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Special Edition

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Members Affected by Mudslide – Leaves One Member Homeless



Mudslide Blocks Highway 530
Coverage continues starting on page 6

Board Reports

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society has been busy during the past year. We've made so many improvements including creating a new website. We've had quality education classes and our membership is up. We've also been fortunate to receive grants to help us with our society and conference expenses. Check out our board member reports starting on page 2.

2014 Washington State Genealogy Society Conference Registrations Already a Record Number for a WA State Conference

Registration for the conference kicked off on March 15th and over 130 registrants already signed up to ensure a seat in their favorite classes. With 3 ½ months to go before the conference dates, we expect a great turn out. Go to page 10 for more information and to view the conference speakers we've spotlighted.

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Annual Reports 2013 - 2014



President's Annual Report

Ruth Caesar

Our society has made dynamic changes and much needed progress towards the objectives outlined last year. Before proceeding with the review of our successes it's critical we acknowledge the catalysts that have allowed us to move ahead to the place we find our society today.

By focusing on the strengths of our existing loyal membership and the addition of new members to the working core of the society we are seeing the infusion of new insight and energy. This human dynamic has positioned us to look forward to any upcoming challenges with confidence.

The following projects will be very familiar to those of you who have been working on and responsible for their great strides to date.

- New SVGS website: This has been launched and can be found at www.stillygen.org. Its establishment is in great part due to members Flynn Kennedy, SVGS Webmaster; Sue Walde, co-chair of Publications; and Michele Cozad, SVGS Secretary; as well as a host of other dedicated volunteers.
- SVGS visibility in our community: This has been accomplished in triplicate! We are a known and well respected organization within Snohomish County and are rapidly becoming known state wide as well as across the country due the upcoming Washington State Genealogy Conference August 15 & 16 this year.
- Technological upgrades: We now have cutting edge software for our computers...this is available to board members as well as active volunteers.
- Financial gains: With the receipt of an operations grant from the Tulalip Tribes we can be confident that our society and library will be able to continue to grow and flourish.
- Conference & Education: A new and exciting endeavor is being moved forward with our hosting of the upcoming State Conference this summer. We received grants from Snohomish County and the City of Arlington and will be able to produce a 'world class' conference for Washington. Additionally, the SVGS board has voted to host a conference in 2015. Nationally recognized speakers are already in discussions with next year's conference committee so we can expect more great things to come in 2015.

In closing let me say that this year has been a truly great year, and I hope more members will take part in all our activities and join in the management of our society. There are great rewards in volunteering and it really is a lot of fun.



Publicity Report

Shirley Case

Publicity continues to be one of the many contributors to the growth of the Society. Currently publicity consists of writing articles about presentation and other events then submitting the information to newspapers in the area such as, Everett Herald, North County Outlook, Arlington Times, Crab Cooker and a local television channel.

Evite has been used and now with the new capability of the website notices are sent to each of our members for each event. From my perspective the beginning genealogy classes and the quality of the presentations are a major factor in the increased membership and attendance at events. There have been overflow crowds at times, television coverage at one event plus a large article in the Everett Herald about the Civil War diary found in a local barn. In addition, our friendly and helpful librarians contribute greatly to encourage folks from our area to come to the library.

With the state genealogy conference being held in Arlington and the work of the conference committee our Society is being introduced to others in other parts of our state and county. For the future, a greater emphasis on social media will enhance publicity of our Society along with the current contact will continue to help our Society grow and help others with their family history.



Library Director's Report

Steve Baylor

We have had a very busy year at our library. Many volunteers have been involved in placing a catalog of our holdings online. This is an achievement we have been striving toward for many years and it is gratifying to be able to begin seeing portions of our collection from the comfort of home. The entire catalog should be online by the end of 2014. Sue Walde, Michele Heiderer, Ruth Caesar, Flynn Kennedy, and Michele Cozad have put in many hours getting things up and running and are commended for a job well done.

We have also been working toward having two people at the library any time our library is open. In January we began accepting assistant librarians on staff. Assistant librarians have been encouraged to help out where needed and to learn what is available to our patrons. Hopefully many will make the transition from an assistant to librarian.

In the near future a library board will begin meeting a couple times each year to discuss library policies and a vision for the future. It has been gratifying to see so many people willing to volunteer to make our library the best it can be.



