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Beyond the Depot.

Have you ever wanted to learn about the history of Arlington and its surrounding areas? Rather than going through the laborious

process of trying to find information on your own, start your journey to the past at <http://www.arlingtondepot.com>. This is a fantastic site that will lead you to museum and historical society websites such as these:

Stillaguamish Pioneer Museum
Darrington Historical Society
Stanwood Area Historical Society
Granite Falls Historical Society
Snohomish Historical Society
Shoreline Historical Museum
Issaquah History Museums
Skykomish Historical Society

Stillaguamish Genealogical Society
Monte Cristo Preservation Association
Marysville Historical Society
Hilbulb Cultural Center (Tulalip Tribes)
NW Room @ Everett Public Library
Alderwood Manor Heritage Association
Eastside Heritage Center
HistoryLink – Washington State History

At <http://www.arlingtondepot.com> you are only a mouse click away from learning about the history of railroads and the Centennial Trail:

Centennial Trail Coalition
Northwest Railway Museum
Lake Whatcom Railway
Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad

Cascade Rail Foundation
SP&S Railway Historical Society
Chehalis Centralia Railroad

<http://www.arlingtondepot.com> will also lead you to various local history websites such as these:

Crosscut.com – History
DorpatSherradLomont

Snohomish Then & Now
Vintage Seattle

Skagit River Journal

Beyond the Depot., at <http://www.arlingtondepot.com>, is the former site of the Arlington Depot Project that outlined a proposal to construct a replica of the original 1890 Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railway depot once located here in Arlington. According to **Beyond the Depot.**, “Today, the spirit of the original depot lives on in the new Arlington Depot restroom & visitor information facility located at Arlington's Legion Park along the Centennial Trail.” Since the depot is now complete, this website has been changed to serve as a repository for “musings on and artifacts of Puget Sound history -- and beyond.”

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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

SVGS is an amazing genealogy society and we are making such a positive difference in the lives of so many families seeking information about their ancestors and about our local area.

To keep things running smoothly our members are serving on board positions, and others are educators, librarians, researchers, database creators, historical record keepers, cemetery recorders, obituary

trackers...the list is long. Many of these members are doubling up or even performing three or more tasks for the society which is very difficult to do, and many of these members need a break. Hence, we are soliciting the help of other members who aren't presently active in the behind the scenes activities of our genealogy society. Would you please consider volunteering to help out?

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – SOLICITING CANDIDATES

In May of each year we hold an election of new officers for the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society. This year the office of President and Secretary will be voted on.

****President:** Oversees all activities of our genealogy society.

****Secretary:** Takes notes at our genealogy society board meetings and prepares meeting minutes.



If you are interested in holding an office, please contact Ruth Caesar (ruthjcaesar@wildblue.net) Joanne Wetmore (hidal1@frontier.com), or Michele Heiderer (kellen2000@seanet.com) no later than April 15th. If you prefer, leave a message on the answering machine at the library for any one of them at: (360) 435-4838

HOUSEKEEPING

Volunteer(s) needed to tidy up our library on a weekly basis. Although all of us who use the library try to keep it tidy, the library needs to be vacuumed, dusted, tables put away. The bathroom needs to be freshened up, and the kitchen needs to be swept, sink and countertops need to be wiped down when necessary.



COFFEE SET-UP



We need someone to make the coffee just once a month before our monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This involves bringing two coffee pots and coffee supplies to the meeting location, making the coffee, and putting out coffee cups, sugar & cream.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are needed for the April meeting, as well as future meetings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchen at the library. Light snacks of almost any kind are needed at each meeting for about 30 people. SVGS provides plates & napkins.

GARDENING

A volunteer is needed to take care of the two flowerbeds in front of the library from spring through summer. The flower beds need to be weeded and maintained and the flowers need to be watered during the summer months.



CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

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Left to Right: Ruth Shaff (DAC member), Michele Heiderer (Library Director), Marietta Roth (DAC Member and SVGS founder), Maralyn Ricketts (DAC Regent)

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONIES (DAC) DONATION

The latest book on Civil War research, "Genealogical Resources of the Civil War Era", book number 600/45, was donated to the library on February 7th by the Pilchuck Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists.

