

The Stillaguamish Star

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Diving Deeper Into FamilySearch.org



A very informative and indepth presentation was given by Donna Snider, February 13th, at the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Library. Since many attendees requested additional Family Search information, we are pleased to announce that Donna has agreed to present a "Part 2" presentation for SVGS at our monthly general meeting on April 9th at 1PM.

Upcoming SVGS Events:

Tuesday, March 12, 1PM

SVGS Monthly Meeting

Presenter- **Neil Anderson**

Neil's topic:

Everett Riverside Mills & Industries

Now at SVGS Library

1 PM -3:00PM

DNA Interest Group (DIG)

will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday
of each month

Meet other SVGS members doing
DNA research.

Now at SVGS Library

10AM -12:00PM

New England Research Group

will be meeting on the 1st Tuesday
of each month

Meet other SVGS members doing
New England research.

Tuesday, April 9, 1PM

SVGS Monthly Meeting

Presenter- **Donna Snider**

Donna's topic:

**Diving Deeper Into FamilySearch.org -
Part 2**

Thursdays in January and February

10AM - 12PM

Join us **in person**- as we share our problems
and successes in our genealogical journeys.

Thursdays in January and February

10AM - 12PM

Join us **on Zoom**- as we share our problems
and successes as we research our family tree.

Email info@stillygen.org to request a link.

Check stillygen.org/events_page for updated info.

More Upcoming Events:

RootsTech 2024

IN PROGRESS

February 28, 2024 - March 2, 2024

Salt Palace Convention Center,

Salt Lake City, Utah

Attend the largest global genealogy
conference to learn more about your family
history, interact with new technology or
share your innovative ideas with the world.

For more information, visit the

[RootsTech website](https://www.familysearch.org/RootsTech).

Annual Meeting

May 14, 2024

at 1:00pm at the SVGS
library.

Mark your calendar for
the **NOON Potluck** and
stay for the
**2024 SVGS
Annual Meeting**



By- Phil Bartlow

You might be asking yourself, “408 what?” That’s the number of submissions by SVGS members for the Pioneer Pursuit contest, sponsored by the Washington State Genealogy Society.

Our contributing members were: LeAnne Koliha – 212
 Karen Looney - 168
 Flynn Kennedy - 17
 Ruth Caesar - 6
 Diana Keehn – 5

The contest asked individuals to research and submit information about relatives, friends, and just anyone, who lived in the Washington Territory on or before November 11, 1889, when Washington became a state. A total of 60 individuals submitted 3,696 names. Each pioneer name that was submitted was verified to have lived in the Territory. Every contributor received a year’s membership in WSGS as a thank you. There were also cash prizes for the people who contributed the most names and the Societies that had the greatest number of submissions, based on percent of membership.

And it’s not too late to contribute. WSGS is still accepting submissions. Although they received 3,696 genealogies, they want more! There is no deadline to submit. On the [Pioneer Pursuit webpage](#), there is information on how to submit, including a form and an example. There are also frequently asked questions and hints and help resources. [The index](#) will forever be publicly available.

One of the best things about the index is that links to the source materials used by the submitters are there for all to see. (In some cases the links are to commercial sites which require membership to view materials.)

If you have more questions about Pioneer Pursuit, email Info@wasgs.org. Please put "Pioneer Pursuit" in the subject line.

The SVGS Library NEEDS YOUR HELP

Where: 188th PI NE, Arlington, WA



When: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

What: Stilly Library Spring Cleaning and Lunch

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.

When: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

What: SVGS Library Yard Cleanup and Lunch

SVGS Library, 188th PI NE, Arlington, WA

It's that time of the year again and the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical 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.

(Date may change if weather is not fair)



It's almost that time of year again!



The SVGS Board of Directors
is calling for nominations for the following positions:

Vice President
Treasurer

If you have an interest in volunteering for one of these
positions, please contact a Board member, the nominating
committee, or send an email to info@stillygen.org
expressing your desire to serve.

The election will be held following our NOON Potluck
on May 14, 2024
at 1:00pm at the SVGS library.
Mark your calendar for NOON and don't miss the
2024 SVGS Annual Meeting & Potluck

Additional SVGS Board positions
to be filled by appointment are:

*Education
*Newsletter

Please contact President Ruth Caesar at: info@stillygen.org
if you are interested in filling a Board position

*Appointments are made by the society president and must be approved by the SVGS Board.

Weller's Funeral Home Cards and the Washington State Digital Archives

By- Ruth Caesar

When loading data into our website's Death Index at www.Stillygen.org, I have occasionally encountered an image which is illegible or questionable. In that situation I try to find another source of information. My number one "go to" is the Washington State Digital Archives. The image below was found there under "Bronillette, Wilfred J. As you review this example you'll see a bit of conflict I recently came across. On our Weller Funeral Home Card transcript (shown on page 7) you'll see the name as I read it as Bowellette, Wilford J. . After reviewing the other information ie: date of death and place, it is beyond reasonable doubt that we are looking at the same individual here sadly.