Treasurer's Report

Pat Manning and Larry Taylor

The treasurer's report is available for review at the library.



Publications Report

Helen Eliason and Sue Walde

Helen Eliason and Sue Walde, Publications Committee Co-chairs, have been working hard editing and adding to SVGS's revised edition of Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools. Within Arlington's current school district, there were 21 rural school districts consisting of Island, Trafton, Oso, Burn Hill, Bryant (later renamed Loyal Heights), Jorden, Sisco, Silvana, Lake Riley, Cicero, Bryant (located at today's Bryant community), Lower Jim Creek, Pilchuck, Edgecomb, Halterman's Spur, Lower Pilchuck, Lone Rock, Ebey Camp No. 1, Fertile Acres and Verda Heights. Several of the school districts had more than one school house.



Loren Kraetz, a long-time SVGS member and renowned Stillaguamish Valley historian who has served as an invaluable consultant on the project, made three excellent suggestions. His advice was to include 1) when each rural school district was formed, 2) when it was consolidated or closed, and 3) the number of school houses in each district. The search of answers to these seemingly simple suggestions revealed long-forgotten school history and some rich folklore!

Take for example, the story of how one child who was nearly buried alive as a foolish schoolyard prank. Another story tells of children crossing on a condemned bridge over the flood-ravaged Stilly to get to class. In addition to some entertaining stories, more photographs will be added including class photos with children dressed in their best clothes but without shoes.

Despite uncovering some rich and unique history, we have hit a brickwall on a few schools. Very limited information has been found on Sisco (southeast of Edgecomb); Halterman's Spur near Oso; as well as, Lone Rock, Verda Heights and Fertile Acres in the Grandview area. Almost nothing is known about the Bungalow school.

Before completing the book, we need your help. Do you recognize this photo? This photograph along with others are posted on SVGS's website. Simply click on ***Mystery Photos*** of the Month. Throughout the years, the photos were dropped off at Arlington School District without any information about the schools or children.

If you have any information about the school photographs or would like to share other photographs or stories about schools in the Stillaguamish Valley, either the rural schools or Arlington's "in-town" schools, please contact Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society at 360-435-4838 or email publications@stillygen.org.



Membership Report

Joanne Hidal Wetmore and Leilani Lucrisia

Year 2013 -14 has been a great for the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society. We gained new members and some have stepped up to help the society in significant ways by volunteering to help out as board members, serve on committees and help in the library.

Ways and Means Report

Michele Heiderer and Shirley Prouty

We'd like to congratulate Michele Heiderer for all her efforts in applying for grants in the past year. Because she was willing to put in the time to complete volumes of documentation, SVGS was successful in obtaining grants from the City of Arlington, Snohomish county and the Tulalip Tribes. These grants will help our Society to pay for the everyday expenses to maintain our library and help with other expenses such as purchasing supplies and equipment. The grants will also help us with the expenses involved in bringing the 2014 WSGS Conference to Arlington. Michele has passed the baton on to Shirley Prouty for now so that she can focus her time on her personal life. We wish Shirley success in her new endeavor as she assumes the responsibilities for the Ways and Means Committee.

Oso Mudslide Scrapbooking Committee Volunteers Needed



SVGS members have been diligently saving newspaper clipping, maps, pictures of the Oso mudslide and the activity related to this event. We need someone or a group of people willing to organize and scrapbook the documentation. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Caesar at (360) 435-4838 at the SVGS library and leave a message.

To the left is a picture from Ruth Caesar's front yard. A hover craft is maneuvering on Highway 530 adjacent to her front pasture after the mudslide.



Larry Taylor Survives Mudslide – Left Homeless **Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Members Come to His Aid**

Larry was getting ready to come into Arlington when the mudslide occurred. He was putting his shoes on in his bedroom at the back of his house when he heard the loud sound of trees...a lot of tress... falling and cracking. He thought it was weird because he couldn't hear the sound of chain saws. Befuddled, he walked outside and saw absolute destruction all around him. He was lucky. The mudslide went behind and around his house and his next door neighbor's home.

He grabbed his camera and started taking pictures of the destruction. One of his pictures was acquired by the Seattle Times newspaper and put on the front page of the Sunday paper. The woman in the picture on the left was visiting his neighbor in property behind his house. She is actually sitting on top of a refrigerator.



