

# The Stillaguamish Star

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day

## TUESDAY, March 11th 1 PM SVGS Monthly Meeting

The speaker portion of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society monthly meeting will be in person only at the SVGS Library in March. Society member Kathie Webber will be speaking.

Kathie's topic will be: ***My Irish Genealogical Journey***

My goal has always been to learn more about my Irish family and where they came from. 75% of my family background is Irish. Along the way I've learned the better way to do things after taking some wrong turns. I'll share some of those successes and mistakes I have made.

Kathie tells us that she's been doing genealogy for over 40 years. She's researched in Washington state, Massachusetts, California, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Ireland. Her favorite notable ways to research include visiting cemeteries, family history centers, online research, facebook groups, and travel.



Kathie Webber

# Upcoming SVGS Events:

**TUESDAY, April 8th 1 PM**  
**SVGs Monthly Meeting**



Sue McNeil

The speaker portion of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society monthly meeting will be in person only at the SVGS Library in April. Society member Sue McNeil will be speaking.

Sue's topic will be: Ancestry Pro Tools - Are They Worth It?

Ancestry Pro Tools is a monthly add-on subscription. Are they worth paying an additional \$10 per month? That depends on your needs and goals. There are tools for a tree checker, smart filters, reports, DNA matches and more.

Our business meeting and board meeting will follow the presentation at 2 PM.



## **YARD CLEANING DAY**

**Wednesday, April 23rd 10 AM**

It's that time of the year again and the Society needs your help. Our yards need weeding and raking and some bushes may need trimming. Please bring your garden tools and garden shoes and pitch in to help beautify your library.

Lunch will be provided.



## **SPRING CLEANING DAY**

**Wednesday, May 7th 10 AM**

Yes, your genealogy society library needs spring cleaning too, just like your house. Dusting, vacuuming and other tasks to choose from. We will supply the cleaning supplies but please bring your own gloves.

Lunch will be provided.



# RootsTech 2025

The largest family history conference of the year  
is from March 6–8, 2025.

The online RootsTech conference will be available for free on  
RootsTech.org.

The paid in-person conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following link will take you to the online  
(not in person) free registration:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/registration/online/pass>

*Explore your roots.*

*Connect with history.*

# Genealogy Day at Washington State Library

March 7, 2025 10:00am & 1:00pm

Join us for a special day of discovery at the Washington State Library!

**Free! No registration required – just bring your curiosity!**  
Email [askalibrarian@sos.wa.gov](mailto:askalibrarian@sos.wa.gov) for more information.

- Learn from the experts – Engaging presentations at 10:00am & 1:00pm.
- Tour our collections – Explore historic newspapers, census records, & more.
- Connect with fellow genealogists – Share research tips and resources.
- Discover hidden gems – Find family clues in Washington's historic publications.

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# **An Allen in the White House? Well, Almost....**

by-Bill Allen

In carrying out my family research, I came across a curious twist of history that deserves a paper all it's own. As you will see, a member of my family almost ended up in the White House. As with any account of history, there is always room for interpretation and the whole truth may never be known, but the story was well known, or at least gossiped about.

First, a little background. One of my family progenitors was one Reuben Allen. He is my paternal g4-grandfather, born in 1765 in Rehoboth, MA and dying in Brockport, NY in 1822. Reuben was fairly prolific, he and his wife Hannah having had nine children. One of them, Philemon, produced my line. One of Philemon's brothers, Sterling W. Allen became one of the earliest medical doctors to graduate from the then brand new, University of Rochester, in Rochester, New York.

After becoming an MD in 1822, Sterling married a woman by the name of Mary Ann Hannibal, of Brockport, NY. Sterling and Mary had three children. The first, born very soon after they married, was Mortimer. Mortimer went off to California in 1852 for the great California Gold Rush, where he remained until his death in 1891. The second was Augusta, who lived her life as a single schoolteacher and died at the age of 42.

The third was Charles W. Allen. Charles became a dentist (scary for the 1850's!). Charles ended up in Duluth, Minnesota and married Anjennette Holcombe. Charles and Anjennette had one daughter, Mary.

In 1883, Mary married Thomas H. Hulbert, a mining engineer whose father had been the explorer who discovered the vast iron and copper deposits in northern Minnesota and southern Canada. Thomas continued the work his father had started, and spent winters in Duluth and summers exploring Canada, looking for other mineral and metal deposits.

