Christmas coming, have a name embroidered on a laptop bag ~ a great gift.

If you want your name embroidered on your conference bag for this year, pin your name to it and leave it in Anne Grimm's box on the shelf above Ruth's desk.

**Limited supply, so get your order in now.**

BAGS \$10. EMBROIDERED NAME \$5.

Anne: [lokin4sun@gmail.com](mailto:lokin4sun@gmail.com)

Bag proceeds go to the SVGS kitty.





## Remembering Civil War Veterans in Washington MONUMENT REDEDICATION

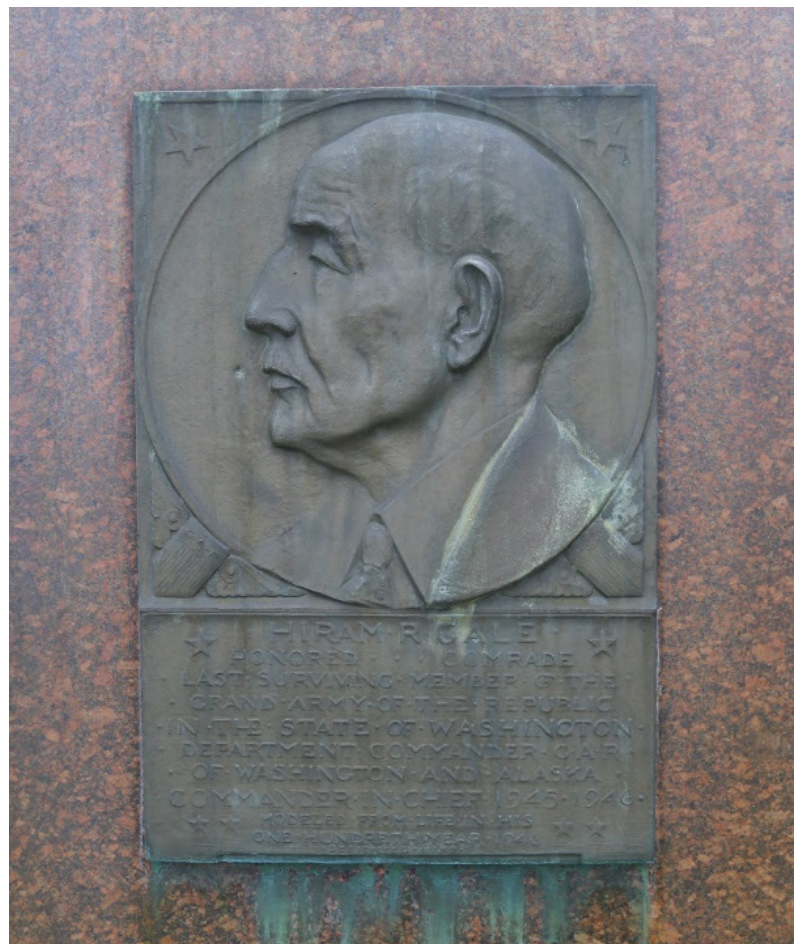
The Puget Sound Civil War Roundtable hosted a monument rededication ceremony at Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park (east side of SR99) on October 20th at 1:00 p.m. The monument is to Hiram Randall Gale, the last Grand Army of

the Republic (GAR) national commander, and the last living Civil War veteran in Washington State.

Gale was born in Waterbury, Vermont on November 8, 1846. He served his country by enlisting as a private in Company K, 46th Wisconsin Infantry on March 2, 1865 and had a rather undistinguished career with the Army of the Cumberland. He and his unit mustered out on September 27, 1865 after guarding the lines of the Nashville & Decatur Railroad.

The monument was originally dedicated on November 11, 1953. The medallion on the face of the monument was first installed at the Field Artillery Armory (Center House) in 1948. They celebrated Gale's 102nd birthday there on May 30, 1948. He jokingly thanked the attendees for coming to his funeral. At his death on March 15, 1951, the medallion was redesigned into his permanent memorial.