Busy taking pictures, Larry was prompted by his next door neighbor to evacuate. He hopped in his truck with his camera, a small safe with important documents, a few days worth of medication and the clothes on his back. At that time he didn't realize that he wasn't able to return. His house ended up flooded with about 7 feet of water and goop.



He spent that night in the shelter in Darrington and the next two nights with SVGS president, Ruth Caesar and her husband Dan. On the 4th day Larry received a generous offer from Dick and Shirley Prouty (SVGS Ways and Means committee). They offered him the opportunity to stay temporarily in an apartment in their home. Larry is now looking to relocate into something more permanent.

Larry is an active member of our society and is the treasurer for the 2014 WSGS conference and society. He has been placing pictures of headstones in the Find A Grave website. His goal is to take a picture of every grave marker in all cemeteries in Snohomish county. So far he has taken around 30,000 pictures and has posted almost 25,000 on the site.



Recently, Chief Harper of the Oso Fire Station arranged for Larry to be given a desktop computer donated by Paul from Oso PC and Network Services (<http://osopc.com/index.html>). Larry is very grateful and overwhelmed by the kindness shown him by SVGS members and some members of our community.



Dan and Ruth Caesar

Living Life in the “Off Limits” Flood Zone After the Mudslide

Ruth Caesar was busy at the SVGS library when the mudslide occurred. A phone call from Shirley Case alerted her to the awful disaster. Frantic, Ruth called home to contact her husband Dan. No answer. Not able to find her husband, Ruth drove the 2 ½ hours to Darrington via Sedro Woolley fearing the worst had happened. She wasn't permitted to drive home from Darrington and was later relieved to find Dan safe and alive in the shelter area. Dan was busy doing chores in the woods behind their house when the mudslide happened. He was forced to evacuate by emergency responders combing the area. Their home was the first house away from the mudslide left undamaged.



The day after the mudslide Ruth overheard workers wondering how to get to mile post 38 with the rescue equipment. It was then that Dan and Ruth who live at mile post 38 informed them about the utility road in the back of their property. It was a stroke of luck to get back home because they were asked to lead the work crew to their property.

Upon return to their home, Dan and Ruth found their front pasture that runs along Highway 530 flooded. Their neighbor was rowing their canoe along the roadway ferrying some of his belongings from his flooded house to dry land. Later, emergency rescuers scouted the area using hover crafts.

When the flooding subsided, the emergency responders, National Guard, and work crews set up their equipment, tents and all types of vehicles in Dan and Ruth's front yard. There was no escape from the after mudslide activity. They were often exhausted from helping neighbors clean out their flooded homes and from the demands of all the activity on their property. Ruth said that the worse thing is when the alarm sounded many times a day that alerted everyone that a victim was found in the rubble. At those moments, all work stopped until the victim was safely removed and carefully secured. Everyone cleared off their property during the forth week of April giving Dan and Ruth the peace and quiet required to adjust to the shock of this tramatic event.

Our hearts go out to Betty Morgan and all other SVGS members who live in Darrington and have to deal with the inconviences the Highway 530 blockage causes. A special thanks to Sue Walde who is with the accessors office and visited property owners affected by the mudslide.





President Obama Visits Mudslide Site in Oso

President Obama arrived in town on April 22nd to view the destruction of the mudslide first hand. Security was tight. SVGS members Leilani

Lucrisia and her husband Brent Beard waited for hours across the street from the Oso fire station to get a glimpse of the presidential motorcade. While waiting they noticed agents examining their car followed by an agent with a dog checking for bombs. Later Brent and Leilani realized that they didn't have to go to Oso. The motorcade passed in front of their house when the President returned to the Arlington Airport.



On April 29th Darrington area residents were given access to a one lane utility road that bypasses the mudslide making travel from Arlington quicker than going through Sedro Woolley. Commuters are being escorted by a pilot car Westbound at the top of the hour and Eastbound at the bottom of the hour. Travel is limited to the speed of 10 mph because of the roadway challenges.





Arlington, WA

Wow, What an Opening!

Blog Posted on www.2014WSGSConference.com, by Eric Stroschein, 7 Apr 2014

Registration opened 15 March 2014 for the Washington State Genealogy Conference 2014. There are already more genealogists registered for this year's conference than registered for the last three individual state conferences. WOW! Thank you for getting us off to such a strong start.

