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Eric Stroschein, March 11th Monthly Meeting Presentation

*Newly Discovered Records of the Poor; Rich
Records of the Indigent and the Down-trodden*

We are pleased to announce that SVGS member, Eric Stroschein, will be presenting a new subject to our society at our next monthly meeting. This valuable information may be just what you need to progress in your genealogy research.

Eric will discuss Mother's Pensions, which was a federal program that began in 1908 and was the beginning of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. These files can be genealogically richer than any military pension. Forty-six of the then 48 states adopted forms of this program. Many of these records reside in city, county and state archives. This program ended in 1934 when it was taken over by the Social Security Administration.

WSGS 2014 Conference Speaker, Friday, August 15th

Eric will also be presenting a four hour workshop at the WSGS conference covering **Improved Genealogy through Better Methods and Techniques**.

The workshop will be divided into four one hour sessions. You'll want to attend all four sessions:

Session 1: The Foundation of Genealogy: Direct Evidence

Session 2: Using Direct and Indirect Evidence: The Importance of Methodical Evidence Evaluation

Session 3: Using Direct and Indirect Evidence: Correlating and Evaluating Seemingly Unrelated Evidence

Session 4: Indirect and Negative Evidence: Advanced Case Study

Go to www.WSGS2014Conference.com for a description of each session. This workshop was so popular at last year's WSGS conference that attendance was over capacity with standing room only. The maximum size of the class has been doubled this year but it is expected to fill up quickly. Register early to get a seat. A waitlist will be created for those who register after the class meets maximum capacity.

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Registration to Begin Mid March

We have been working hard to set things in motion for the Washington State Genealogy Conference that will take place on August 15th and 16th. This conference will be so fun and interesting you won't want to miss it.

Go to www.wsgs2014conference.com or www.stillygen.org now to view all conference information and to register starting March 15th. All registrants will be able to attend the presentation by our keynote speaker, Josh Taylor. Seating for other presentations may be limited so register early to ensure you get a seat for all sessions you are interested in attending.

When registering you find that you will be asked to select the sessions you wish to attend and you will also have meal options. Payment on line via PayPal will be convenient, quick and easy. See you at the conference



Conference Speaker Spotlight

Mary Kathryn Kozy, Saturday, August 16th

DNA is one of the most popular topics today in genealogy research. Seasoned and dynamic speaker, Mary Kathryn Kozy, will be conducting two sessions at the conference on Saturday. Be one of the first to sign up to get a spot in her sessions.



Maternal and Paternal Lines: Using Y-DNA and mtDNA for genealogy.

DNA testing has really come to the fore as a way of helping us to break through brick walls in our genealogical research. Using Y-DNA testing along with genealogical research to follow a particular surname can be very helpful in breaking through brick walls. Testing mtDNA can also help with a very limited number of genealogical problems. Come learn more about how the tools of Y-DNA and mtDNA can help you to further your genealogical goals.

Can you help me find my cousins? Understanding Autosomal DNA.

The relatively new autosomal genetic test can be very helpful in finding cousins that share your DNA and could possibly have the research you need to help you break through a genealogical conundrum. We'll talk about what autosomal testing is, what it can tell you, and how to get the most information out of it. If you've ever wondered what all the talk is about with regard to autosomal DNA testing, come and find out what this type of testing can and can't do for you.



Conference Speaker Spotlight



Jill Morelli, Friday, August 15th

Jill Morelli is a professional genealogist in Seattle WA specializing in 19th century Midwest and Ostfriesen genealogy and is a house historian. She blogs at genealogycertification.wordpress.com. She will show you how to turn your genealogy research into a published finished product that will be cherished by future generations.

Self-Publishing Your Work: Just Do it!

Using numerous examples, the class will explore the process of getting our genealogical work published. Important decision points, priorities and graphic “rules of thumb” will be presented, taking the mystery out of the process. Different examples will be shown.

Marjorie (Margie) Stein Beldin, Saturday, August 16th

Margie Stein Beldin is an active member of the Tri-cities Genealogical Society. Teaching genealogy and family genealogy is one of her favorite activities. She offers hands-on computer training for society members and will be using this expertise to show you how to best navigate the Ancestry.com website.

Getting the BEST from Ancestry.com:

Ancestry.com is probably THE most popular genealogy research website today. This presentation explains what can be found on Ancestry, the differences in each version and what other features are offered.



Luana Darby, Friday, August 15th

Luana Darby is a professional genealogist and lecturer based in Salt Lake City. She is conducting two sessions on very interesting and unique topics.