In 1952 and again in 1953, Senator Warren G. Magnuson introduced a bill to name the Seattle VA Hospital in memory of Gale. Although the bill passed the Senate, it never made it out of the House. You can read more of his history at [www.pscwrt.org/pscwrt/wv/wv-page-4.html](http://www.pscwrt.org/pscwrt/wv/wv-page-4.html)





## Larry Taylor sends in this item about families:

ONE OF MY GREAT UNCLES married Nora Crabtree. Nora's dad was one of four brothers who came to Oregon. ... Or it might have been her granddad.

Turns out, our friend Kay Crabtree's husband was also a grandchild of the four brothers that came to Oregon.

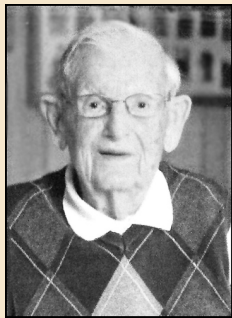
How's that for a family tree – we've known each other for years, and are so surprised to find out we are related by two marriages, sort of.

LOL Does this make your head spin?

~Larry Taylor



Mary Buzzell, Larry Taylor, Kay Crabtree. All members of SVGS, all friends, and all as it turns out, related. We'll tell Mary's story in the next edition.



## In Memoriam

### John Kroeze

December 12, 1908 - September 23, 2016

John was born in the family home near Trafton to William and Nellie Kroeze.

He met Dena Biesheuvel when he was 24, and they had their first date in a 1928 Model A. They were married October 14, 1937.

He was a dairy farmer until his retirement in 1972. He then used his carpentry skills to build houses, sheds and barns around the community. His handmade bird houses dotted the countryside.

John is shown here, in a photo taken by Sue Walde, making the birdhouses, while friend A. Loren Kraetz stands by.

In addition to his other activities, John has supplied a good amount of first-hand detail and great stories for SVGS's upcoming book, *Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools*.

We do appreciate him for his contributions, and we will miss him.





## Notes about DNA

I contacted Ancestry.com about a group rate for DNA kits, and was happy to hear back with this news: Yes, we get a group rate — 20% off!

We can all use this code. The woman at Ancestry thought it was great so many people want to have it done that we'd ask for a group rate. I originally did it for the church ladies group as they were expressing wanting to have it done. She said to use the same code which is **DNAL9H0**, at ancestry.com. Use it right away — it expires 12/31/2016,

I bought a kit for my dad so I know the code works.

~Anne Grimm

*Don't miss Leilani Lucrisia's talk on DNA at the November 8th SVGS Monthly Meeting.*

*Bring your friends — it's going to be interesting, and it will be sure to answer a lot of your questions!*



## Discover the family story your DNA can tell.

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## Finding Clues in Publications

Here's a fun genealogy game from one of our correspondents.

How to play:

1. Print this page.
2. Circle each clue that would help with your genealogy research — see how many you can find.
3. Hint: The number is over ten.
4. In the next newsletter we will reprint the article with each clue circled.

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| <p>Marriage of Miss Minnie Phillips and Mr. Eugene Townsend, and Mr. O. J. Pettyjohn and Miss Nannie M. Todd.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>St. Patrick's Church, corner of Desplaines and Adams streets, was filled to overflowing last evening with people anxious to witness the wedding of Miss Minnie Phillips, a daughter of the late Patrick Phillips, Esq., to Mr. Eugene Townsend, of this city. The ceremony occurred at 7 o'clock, the Rev. Father Connolly officiating. The bridal party was preceded by Messrs. T. J. Keene and Frank Gibbons as ushers, and Mrs. Phillips, the mother of the bride, and Mr. Ed Phillips, the bride's brother. Then came Miss Lou Kelly, the bridesmaid, escorted by Mr. Schults, and finally the bride, attired in a rich dress of wine silk and velvet, trimmed with lace and fringe; on her head, a bonnet of pale blue velvet and blush roses, and accompanied by the groom. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Townsend left on a tour through the South, on their return to reside on Michigan avenue.</p> |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

Try this and see how many you can find compared to our genealogist.



## *The Butterfly Effect*

In looking at this past year with our Society it reminds me of the concept that a small event may result in a large impact. In this theory a small change of a butterfly moving its wings which causes a small disturbance can lead to a large event happening like a wind storm eventually. This reminds me of how our Society seems to be impacted by a small idea, concept or project.