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society is extremely grateful for the enthusiasm people are showing for the 2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference. Our goal is to create the best state conference ever to be held in the state. We are using a beautiful facility, the program and speakers are some of the best available, the food is going to be incredible, plus there are many other small details being covered to enhance everyone's experience. Now all we need is you to come enjoy the conference.

With the fantastic support of Washington genealogists we are excited to report that several classes are filling up fast. The four hour methodology class by Eric Stroschein is proving to be very popular again. Janet Camarata's Time Line class is already 2/3rd full. While three other Friday classes are either half full or near half full. Some of Saturday's classes have more than a hundred registrants. Wow!

It's exciting to see so many genealogists investing in their education and in the Pacific Northwest genealogy community. You are the reason we work so hard to bring great speakers and programs to the conference.

The planning committee is completely blown away by all of the support so far. We want to encourage conference goers who have not yet registered to do so at their earliest convenience to ensure they secure a place in the class they want. It is so hard to choose with all of the great classes available.

We would also like to thank everyone who has shown support and kindness to our society, members, and victims of the Oso mudslide. Some of our members live or lived in the slide zone and have been directly affected by the mud or the flood. Everyone's kindness and patience have been greatly appreciated. Please keep the victims and their families in your thoughts and stay OSO Strong.



Conference Speaker Spotlight

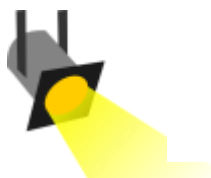
Janet Camarata, Friday, August 15th



Using Timelines to Identify Links with Your Family and Historical Events

Timelines summarize a person's life, analyze family connections, demonstrate how lives and historical events interconnect, and tell a family's story. Using an ancestor as an example, learn the benefits of using timelines to better understand a family's actions and motivations.

- Terminology – chronology, timeline, historical
- History and genealogy
- Why use a timeline?
- How to build a timeline
- Example: beginning with a family – births, marriages, deaths, burials
- Annotated chronology – adding dates, ages, event descriptions, sources
- Adding historical context and records
- Research Topic: Why did people migrate? – examples provided of epidemics, military actions, availability of land
- Timeline results – story, context, significance, primary sources, further research topics
- Book references, websites and resources available in handout



Susan Faulkner, Friday, August 15th

Grandma Was a Pig Farmer: Census Records...What Else is Available?

This presentation is fast moving and visually entertaining. Not only are there animated slides to help the audience understand terms like “fleshing-out” and Research Process Cycle, but there are also various graphs and tables used to share data in the case studies. Photographs, digital images of documents, and a clip from a training video used for the Enumerators of the 1940 Agriculture Schedule are also used.

The History of Vital Records in the United States

The mandate to record births, marriages, and deaths was not met in the United States until the 20th century. This presentation explores why vital records were mandated and the crisis's that led to their formation.



Donna Potter Phillips **Saturday, August 16th**

Seeing the New in the Old: Beginning Energetically!

In this session we'll discover the newest, cheapest, bestest and most efficient ways to begin (or start over) on your family sleuthing. If you are an "entry level" genealogist, this session is for you.

Using the Old for the New: Winning Strategies!

We all have only so many hours in a week; how do you spend your genealogy hours? Would you enjoy making discoveries rather than just looking for information? Is it just heart-felt wishing? With this session we'll discover the efficient way, the methodology, to begin (or start over) on your family history. If you feel overwhelmed with your family history sleuthing, and don't know what to do next, this session is for you.



Patty McNamee, NARA, Friday, August 15th **Ethnic Records Available at the National Archives**

African American to Chinese, Jewish to Native American and more, there are ethnic records available to the genealogical researcher within the National Archives. You'll learn what is available online. What is available as an original document and where the records are located. Come see what the National Archives has stored for you, and be prepared for a few surprises.



Out of the Archives

A Newsletter From the Washington State Archives



For those of you who don't know, the Washington State Archives publishes an on-line newsletter called "Out of the Archives." This is a fabulous newsletter packed with interesting information and stories from documents found in the archives such as the article about Butch Cassidy.

Their website says:

"Out of the Archives" is the newsletter from the Washington State Archives. Started in October 2013, the newsletter provides readers with helpful information on how to access and best use the collections of the Archives as well as stories of interest regarding what staff is working on and discovering. Dig in and uncover what information you can take with you out of the archives!"