Class 50-1 **FATAL ACCIDENT**

Folio 1909 Claim No. 161846

Name Wilfred J. Bronillette Where injured _____

Firm. No. 20651 Name Washington Lbr & Spool Co

Location Varrington

Occupation Overhaul Eng. Industry _____

Birthplace Canada Date birth _____ Age 28

Date injured 4-17-20 Date allowed 8-30-20

Date death 4-17-20 Burial date 6-9-20 Burial amount 75.00

Suspended _____ Rejected _____ Re-opened _____

Nature injury Crushed under logs

Agency Riding on logging train - car was derailed & he was crushed under log.

Immediate payment _____

Time award before death—Days _____ Amount _____

DEPENDENT'S NAME	Kin	Age	Expectancy	Date Expires	Pension	Reserve
<u>Celina Raimette</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>9.47</u>		<u>Paid</u>	<u>77 70</u>
					<u>1st Payment</u>	<u>3 30</u>
Total						<u>81 00</u>

Remarks _____

NAME Wilford J. Bowelette NO. 185 4/19/1920
Husband, wife, daughter, son, other, _____
ORDERED BY Industrial Ins. ADDRESS _____
FUNERAL DATE _____ PLACE _____ CLERGY _____
DEATH DATE 4/17/20 PLACE Darrington MD. B.T. Blake
CAUSE OF DEATH Accident Struck by Log Darrington
INTERMENT AT Shipped to Sutton LOT & GRAVE NO. _____
DECEASED C M S W BIRTH DATE Quebec PLACE _____
AGE abt 30 YRS. _____ MO. _____ DAYS _____
FATHERS NAME _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____
MOTHERS NAME _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____
RACE _____ RELIGION _____ OCCUPATION Logger
OTHER DATA:
Stillaguamish
Valley Genealogical Society

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Volunteer's are needed to assist with entering data from images to the SVGS Death Index. If you would like to help please email us at info@stillygen.org.

Finding Your Roots Season 10 Isn't Over Yet



Season 10 Episodes Still to Come

In the Blood - Apr 2, 2024

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the surprising roots of Michael Douglas and Lena Dunham.

Viewers Like You - Apr 9, 2024

After a nationwide search, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. solves deep mysteries for three everyday Americans.

New to the SVGS Library

The following books have been added to our library since our last newsletter.

DAR PATRIOT Index Centennial Edition Parts I,II, and III
Genealogies of Hadley Families
Continental Atlas (Europe)
The Magna Charta Sureties 1215
Founding of Cardston and Vicinity
Gazetteer of the British Isles
Atlas and Gazetteer of Canada
The World Book Atlas
Peerless Atlas of the World
Marion County, Indiana Records
California Pioneer Register and Index
A Genealogical and Historical Atlas of the United States of America
We the People
Diggin' Up Bones part 1 and 2
Year Book of the Pennsylvania Society 1911 and 1913
Ante-Bellum Elizabeth City (North Carolina)
The Yuma Crossing
The Hell Hole The Yuma Prison Story
Skagit County, Washington Cemetery Records Vol 9 Clear Lake Cemetery
The Ancestor Trail in Ireland
The Mariners of Angus 1600-1700
Register of Graduates, US Military Academy 1976
Deutsches Ortsverzeichnis
Pitfalls in Genealogical Research
Almanac of American History
The Parish Chest
1923 Sears Roebuck Catalogue
The History of the United States
Croatian Pioneers in America 1685-1900
Crockford's Clerical Directory 1956-66

Books for Sale

The following is a list of books
that the library has for sale

Title	Author	Suggested donation
Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals	National Archives	1
The Family Tree Resource Book	Carmack, Sharon	1
They Came in Ships	Colletta, John	1
A Bibliography of American Co. Hist.	Filby, P. William	2
Locality Finding Aids for US Surnames	Vallentine, John	2
Montana's Gallatin Canyon	Cronin, Janet	2
Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors	Groene, Bertram	2
Concise Genealogical Dictionary	Harris, Maurine	3
Census Substitutes	Dollarhide, William	4
Genealogical Gazetteer of England	Smith, Frank	4
Research in American Genealogy	Kirkham, E. Kay	4
The Origin of English Surnames	Reaney P.H.	4
Genealogical & Local History Books		5
Genealogist Address book	Bentley, Elizabeth	5
Genealogy in America Vol1	Wright, Norman	5
Genealogy Online	Crowe, Elizabeth	5
Dozens of Cousin	Horowitz, Lois	1
Ancestry's Guide to Research		1
Ancesters Beginners Guide	Willard Jim & Terry	1
How to Climb your Family Tree	Stryker-Rodda, Harriet	2
Unpuzzling Your Past	Croom, Emily	2
Shaking Your Family Tree	Crandall, Ralph	3
Migration, Emigration, Immigration	Miller, Olga	3
Psychic Roots	Jones, Henry Z	4
More Psychic Roots	Jones, Henry Z	4
A new genealogical atlas of Ireland	Mitchell, Brian	4
US Military Records	Neagles, James C.	5
Finding My Family	Curd, Belle	5
Printed Sources	Meyerink, Kory	5
The Archives Guide to National Archives	Szucs, Loretto	5
Index to Genealogical Periodicals	Jacobus, Donald	5
Preserving Your American Heritage	Wright, Norman	5
The Handybook for Genealogist	8th ed	5
How to Trace Your Ancestors to Europe	Law, Hugh	5
In Search of Ancestry	Hamilton-Edwards	5