Grandpa Was a Mason...Locating and Using Fraternal Society Records.

Was your ancestor a member of the Masonic lodge or other fraternal society? Learn what to look for and where to find genealogically significant information from various fraternal societies.

The Palatine Immigrants: Tracing and Locating 18th Century German Immigrants Online.

Discover how to track immigrants traveling from Germany to the colonies in the 1700s. Learn techniques that will assist you in discovering their place of origin in Germany. Use migration patterns to help you locate their family and friends.



Steven W. Morrison, Saturday, August 16th

Steven Morrison is a professional genealogist and lecturer who speaks at genealogy societies and seminars throughout the Pacific Northwest. He will be presenting two interesting topics that will be of value to any new or seasoned genealogist.

STOP HUNTING & START WRITING – A Primer on Genealogical Writing

To some genealogists “the hunt” is everything. Learn how to shift gears and take what you already have to write a cohesive story about your ancestor. Writing helps you refocus your thinking, exposes gaps in your data, and generates your next TO DO list. You might be surprised, that you may have already “bagged your ancestor” without even knowing it!

IS IT TRUE? Using Manuscripts and Family Records for Genealogical Proof

To some, family records – including diaries, letters, and personal photographs – may be seen as having little genealogical value. Nothing could be further from the truth! As original information they can shine new light on undiscovered facts or family relationships. This session will compare the reliability of family records to newspapers accounts of an 1862 Indian skirmish along the Oregon Trail.



We will be spotlighting our other conference speakers in our next newsletter. Go to www.WSGS2014conference.com for information on all conference speakers and classes.



SVGS SECRETARY WANTED – Please Volunteer

Michele Heiderer Announces Her Resignation as SVGS Interim Secretary Effective May 31, 2014.

Michele Heiderer has been serving as interim secretary for our society. She agreed to perform these duties for a short time until another secretary was found. That was two years ago! She is currently our Ways and Means Chairperson and is now really busy writing grants for our society which involves a lot of work and a tremendous amount of time.

The duties of the SVGS secretary are simple. Show up on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and take minutes of two meetings that take place after our 1:00pm presentation. We even have a tape recorder you can use. One meeting is for all SVGS members who attend, followed by the second meeting which is for SVGS board members. If interested, leave a message at the SVGS library at (360) 435-4838. If you don't want to do this by yourself, select a buddy to alternate or assist you.



Sign Up Now!

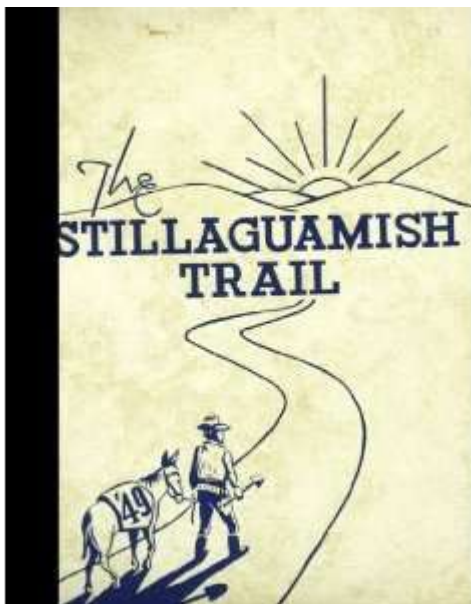
Finding Your Roots – An Arlington Community Education Class for the Beginning Historian ***Instructor: Steve Baylor***



Once again Steve Baylor will be teaching the beginning genealogy class that is designed to assist the would be family historian. You'll learn to organize family history records from personal knowledge and relatives. Then you will set research goals, determine where documentation can be found, locate records of significance, evaluate the proof, learn how to build a family database, and learn where to turn for further educational opportunities.

Classes will be held at the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Library at 215 S. French Ave, in Arlington. Classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 9:00pm on April 7, 14, 21 and 28. Class fee is \$10 for the series. Register for this course at Arlington City Hall or phone (360) 403-3448.

Steve Baylor, the instructor, is Past President of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) and the Washington State Genealogical Society and is currently the Library Director at SVGS. Steve also serves on the Washington State Historical Records Advisory Board and is a volunteer indexer with the Washington State Archives.



YEARBOOKS WANTED

To complete our collection of Arlington High School yearbooks, we are seeking the following missing yearbooks: 1926, 1931, 1934, 1938, 1949 through and including 1951, 1955 through and including 1960, 1968, 1972 through and including 1975, 1980 forward to current year. We have only a few of the middle school yearbooks, and we are interested in collecting all of them.