Butch Cassidy in Washington State?

An Archives, of course, is a great place to find answers to outstanding questions. Still, not all questions can be answered. For instance, did Robert LeRoy Parker, aka Butch Cassidy, die in Bolivia during a 1908 shootout, in Vernal in the 1920s, Oregon in the 1930s, or Spokane, Washington in 1937?



This story as well as eight others are detailed in *Amazing Stories: Legends, Liars, and Lawbreakers: Incredible Tales from the Pacific Northwest*, by Valerie Green. Published in 2004, this book takes a look into the lives of individuals that pushed the limits of acceptable society. Read about one such man, Henry Ferguson (pictured here), aka Jack the Flying Dutchman, here and learn about how this "Water Pirate" avoided capture in Washington State.

Find out how his, and many others' stories can be pieced together through documents found in the Washington State Archives in this first edition of articles highlighting books written from primary source research conducted in Washington State. [Read more here.](#)

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New Exhibit at SVGS – John L. Mattson Collection

by Sue Walde

Next time you're in the SVGS library, check out our new exhibit - the John L Mattson Collection. Dr. Mattson has donated over 50 volumes of his life's work. Many of the books are a compilation of diaries of family members, as well as, his family histories with the surnames of Mattson, Ackerman, Eddy, Kirkendall and Livingston. Special thanks goes to Steve and Michele Heiderer who refurbished and painted the display cabinet and to Michele who attractively setup the exhibit.

To learn more about the collection, go to <http://StillyGen.org>. In the library catalog, simply click on the drop-down arrow at

Collection:

and select John L

Mattson Collection.

The lower portion of the display includes historic items from Peterson Dry Goods.

Folding Chairs – Did You Donate These?

Many years ago when our society was in its infancy we needed seating for our monthly meetings. At that time we asked each member to donate a metal folding chair. Before they brought it to the library they were encouraged to decorate the chair with a family tree of surnames.

Now that our library is furnished with nice, padded chairs the metal folding chairs have been in storage for several years and are now surplus.

If you or a family member donated a decorated chair back in the day, Steve would like you to have it back so we can clear out our storage areas. In a few months we will likely begin selling off what is left of these metal folding chairs.



The following have identifiable chairs waiting for them at the library... Mary Buzzell, Margo Park, Cliff and Mary Ellis, Rhonda Marty, and Anna Mae Osborn. The rest just have the identification of SVGS



You Are Invited! Burlington Public Library's Roots Project Graduation May 22, 2014, 7:00pm Burlington Public Library Conference Room

For the past year 12th grade teens participated in Burlington Public Library's ROOTS Project. The ROOTS Project was funded by a grant from the Paul Allen Foundation. The goal of the project was to provide these teens with a solid foundation of basic research skills that could be used in future academic and career interests. To make learning research skills fun, these teens were matched up with genealogist mentors from the Skagit Valley Genealogy Society and researched their own family genealogy.

Fifteen students completed the project and will be talking about their experiences and displaying their family genealogy research in the Burlington Public Library conference room on May 22, 2014, at 7:00pm. You are invited to attend and it is suggested that you arrive early at about 6:30pm to give you time to review their family genealogies before the graduation program begins at 7:00pm.

Please attend to support these new, young genealogists. This project is something our genealogy society has thought about doing for quite some time. This is a great opportunity to learn the value of such a program from the first ROOTS Project participants.

Finding Your Roots – An Arlington Community Education Class for the Beginning Historian *Instructor: Steve Baylor*



Steve Baylor taught his beginning genealogy class to a full house every Monday night during April. His students learned to organize family history records from personal knowledge and relatives. They began by setting research goals and learned where to find documents and records of significance. Each gained skills regarding how to build a family database, and learned where to turn for further educational opportunities.





Eric Stroschein, June 10th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Monthly Meeting Presentation

Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive

Revisiting the Value of Membership – Investigating Peer Review Articles in Periodicals, The Underutilized Resources Held at Your Society Library

Periodicals may be the most valuable resource that is underutilized by our membership. The importance of reading peer review articles is not widely known among non-professional family historians. SVGS member Eric Stroschein will discuss how to utilize these articles to improve your genealogical education, advance your research and resolve some of your most perplexing genealogical problems. Periodicals are brick-wall busters and a great resource for finding the surnames you are researching. Peer review articles demonstrate how researchers dealt with, and solved, their most difficult problems such as missing records, common names, disappearing people, etc. They cover it all!