Over and over again we have observed how one person's idea can lead to a large change which has an impact on many people in and out of our Society.

For instance, Larry Taylor and Leilani Lucrisa took the lead to contribute pictures of headstones to Findagrave. They put up thousands of photos, which resulted in many people being able to find their ancestors in our local cemetery. Then Leilani became involved with the Arlington Cemetery Board, Larry started the Tombstone Project, and our Society became more involved with the city. So now a person doing research almost anywhere in the world can look at the photos and information about their ancestors posted by two of our members. And this all started with a simple photo and an idea.

DURING THIS PAST YEAR our Society has held two very successful conferences within a year, moved the whole library to a new location, continued to support people doing research, and presented weekly group learning experiences. These successes are due in large part to a vision of one member that then spread to many. This all started with an idea to work with another genealogy society, and currently we are holding a very successful

conference locally each year with the work of many, many people. Lisa and Phil Bartlow will be leading the group in putting on the Conference this next year.

There is great power with contributions made by our members, which usually started with the vision from one person. Some limited examples are: our secretary Michelle Cozad being a master at keeping records of our meetings, Larry Taylor is a financial whiz, our president Ruth Casear with the vision and leadership to keep all headed in the same direction, Kathy Bowman does a masterful job of creating a newsletter that is full of information and very professional, Pam Leibelt is now doing the publicity for our group.

Marietta Roth had the idea to start the Society in a local home. From humble beginnings to resources of over 6,000 books, along with software programs and educational programs, the Society has grown impressively in its 30 years.

Most vital to the Society are the librarians, with Steve Baylor as the leader of that group. The librarians greet every patron with a smile and are willing to assist others. They are the face of the Society and the representatives for us. Each one of the librarians has had the opportunity to work with someone who walked into the library asking how to find their grandfather or grandmother with no idea how to start. They are starting the person on a project that most likely will last a lifetime.

An excellent example of the special projects is Pat Mann's collection of Alaskan memorabilia. This collection is now housed at the library, in display cases Michele Heiderer obtained from the public library. Contributing further are Steve Baylor and LeeRoy



Kind, who set the case in place with a collective effort to display the objects in an attractive arrangement. There were probably many others involved in the project which stemmed from one idea to impact many others.

HELEN EAILSON AND JOANNE WETMORE had the idea for a book about the early schools in the Stillaguamish Valley some years ago. And now with the contributions of many, publication is just around the corner. This is a great resource for anyone with family who has been in the area at any time, and as a history of the area for

all to enjoy.

Our library continues to grow with contributions from community members and purchases of recommended resources for our members' use. As just one example, if you had an ancestor in the Civil War, you will find a great collection of Civil War materials at the library.

It will be exciting to see which members will start with an idea of a project, or the flap of a butterfly's wings, which will result in creating a large effect on others.

You could be that person.



### Butterfly effect

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The butterfly effect is the concept that small causes can have large effects. Initially, it was used with weather prediction but later the term became a metaphor used in and out of science.

In chaos theory, the butterfly effect is the sensitive dependence on initial conditions in which a small change in one state of a deterministic nonlinear system can result in large differences in a later state. The name, coined by Edward Lorenz for the effect which had been known long before, is derived from the metaphorical example of the details of a hurricane (exact time of formation, exact path taken) being influenced by minor perturbations such as the flapping of the wings of a distant butterfly several weeks earlier. Lorenz discovered the effect when he observed that runs of his weather model with initial condition data that was rounded in a seemingly inconsequential manner would fail to reproduce the results of runs with the

unrounded initial condition data. A very small change in initial conditions had created a significantly different outcome.

The idea, that small causes may have large effects in general and in weather specifically, was used from Henri Poincaré to Norbert Wiener. Edward Lorenz's work placed the concept of instability of the atmosphere onto a quantitative base and linked the concept of instability to the properties of large classes of dynamic systems which are undergoing nonlinear dynamics and deterministic chaos.