Thomas' father returned to northern Connecticut a very wealthy man, and had many contacts with the wealthy families of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Mary and Thomas were apparently happy and had one son, Allen S. Hulbert, born in 1888. Unfortunately for Mary and Allen, Thomas was killed the following summer in an explosion at one of his mine sites, leaving Mary with an infant son and no financial support.

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Mary Allen Hulbert, c. 1885

At Thomas' sudden demise, his father bundled up Mary and his grandson and returned them to his estate in Connecticut, and quietly arranged a marriage in 1891 to one of his wealthy friends who had recently been widowed, a Thomas D. Peck.

Mr. Peck was an industrialist in Berkshire County, MA, whose family owned a large woolen mill. Although Mary and her son's financial needs were completely filled by this arrangement, the marriage apparently was a disaster from the start, and by 1892, Mary and Allen were spending most of the year at the Peck estate in Bermuda. Mr. Peck did not, apparently, care for Bermuda, so they rarely crossed paths.

This situation continued until the winter of 1907, when things became much more interesting for Mary and Allen. That winter, the governor of New Jersey decided to pay a visit to Bermuda, and Mary, being one of the social butterflies on the island, invited him to a formal dinner. The story goes that they immediately hit it off and became romantically involved.

*.....to be continued in the next edition of the Stillaguamish Star.....*

Most of the information for this paper came from "Love and Guilt : Woodrow Wilson and Mary Hulbert", Frances W. Saunders, American Heritage Magazine, April/May 1979, Volume 30, Issue 3. Accessed online by the author of this paper, May 2017.

The genealogical connection was discovered in 2016 by the author.

(c) 2017, William W. Allen



***IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN***



**The Annual Meeting and election will be held following  
our NOON Potluck on May 13, 2025  
at 1:00pm at the SVGS library.**

**Mark your calendar for NOON and don't miss the  
SVGS Annual Meeting & Potluck and this year's  
Silent Auction  
(see the following page for details)**

**SVGS is calling for  
nominations for the following positions:**

**President  
Vice President of the Library  
Secretary**

If you have an interest in volunteering for one of these positions, please contact the nominating committee, or send an email to [info@stillygen.org](mailto:info@stillygen.org) expressing your desire to serve.

# Silent Auction

Our Annual Meeting will include a silent auction and now is the time to get ready.

The proceeds from the auction will be applied to our present budget shortfall. But for this to be successful we need your help now.

We are counting on you to provide items for the auction. Do you have a favorite coffee shop? Perhaps they would be willing to donate a gift certificate? How about your hairdresser/barber? The possibilities are as varied as the places you do business. Restaurants, nurseries, bakeries, are all potential donors. They get new business and great advertisement as well as donating to a 501 (c) (3) charity.

When you get a donation, remember to give the donor a receipt and keep a copy for SVGS.

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## SVGS Donation Receipt

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your donation of \_\_\_\_\_ valued at  
\$\_\_\_\_\_.

Your generosity is appreciated by Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, registered in the State of Washington.

By \_\_\_\_\_

# Getting to Know Linda Davis

Linda has been a Society member since 2014 and is a new volunteer librarian with SVGS.  
We thought you might like to know a bit about her.

*I have been researching my family history since about 1996.*

*I have researched in Washington, Oregon, California, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, some New York, South Dakota and Minnesota. Also parts of Canada.*

*I have no brick walls with my grandmothers, but I do with relatives further back. Some of them are from Russia. I have not broken through any of those brick walls yet. I am stuck in the 1800-1840 range.*



Linda Davis

*The most valuable tip or technique that has helped with my research is to be open to everything and search everyplace you can think of. You never know where you might find someone.*

*I retired in 2016 from Snohomish County.*

*I really don't have any particular favorite ancestor. I do love finding out their stories.*

*Linda Davis*

## What's new at the Library

If you look into the Snohomish room, it probably looks no different this month than it looked last month, but looks can be deceiving. Various collections have been combined, there are now just 8 different groupings.