- NGSQ - Since 1912, the National Genealogical Society Quarterly has published material concerning all regions of the nation and all ethnic groups including compiled genealogies, case studies, essays on new methodology and little-known resources, critical reviews of current books, and previously unpublished source materials. The NGS Quarterly emphasizes practical help in genealogical problem solving. Articles show how to cope with name changes, burned courthouses, illegitimacies, and other stumbling blocks; how to interpret records that do not mean what they seem to say; how to distinguish among individuals of the same name; how to identify origins of immigrant ancestors; how to research a variety of ethnic groups; how to find a way through the maze of records at the National Archives; how to conduct research in specific states; and how to compile solid genealogies.
- NEHGS The Register - Published quarterly since 1847, the New England Historical and Genealogical Register is the flagship journal of American genealogy and the oldest in the field, focusing on authoritative compiled genealogies with an emphasis on New England. Typical articles also solve genealogical problems; identify immigrant origins, or present treatments of multiple generations.
- NYGB The Record - Published continuously since 1870, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, comprises 572 issues at present and forms the largest single collection of published material on families that lived in New York State.



DNA Tests, Exploring Your Options

Monday, May 19th and Monday, June 2nd, 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Presentation by Leilani Lucrisia

Location: SVGS Library, 215 South French Avenue, Arlington

Free presentation. Seating is limited. Call (206) 617-8568 to reserve a seat on the date you prefer.

Encore presentation for those not able to attend Leilani's popular session in February. You'll learn about YDNA, mtDNA and autosomal DNA testing. Leilani will also share her family's results from 23 and Me, Family Tree DNA, AncestryDNA, National Geographic and Genebase. You'll walk away knowing how Leilani's life and genealogy research were enhanced by these tests and how you can use these DNA tests to help you in your research.



EVENTS CALENDAR

May 13, 2014, Tuesday Noon – 3:00	Potluck and elections: Location: Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive
Bring a salad, entrée, or dessert to share	This month we will be having a potluck get together instead of a presentation. After we eat, we will take a moment to elect a Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, call the SVGS library at (360) 435-4838 and leave a message for Joanne Wetmore. Bring something for show and tell. We will enjoy seeing and hearing about your research and discoveries.
May 19, Monday 6:30pm – 9:00pm	DNA Tests, Exploring Your Options, Leilani Lucrisia Location: SVGS Library, 215 South French Avenue, Arlington
Also on: June 2, Monday 6:30pm – 9:00pm	Encore presentation for those not able to attend Leilani's popular session in February. You'll learn about YDNA, mtDNA and autosomal DNA testing. Leilani will also share her family's results from 23 and Me, Family Tree DNA, AncestryDNA, National Geographic and Genebase. <i>Seating is limited. Call (206) 617-8568 to reserve a seat on the date you prefer.</i>
June 10, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00pm	General meeting and presentation: Revisiting the Value of Membership – Investigating Peer Review Articles in Periodicals, The Underutilized Resources Held at Your Society Library, Eric Stroschein Location: Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive
	Periodicals may be the most valuable resource that is underutilized by our membership. The importance of reading peer review articles is not widely known among non-professional family historians. SVGS member Eric Stroschein will discuss how to utilize these articles to improve your genealogical education, advance your research and resolve some of your most perplexing genealogical problems. Periodicals are brick-wall busters and a great resource for finding the surnames you are researching. Peer review articles demonstrate how researchers dealt with, and solved, their most difficult problems such as missing records, common names, disappearing people, etc. They cover it all!
July 8, 2014, Tuesday Noon – 3:00pm	Tuesday, July 8, Noon to 3:00pm BBQ and Monthly Meeting At The SVGS Library SVGS Library, 215 South French Avenue, Arlington, Washington
	Revolutionize Your Research Our Library is the perfect place for a summer Potluck BBQ. Come prepared for food, fun and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere where you can meet other members and check out the library if you haven't already done so. Bring a research question and we will see if we can answer it using library resources. We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs and ask that you bring a side dish or a sweet treat.
August 2014 No monthly meeting	August 15 and August 16 2014 Washington State Genealogical Society Conference Byrnes Performing Arts Center
	Our monthly meeting is being replaced by the genealogy conference. See you there!