Everett Newspaper Now Available on Newspapers.com

By- Sue McNeil

Newspapers.com has now digitized 'The Everett Herald' published in Everett, Washington. This newspaper has also been known as 'The Daily Herald' and 'The Herald'. The digitized collection includes 1.2 million images, covering the years 1901-2017.

A Newspapers.com subscription is required to view the images. If you have the Ancestry All Access Plan, it includes Newspapers.com.

Thank you to SVGS member, Phil Bartlow, for bringing this to our attention. If you have family from Snohomish County, you will want to check this out!



From left: Mary Jo Trudeau, Joanne Wetmore and Helen Elson display some of the work they've done to put together an index of all the names listed in a 1906 history of Snohomish and Skagit counties. **The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society in Arlington has more than 5,000 books and periodicals for genealogical research.**
The Herald/DAI SUNDAY

The best sources for area history

Individuals in Snohomish County who are interested in researching their family history or the county's history can contact the following groups or libraries:

- **Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society**, located at the Jackson Business Park, 3023 71st Ave., Suite B, Arlington; call 360-435-4838. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. The program today includes Steve Hussey, who will speak about the U.S. census. The society's library is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. The society's annual yard sale will be held July 6-8 at the home of Marlene Bush, 27230 Highway A, in Bristow. Call 360-435-3253 for information or to donate items.
- **The Everett Public Library**, Northwest Room, 2702 Hoyt Ave.; call 425-257-8025.
- **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, including branches at the Everett, Edmonds, Lynnwood and Lake Stevens churches.
- **Sn-Isle Genealogical Library** in Edmonds, 7917 212th St. SW, Suite 106; call 425-773-3375.
- **Island Scope Publications**, Lynnwood; call 425-712-4893.
- **Third Street Book Exchange**, 1615 Third St., Marysville; call 360-693-8734.
- **Island Genealogical Society**, 118 1st St., Bellingham; call 360-968-3232.
- **Sn-Isle Genealogical Society**, 35300 Silver Place, Lynnwood; call 425-428-0327.
- **Sn-Valley Genealogical Society**, c/o the East County Senior Center, 324 Valley Way, Monroe; call 360-794-1148.

Finding roots

By LESLIE MONAGHY
Special Writer

ARLINGTON — What's in a name? Don't ask that question of Joanne Wetmore, Mary Jo Trudeau or Helen Elson, or you'd get a real answer.

"There's thousands of names out there and, literally, each one of them has a story," Wetmore said.

The retired schoolteacher from Arlington spoke of the "Tree Name Index," a 341-page book recently completed by the Stillaguamish Valley and Skagit Valley genealogical societies. The index alphabetizes all the surnames mentioned in a 1906 Illustrated History of Skagit and Snohomish counties and gives page number locations where those family names are mentioned.

It was a project that took the two genealogists and their more than two years to complete.

"We took the original history book and highlighted every name in its 1,112 pages," Trudeau said. "Then we had entered the names into the computer and listed the pages where the name is mentioned."

"The names were alphabetized and ended up taking up 331 pages themselves."

Additionally, the volunteers created a business index that lists names of general businesses, logging camps, mining operations, publishing companies, railroads and ships, and then the pages in the original history where each is mentioned.

The Skagit Valley group did the same for that county's history.

"This is something that will be very helpful for people who are looking for their family roots," Trudeau said. "It means they won't have to go looking through the entire history to find their family name."

The original history was edited by a compiler, and residents in the two counties around 1900 were asked to submit their stories.

Wetmore, who had the surname Elson before she married, said she found her father's name history in the book.

"They came out here in the gold rush," she said.

Elson said her husband's family name has been prominent in the two areas and came up the Stillaguamish River by canoe, according to a story she found in the book.

"They had to slash the brush out of the way before they could get out of the canoe; it was so rugged here back then," Elson said.

While Trudeau came from North Dakota, she found the volunteer work rewarding because she lives in Snohomish County history.

But the three all came up with the same question as they were working on the index.

"We began to wonder just where we all

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Using the search term "Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society" found several mentions of our society, including this one from June 12, 2000.

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 by **April 26th**.



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