They are as follows:

- 0100** General Snohomish County materials
- 0110** General Snohomish County maps
- 0200** Cities and communities arranged alphabetically
- 0300** City Directories arranged alphabetically
- 0400** Obituary Notebooks -arranged by newspaper and date
- 0500** Vital Records Notebooks arranged by date
- 0600** Cemetery Records arranged alphabetically by cemetery
- 0700** Pioneer families and stories arranged alphabetically by family surname
- 0800** Society notebooks and records now in a members only area



## **YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU**

**Do you enjoy researching your family history?**

**Can you log-on to a computer?**

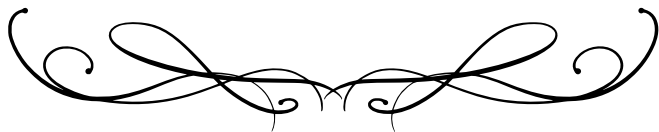
**Do you like to talk to people?**

If you answered yes to 2 of those questions you are just the person, the library is looking for. Our librarians volunteer for 3-hour shifts. During your shift you may be asked to help someone research on our computers. Don't worry we will train you how to use the websites that we have. You may be asked to find books or maps about a certain subject. Again, don't worry we will show you how to use the library catalogue and how the books are arranged.

**What happens if you do volunteer to be a librarian?**

First you will be asked if you prefer morning or afternoon shifts. Then you will be asked which day you would like to work. Working with your preferences, you will be assigned a shift with an experienced librarian who will show you how the library works, and answer questions. You may be asked to take on additional shifts but please remember, you are never alone. Your work partner is always willing to help you solve our visitors' problems.

The best part of being a volunteer is the great people you get to work with.



# Sadly, we said goodbye...

....to our long time member, Elizabeth Dalton who passed away on December 31st. In SVGS's early days Elizabeth was a member of the Publications Committee, and served as an indexer for some of the society's earliest published books. In between indexing projects, she wrote articles for our newsletter, as well as performing editor-in-chief duties. More recently she served as Vice-President of the Library for a time during the pandemic. Elizabeth was a dear friend of our society and has left a hole in our hearts. She shared her irreplaceable smile and kind heart freely with those of us who were lucky enough to have known her.



*Ruth Caesar*

Words of genealogy wisdom from Elizabeth Dalton that every “good” genealogist should follow... “the three most important things to remember when doing genealogy research are accuracy, accuracy and accuracy”. She added, “We need to prove the accuracy of every record used in our research to the best of our ability.”

## Genealogy Mysteries

If you're interested in genealogy mysteries here are a few authors you might like to investigate.  
Check with your local library to see what they have available.

Nathan Dylan Goodwin  
Lisa Brook

Steve Robinson  
M. J, Lee

M. K. Jones  
Ryan Litterell  
Brynn Bonner



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## Update: Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts Supplemental Membership Applications, 1560-1970

We are happy to announce that the volume “Supplemental Applications” has been added to our database, **Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts Membership Applications, 1560-1970**. This update contains 12,400 pages, 136,123 records, and 324,844 names.

Since its founding in 1893, the **SCWMA** has combined fraternal good fellowship with a dedication to promoting patriotic values and a knowledge of colonial American history, particularly its military dimension.

This database provides records that includes the applicant’s name, their colonial ancestor, and the birth, marriage, and death information for each generation of descendants on the application. In addition, the membership numbers for the state and the general society are displayed.

## New Sketches: Early Vermont Settlers, 1700-1784

We have added two new sketches to **Early Vermont Settlers, 1700-1784**. The people profiled in these sketches lived in Vernon.

These sketches were created by Scott Andrew Bartley, who is researching the heads of families who lived in Vermont prior to the Revolutionary War. His study project is not only identifying those who sought better lives on the frontier, but is also illustrating major players on the political and religious fronts and uncovering regional migration patterns for this period.

## Update: The Mayflower Descendant, Volume 72

We are happy to announce that we have added Volume 72 (2024) to the **Mayflower Descendant** database. This update adds 222 pages, 4,095 records, and 4,065 searchable names. The indexing for these records includes full names, publication year (**not** the year of the record), article titles, and authors.

The **Mayflower Descendant** was originally published by the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants starting in 1899. In 2015, American Ancestors assumed stewardship of the venerable journal. It is an essential source of information on many New England families, and its focus is not limited to those with Mayflower lineage. The journal includes transcriptions and abstracts of deeds, wills, vital records, and other original documents. In addition, it features compiled genealogies and analytical studies of genealogical problems.

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# Send us your submissions!

If you have a story that our readers might enjoy, please send it to us!

Newsletter submissions for the **May/June** issue should be sent  
to [newsletter@stillygen.org](mailto:newsletter@stillygen.org) by **April 25 th.**



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