We are also interested in collecting yearbooks from the Lakewood, Stanwood, Darrington and Granite Falls school districts.

If you have any of these, please consider donating them to our SVGS library.



Arlington Cemetery – 110 Year Anniversary

A home away from home...

How many times have you driven by the Arlington Cemetery located on the corner of 67th Street NE and 204th Avenue NE without giving it much thought? Behind the chain linked fence lies a meticulously groomed resting place for over 9000 former residents and loved ones from our local community families.

The cemetery was originally named Harwood Cemetery and officially opened in 1904. The year prior to opening was a busy one. Platting of the 214 original lots was completed. Relatives with loved ones buried in an area located just off South Fifth on Gifford Street, and then known as Arlington Cemetery, were asked to remove the remains of their loved ones and move them to Harwood Cemetery.

With the help of Gus Moran, a former funeral director in the Army during the Spanish War and W. H. Smith, a professional undertaker

and embalmer, most of the remains were carefully relocated from the Arlington Cemetery to the Harwood Cemetery. Not all bodies were removed however, and in 1911 it took a court order and a settlement to set aside 1 acre to prevent the property owner from interfering with the remaining graves. Today a sign saying “Arlington Pioneer Cemetery 1895 – 1912” marks the location and a lone headstone of Corporal John Grant, Co. E, 138th Indiana Infantry still stands. His headstone reads, “A tribute to a Civil War Veteran.”

The cemetery was managed by an Arlington Cemetery Association. Its records resided at the workplace site of a board member. They were kept at Murphy’s Feed Store with Kate Voght who served on the board for 45 years and later at Weller’s Funeral Home with Bob Weller. The board members were aging and no younger replacements stepped forward. Because of this, the association approached the city to take over the cemetery rather than turning it over to a private cemetery company. On February 1, 1999, the city of Arlington assumed responsibility for the cemetery. Improvements to the cemetery have been ongoing in an effort to maintain the beauty of the cemetery and to accommodate those laid to rest.



- Headstones placed in the cemetery starting in 1913 had to be placed in cement to prevent them from dislodging and being damaged.
- In 1942, W. H. Fowler donated the materials for the white arch which is pictured on the upper left of this page. Mr. Jens Jensen donated the labor. A plaque affixed to the arch reads, “Presented by Jens Jensen and W. H. Fowler – 1942.” An article published on 24 December 1942 in the Arlington Times indicates that the gate below the arch once served as the front entrance to the home of Mr. Fowler’s father and is again a front entrance to the final home of the original owner and many of the pioneers.
- In 1962 a new metal-post and wire mesh fence was installed to replace the old picket fence.
- In 2013 an irrigation system was completed and the cemetery office was remodeled.



Genealogists today are becoming more savvy and aware about leaving a legacy. Some are writing a story of their own life to leave for future generations. Others are writing their own obituary for future use. Many are making plans for their future resting place to minimize financial and emotional hardship on those left behind. Recently a new columbarium was added to the cemetery to meet the popular demand for non-traditional burial. Hence, it is a great time to select an ideal spot in the columbarium if you are interested. Call Tawnya Post, Cemetery Coordinator, at (360) 403-3428 for further information.



For decades, Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society members have had a strong connection to the Arlington Cemetery. In 1990 six members including Marietta Roth and Steve Baylor worked on a project to map out and identify those buried in the original 214 cemetery lots. Identification was complicated because many of the flat graves were hard to find and a fire in 1927 destroyed some of the files. In the years to follow other SVGS members, including Helen Eliason and Joanne Wetmore joined in on the efforts to document and publish listings of those buried in the cemetery. Visit the “Bookstore” at stillygen.org to purchase any of the publications created by SVGS. A listing of those buried in the cemetery as well as obituaries listed in the Arlington Times between 1895 and 1939 are among those available for purchase.

Today Michele Cozad is leading a SVGS team that is listing burials in our stillygen.org website. Larry Taylor has made it his passion to take a picture of headstones and document all graves in Snohomish county in the Find-A-Grave website. Obviously, this will take a while and he needs volunteers to help him out. Leilani Lucrisia is joining Larry Taylor in documenting graves in the Find-A-Grave website, but is limiting her scope to those in the Arlington cemetery. She is also an Arlington cemetery board member.



Gone But Not Forgotten... **An Arlington Cemetery Walking Tour**

We would like to celebrate Arlington Cemetery's 110th anniversary by doing something very special. We plan to create a walking tour of the cemetery to share the history of our community and the lives of our past residents.