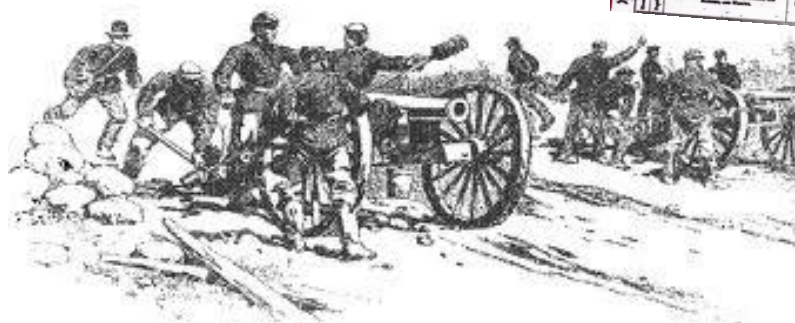
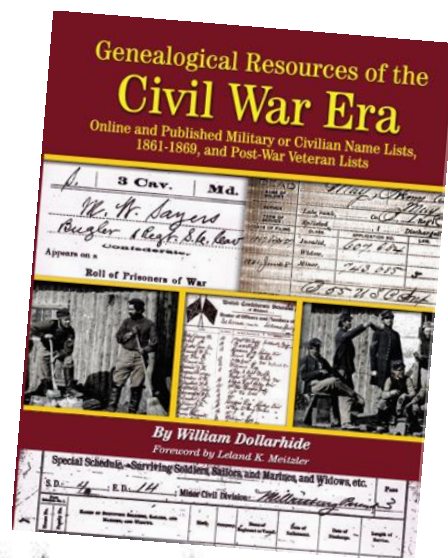
This donation has been made in memory of George Thorleifson, whose wife was a founding member of the Pilchuck Chapter of the DAC and is just one of many donated by DAC to our SVGS library.

DAC Society, founded in 1921, is a lineage and service organization dedicated to patriotism, education, and historic preservation. DAC members are all descendants of a man or woman who rendered patriotic or civil service to the American Colonies prior to 4 July 1776. Go to the DAC website at www.http://nsdac.org for more information.

DAC DONATION:

"Genealogical Resources of the Civil War Era", written by Bellingham author William Dollarhide, shows you where to look and which documents can be found for ancestors during 1861-1869, as well as post-war veterans. The volume is laid out first by nation-wide name lists and then by state listings in alphabetical order.

This book is a guide to the various records where you will find lists of names of both soldiers and civilians. The lists consist of records created during the War, records produced immediately after the War, Veteran Censuses, State Censuses taken (1885-1945) with Civil War Veterans listed, and numerous Internet resources and is a great addition to our library. The book has been added to the rest of our military collection in the General Reference section of the library.





NEW BOOKS: Our library is growing. If you'd like to review these books, you can find them on the shelves below the sign-in sheet through March. After that they can be found within the library collection according to book number.



Transcribed by Steve Baylor and Kay Crabtree:

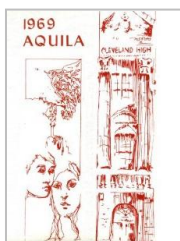
600/46 Jesse Hyde Civil War Diary; images are available online through the Kentucky State Archives and at SVGS on the computer next to the printer.

- MT/16 "Came to Gallatin County, Colbern, Henderson, Gouker, Covey Family History", compiled by Marietta Roth, donated by author
- 350/29 "Hammond's Complete Atlas of the World", C.S. Hammond & Co., 1951, shows the new boundaries of European countries right after World War II.
- WA/Stev/6 "Rich Heritage, Summit Valley's Past", by Kathryn Carlson, 1979, Donated by Shirley Case and Grace Olin

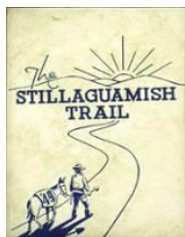
Yearbooks:

- WA/King/27. 1949 Totem, Yearbook, Lincoln High School, Seattle, donated by Pat Manning
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- WA/King/42. 1952 Aegis, Yearbook, Seattle University, Seattle, donated by Pat Manning
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- WA/Stev/7 1961 Chewelan, Yearbook, Jenkins High School, Chewelah, donated by Shirley Case

SCHOOL & COLLEGE YEARBOOKS



Do you have old school or college yearbooks hidden away in your closet? SVGS would love to add them to our library collection. We are missing most of the Arlington High School yearbooks for the 1950s, for instance. Not from Arlington? We accept yearbooks and alumni books from ANY school or college and even military training schools. Grandchildren LOVE to look at grandma and grandpa's school pictures when they were young. We promise to treasure your yearbooks forever and have them available for your descendants and others for decades to come.



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MARIETTA'S CORNER

(This is a new feature to our newsletter. SVGS founder, Marietta Roth, will offer tidbits for your perusal and pleasure).

