

The Stillaguamish Star

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OCTOBER IS **FAMILY HISTORY MONTH**

**Come preserve your family's
history at our library!**

Create digital copies of:

- Fragile family photos
- Any family photos or slides
- Historic Documents
- Video recordings (call for appointment)



Library Hours: Tues, Thurs, Sat- 10-4

Upcoming SVGS Events:

TUESDAY, September 10, 1PM
SVGS Monthly Meeting



Jacqueline Riddell
State Regent

Washington State Regent, Jacqueline Riddell, will introduce us to

DAR Genealogy Resources.

The Genealogical Research System (GRS) provided by DAR is a free online portal to various genealogical databases.

Additionally, the GRS provides resources related to the Revolutionary War.

TUESDAY, October 8, 1PM
SVGS Monthly Meeting

Beginning Irish Research

Are you Irish? Maybe Scottish? Both? Barbara Gorham Johnson will focus on Irish genealogy research but will cover both as they are intertwined historically, politically, geologically and genealogically. Irish records can be quite challenging because of religious wars over the centuries. We'll discuss how to break through some of those challenges. More and more new records are becoming available online. Knowing the history of the British Isles helps one find your ancestors.



Barbara Gorham Johnson has served on the Skagit Valley GS Board as Secretary, Vice president, Education Chair and is currently their Communications Chair. She is active in the Clan Johnston/e in America and the Celtic Arts Foundation.

Book Talk

By LeAnne Koliha

In the last newsletter, I talked about the book “A Pioneer’s Search for an Ideal Home”, the diary of Phoebe Goodell Judson. My newest read has been a huge change of pace. “Everyday Life in Early America” is a scholarly look at Colonial America. I chose this book as part of my quest to better understand the life of my earliest immigrants. This book breaks down the different lifestyles early colonists lived based on location. The early colonies were very different from each other but no matter where your family settled, this book will help you understand those years before the American Revolution. You need to add this to your research list, and the best thing is, it’s in our library.

“New” Book Titles In Our Library

Dictionary of African American Religious Bodies
Perkins Family Genealogy
And We Will Not Forget – Snohomish School District
Early Virginia Families Along the James River 2 Vol
New Hampshire Beautiful
Connecticut Beautiful
Idaho Chinese Lore
In the Shadow of the Mountain- Graham and vicinity
Milltown Footlights - Everett
Island of the Sea Breezers -Vashon Island

Remember you can always find a complete list of the books added to our library in 2024 by going to our online library catalogue and clicking on subject and then selecting New Library item 2024.

Duplicate Books Available for Rehoming

Below is only a partial list. We currently have 168 different titles available. If you would like a complete list, see Vice President of the Library LeAnne Koliha at the next monthly meeting.

Kitsap County

Finding Our Fathers

Old Albemarle

Early Virginia Marriages

Map Guide to American Migration Routes

Genealogical Data from Colonial New York Newspapers

Early England Marriages prior to 1700

Ohio Marriages

10,000 Vital Records of Western New York 1777-1834

Also available for Central and Eastern New York

With Angels to the Rear

Early Ohio Tax Records

Our Native Americans and Their Records of Genealogical Value Vol.2

Our Quaker Ancestors

Virginia Wills and Administrations 1632-1800

American Wills And Administration in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
1610-1857

Preserving your American Heritage

Register of Ohio Soldiers War of 1812

“Adopt a Book”

At our August general meeting, we introduced the newest library project, “Adopt a Book”. We selected books that needed repair and contacted David Richardson to determine the cost of those repairs. What we need now is for members to adopt the cost of those repairs. You choose the book and David does the work. When the repairs are complete you write a check to the society, allowing you to have the tax deduction and the society pays David.

We have already had 12 books adopted. These books are still available.

History of Central Oregon	cost \$100
Nicholas Street Genealogy	cost \$30

City Directories for Everett - not available online	
1928/29	cost \$35
1935	cost \$35
1939	cost \$35
1971	cost \$40
1974	cost \$40



The book above is an example of a book which may need attention.

If you are interested in adopting one of the above books see LeAnne.

Let's Talk About: More Oldie Newspapers

By- Donna Phillips

Old newspaper stories sometimes make us laugh and sometimes cry. But they are always so interesting! Bet you have a collection of family newspaper stories

..... here's one for you:



On Friday, the 15th of July, 1921,
this little bit was published in
The Spokane Daily Chronicle:

"AUNT IS SEEKING THELMA MAY SPRY"

"If Thelma May Spry, aged 17, can be found here, she will have the opportunity of going to the home of her aunt, Mrs. A.C. Seybert, 420 East South Street, Warren, Ohio, to live. A letter asking that the girl be found was received by the police today. According to the information sent by her aunt, the girl was placed in an orphan home here at the age of 12. At one time she stayed with a family named Craig on Fourth Avenue. A good home awaits the girl if she can be found, the letter says."

Well! My interest being piqued, I did some quick looking in our Washington Digital Archives website.

On the 1910 census, taken 13 May 1910, in Minot, North Dakota, I found Ora Spry, widow, age 26, servant in the household, with children Thelma, age 6, and Sylvester, age 3, both children born in North Dakota.

On the 1920 census, taken 8 Jan 1920, for Crab Creek, Lincoln County, Washington, Thelma was born in North Dakota (parents in Virginia/New York) and was the "ward" of the Smith family.

I learned that Thelma Spry, of Multnomah County, Oregon, married Alfred B. Scott, also of Multnomah County, on December 20, 1922, in Clark County, Washington.

Poor dear Alfred died on 30 Jun 1930 in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington. Cause of death? "Accidently burnt...clothing catching fire, while asleep, from cigar."

Certainly looks like Aunt Mrs. Seybert, of Warren, Ohio, never found her niece. Sad. Never did learn what eventually became of Thelma Spry Scott.

Any descendants out there?

Arlington Street Fair



Flynn Kennedy & Ruth Caesar

Booth volunteers not pictured-

Sue McNeil, Sharon Posey, Kathie Webber, Leslie Bock, Bill & Michele Grant and Leilani Lucricia

Countless people stopped by our booth to share their efforts to work on their family histories. Many expressed their desire to begin researching their genealogies. Others wanted just a touch of advice, a suggestion or a little moral support. Above all else though, the greatest interest was in preserving family photos for the generations to come.

Update

We are pleased to report that many Street Fair attendees have made their way to visit the Library.

Let's Talk About: Dead Fred

By- Donna Phillips



Quoting from a bit by Lisa Louise Cook in the Family Tree Magazine, Mar/Apr 2024:

"Would you like to discover a previously unknown photo of your ancestor? Thousands of people have done just that using the free dead Fred website, www.deadfred.com. This archive includes user-submitted photos that are either unidentified or have spotty information, and you can search it by surname, place or other related keywords. If you find a photo of a direct ancestor, Dead Fred will even sent it to you for free. Take a second look through your own photo collection and start posting those unidentified pictures. Someone else may just be able to help solve the mystery!"

If you're like me and enjoy "treasure hunting" in thrift shops and garage sales, we HATE to see family photos just casually and anonymously up for sale. Whenever possible, I gather up as many of these as I can and package them up and send them to Dead Fred. Idea for you too???

Send us your submissions!

If you have a story that our readers might enjoy, please send it to us!
Newsletter submissions for the **November/December** issue should
be sent to newsletter@stillygen.org by **October 26th**.



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