The butterfly effect is exhibited by very simple systems. For example, the randomness of the outcomes of throwing dice depends on this characteristic to amplify small differences in initial conditions—the precise direction, thrust, and orientation of the throw—into significantly different dice paths and outcomes, which makes it virtually impossible to throw dice exactly the same way twice.

## Exploring the StillyGen.org website

### How to find earlier copies of the *Stillaguamish Star* newsletters

Archived copies from January 2012

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3. Now that you've logged on, click **Members** (on the left).
4. Now click **Newsletter**.
5. Choose the edition you want to see.
6. It's interesting to see what was happening then. We're making our own history, and documenting it as we go, right here on the website.

*If these instructions don't quite work, please contact the Newsletter Editor at [newsletter@stillygen.org](mailto:newsletter@stillygen.org)*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <p><b>~Every Thursday~</b><br/>10:00 am to 12:00 noon<br/>SVGS Library<br/>6111 188th Pl NE<br/>Arlington, WA</p> | <p><b>Thursday Research Group</b><br/><b>M</b>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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016</b><br/>2:00 pm to 4:30 pm<br/>2702 Hoyt<br/>Everett, WA 98201</p>                   | <p><b>Screening of the film "Verona"</b><br/><b>A</b> documentary by Denise Ohio piecing together the events of the Everett Massacre. Includes a Q&amp;A afterward with filmmaker Ohio and historian David Dilgard.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016</b><br/>1:00 pm to 3:00 pm<br/><b>154 W. Cox Avenue</b><br/>Arlington, WA 98223</p>   | <p><b>Monthly Meeting</b><br/><b>S</b>VGs member, Leilani Lucrisia, will be sharing the ABC's of DNA. Learn about the major DNA tests available and what information they offer.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Friday, Nov. 11, 2016</b><br/>9:00 am to 12:00 noon<br/>15429 Bothell-Everett Hwy<br/>Mill Creek</p>        | <p><b>To Commemorate Veterans Day</b><br/>... <b>A</b>nd to honor the men and women who have given so much to this country, join the Mill Creek community for a Gathering at Veterans Monument at 9 a.m. The gathering will be followed by a parade at 11 a.m. on Mill Creek's Main Street in the Mill Creek Town Center.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>Sunday Nov. 20, 2016</b><br/>4:00 pm to 6:00 pm<br/>27130 102nd Ave NW<br/>Stanwood, WA</p>                 | <p><b>Stanwood</b><br/><b>R</b>ichard Blumental, author and historian, will share his insights after many years of research and study of the journals and logs of Captain George Vancouver and other pre-19th century voyages to discover the Pacific Ocean. For those who may have forgotten their Washington State history, in 1792 Captain Vancouver and his crew explored and named Puget Sound as the United States were being established on the other side of the continent. The accounts of his logs and the logs of his crewmen were the first recorded observations of our now familiar waters. Hear about the grounding of the Chatham in Port Susan, the naming of Port Gardner, Saratoga Passage and Mount Baker. Mr. Blumenthal has long studied and compared these accounts. Join us for this fascinating look at the transition from Puget Sound's pre-history to our contemporary world.</p> |
| <p><b>Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016</b><br/>12:00 pm to 2:00 pm<br/><b>154 W. Cox Avenue</b><br/>Arlington, WA 98223</p> | <p><b>Society Holiday Potluck (Monthly Meeting)</b><br/><b>Y</b>ou are invited to attend our annual potluck lunch at noon. Plan to bring a hot dish, salad, side dish, or dessert. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Society members and the general public are welcome to attend. There is no charge.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

# Great Gift Ideas for 2016

**Give a lasting gift — The gift of learning —  
A registration to the  
Northwest Genealogy Conference!**

**Order now and  
Get the Early Bird Special.**



*Thanksgiving,* a holiday where families gather around a feast. It's time to talk to, and to listen to, the older generations at the table. Not only is it good genealogy, it's good for family relationships, and good for everyone involved.

*Christmas,* a holiday where families and friends gather to enjoy festivities. Among these festivities is Gift Giving. ... So let's get down to some practical ideas for the gift giving. Got someone on your list who would love a treat to the Northwest Genealogy Conference in August? Now's the time to pick up a registration in their name, and get the Early Bird Special pricing while you're at it.



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