Tubfirm, No-3540 Nesbyen, Norway: 997 cancelled stamps were sent to Norway in November. Bernice Molstad of Bryant gave them to me to send to Tubfirm as she is Norwegian. In January, 387 stamps were sent. I take the stamps to the Sons of Norway in Stanwood to add to the stamps they collect and they mail them all to Norway in one package. The stamps are repackaged and sold to stamp collectors worldwide. Proceeds go to help handicapped children and to finance tuberculosis research. You can help by saving your canceled stamps. Please cut them from the envelope leaving a 1/4" margin around them. The Tubfirm container sits in the library on the shelf below the sign-in book.

In typing obituaries from the Arlington Times to be published in the future, I have learned some new words:

- Inurnment: To put ashes of a cremated person in an urn.
- Bereavement: To deprive – to leave desolate and saddened through loss (bereavement loss).
- Interment: Burial

The city of Arlington asked businesses in Arlington to purchase a concrete bench for \$300 to put along the Centennial Trail in town. Our bench is near the All Creatures Veterinary building and across the street from the Haller Park Entrance.



ODDS- N- ENDS



COLOR PRINTER FOR SALE

Used Kodak printer, ESP Office 6150; uses #10 Kodak ink cartridges. We are no longer using this printer in the library. Any reasonable offer will be considered; printer can be seen at the library. Contact Michele Heiderer at 360-435-2720 or kellen2000@seanet.com if interested.

BINDERS NEEDED

White 3-ring notebooks are needed for the library re-cataloging project. 1", 1 1/2", 2", 3" and 4" notebooks are needed. Used notebooks are welcome as long as they are clean and with unbroken spines. The best price is at Costco (they sell them in bulk). Black or navy blue notebooks will be accepted too but if you are purchasing new, please buy white ones! A tax receipt is available upon request.



LABEL MAKER TAPE NEEDED

Label tape is needed for use at our library to complete our library cataloging project. We have a Brother P-Touch Label Maker and would appreciate your help in providing us with some white label tape. Costco has this tape at a good price.





CEMETERY GEO DATABASE *Out of the Ashes – Arlington Municipal Cemetery*

Lynne Bridges, GIS Analyst, Bridges SGIS & GPS Consulting

SVGS would like to thank Lynne Bridges, former city employee, for the interesting and informative presentation she made at our meeting on February 12th. The cemetery, established in 1903 was originally known as Harwood cemetery. Unfortunately, documentation of those buried in the cemetery was found incomplete when the city of Arlington assumed management of the cemetery in 1990. To remedy this, Lynne, along with other Information Technology (IT) staff members, worked very hard to create a database using software known as Cemetery Information Management System (CIMS) which was not an easy task. Staff had to perform field work and physically view cemetery plots/gravesites. They also had to compare their findings with existing files and old invoices. The ultimate goal in using CIMS was to create a viable inventory of graves; know which plots are available today and to anticipate expansion in the future.

Lynne's expertise is geocoding. With her help, each gravesite was designated a location in the computer by section, lot, row and grave. Basically, each gravesite now has a GPS location making it easy to identify where someone is buried. As a result, this should realize improved customer service allowing for easy answers to question such as: Where can I be buried? Where is my love one buried? Who else is able to be buried there? It will also improve planning capability.

EVENTS CALENDAR

March 12, Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: Knowing the Pricetag of our Heritage, Richard Logg, Sr. Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Richard Logg, Sr. shares stories about people from the greater Arlington community including local farmers such as Dan Drewe. His books, "One Fire, Many Flames" and "The Cream in the Neck of the Bottle" chronicle tales of local interest.
April 9, 2013, Tuesday, 1:00–3:00	General meeting and presentation: Records of the Veterans Administration, Marlene Agnes Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Marlene Agnes will discuss the types of records created by the Veterans Administration which are of interest by the family historian. Marlene retired from the Seattle office of the VA after many years of service. She and her husband provided the driving force for creation of the Tahoma National Cemetery in Auburn.
April 20, Saturday, 10:00 – 4:00 in La Conner	Washington Territorial Civil War Read-In training for volunteers Skagit County Historical Museum, 501 South 4 th Street.
May 14, 2013, Tuesday, 12:00–3:00 Potluck: Bring your favorite salad, main dish, side dish or dessert for all to enjoy!	Potluck starting at noon - Annual Society Meeting after we eat Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive The annual meeting of the society features reports from all officers and committee chairs. During the meeting members will vote on a budget and officers for 2014 as well as any proposed changes to the society By-Laws. The meeting also marks the end of the current year and membership dues for the following year need to be paid.