If you have any information you would like to share, if you would like to help create the narrative of the walking tour, or if you are interested in becoming a walking tour guide, contact Leilani Lucrisia (Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Member and Arlington Cemetery Board Member), at lelucrisia1@comcast.net, or call (360) 386-8201.



BOOK REVIEW

(all books are available through the Sno-Isle Library System)

ADVANCED GENEALOGY RESEARCH TECHNIQUES, George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, 2014, (929.1072Morgan). This is a guide to examining and overcoming brick walls, gathering evidence, and then examining it from a fresh perspective. Chapters include examples, a summary, and a list of resources used to write each chapter. Morgan has been doing genealogy for years and is an internationally known genealogy speaker; this is his eleventh book.

Smith has been a librarian at the University of South Florida (Tampa) since 2007, has published numerous articles in genealogical magazines, and is the author of "Social Networking for Genealogists" (2009). With index.



MASTERING ONLINE GENEALOGY, W. Daniel Quillen, 2012, (929.1028Quillen). The title says it all; if you are new to internet genealogy you will want to read this great little book (it's only 140 pages long).

Contents cover which computers to buy or use, software reviews (and how much RAM you need to run them), search engines, free and subscription web sites and what they offer, and using government records. Nostalgic family photos throughout the text. This book is from "Quillen's Essentials of Genealogy" series. With index.

FAMILY TREE PROBLEM SOLVER, Marsha Hoffman Rising, 2005 (929.1072Rising). Topics include overcoming the burned courthouse, separating two people with the same name, navigating the problem years before 1850, census records (and what they don't say), land and court records, and analysis of evidence. The author is a nationally recognized professional genealogist specializing in problem solving in the nineteenth century. Case studies conclude most chapters. With index.

THE DESPERATE GENEALOGIST'S IDEA BOOK: Creative Ways to Outsmart your Elusive Ancestors, Jeannette Balleza, Editor, 2006 (929.1Despera). This is a collection of 'brick wall' articles by various well-known genealogists; lots of fun to read. Topics include finding elusive female ancestors, mysterious people in old photos, burned courthouses, tracing slave ancestors, using Family History Centers and LDS records, message boards and mailing lists, overlooked sites on the internet, preserving old photos. 149 pages; not indexed.

SUSTAINABLE GENEALOGY: Separating Fact from Fiction in Family Legends, Richard Hite, 2013 (929.1Hite). The title sums up the contents in 108 pages. Family legends, we all have them. This short book will help you separate fact from legend and show you when to take a family story with a grain of salt. It may also provide a chuckle or two when you realize the you may have been hoodwinked all along, and you may find yourself asking 'how could I have been so blind?'. Although this is a great read that will help you rethink family lore, the type size is very small and hard on the eyes. Not indexed.



EVENTS CALENDAR

March 11, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00	<i>General meeting and presentation:</i> Newly Discovered Records of the Poor, Rich Records of the Indigent and the Down-trodden, Eric Stroschein Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Eric Stroschein's presentation will discuss "Mother's Pensions", the beginning of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. This was a widely used federal program that began in 1908 and ended in 1934 when the program was taken over by the Social Security Administration. These files can be genealogically richer than any military pension. Forty-six of the then 48 states adopted forms of this program. Many of these records reside in city, county and state archives.
April 8, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00	<i>General meeting and presentation:</i> SVGS Website, Ruth Caesar and Members of the Website Team Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Ruth and website team members will give you an overview of our new website to enable you to maneuver through it and show you how to easily search our library files and death indexes. They will also show you how to update your mailing address, phone number and e-mail information and show you how to use PayPal to pay your membership dues.
May 13, 2014, Tuesday Noon – 3:00 Bring a salad, entrée, or dessert to share	<i>Potluck and elections:</i> Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive 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.

Odds n Ends

Upcoming Tea: 11th Annual Spring Tea and Vintage Fashion Show: Sunday April 6, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Tulalip Resort and Casino; \$25 per ticket; advanced purchase required. Contact them at 360-659-3090 or marysvillespringtea@hotmail.com to order tickets; proceeds benefit the Marysville Historical Society.

Upcoming seminar: April 12, 2014, Olympia Genealogical Society, Christine Rose, CG, CGL, ASG, speaking on "Getting on the Right Track" (Transcribing & Abstracting: The Technique!, Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions: What did the record really say?, Using Little Known and Neglected Sources: A Potpourri, and Avoid the Crooked Path! Genealogical Problem Solving). Deli lunch available. Go to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waogs> to register; March 31st is deadline.