

The Stillaguamish Star

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Happy
INDEPENDENCE
Day!



Please join us for our annual
BBQ-potluck on
July 11th at 12pm!
Hamburgers and hot dogs
will be provided -
please bring a side or
drinks to share.
Guests welcome!

Upcoming SVGS Events:

CLOSED JULY 4TH

Tuesday July 11, 10AM-12PM
SVGS Library New England Research
Group

Meet other SVGS members doing New England research. Topic- Patriot and Loyalist research.

Tuesday July 11, 12PM-3PM
Join us for our Annual SVGS BBQ.
See front cover for more details.

Thursdays in July and August
10AM - 12PM
Join us **in person**- as we share our problems
and successes in our genealogical journeys.

Thursdays in July and August
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.

Tuesday, August 8, 1PM
SVGS Monthly Meeting
See stillygen.org/events page for updated info.

Tuesday, September 12, 1PM
SVGS Monthly Meeting
See stillygen.org/events page for updated info.

More Upcoming Events:

September 23 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Dallas Fall Seminar

**The Twentieth Century Wars:
Military Records and Research**
featuring Michael Strauss.

This will be a hybrid (in-person and virtual)
event. Recording will be available to
registered participants following the event.

For more information, visit
www.Dallas Genealogy.org

August 4th - August 5th
Free Access to Recorded Webinar:

**"The Goodliest Soyle: Finding, Reading &
Interpreting North Carolina Land Records.**
featuring Helen F. M . Leary

For details see:
www.ncgenealogy.org/event/recorded

February 28, 2024 - March 2, 2024
RootsTech 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.

SVGS Participates in Naming Ceremony, Feast, and Potlatch

by Flynn Kennedy

In February, SVGS received a request from Ms. Melissa Duffy for information or photos regarding the Barney and Jimmicum families who lived in Snohomish County in the 19th and early 20th centuries. She explained that on March 25, she would participate in a Naming Ceremony and would receive the Snohomish (Sduhubs) ancestral name of Maggie Barney: Que-qup-tets-quad.

SVGS volunteer, LeAnne Koliha, found a photo of Mrs. Barney and some family history for both families. When Ms. Duffy stopped by the SVGS Library to collect this memorabilia, she graciously invited me to the Event. When I mentioned that my twin sister, Brenda J. Wright, would be visiting from out of town, she invited her also.

The Naming Ceremony, feast and peschelt (potlatch) was held at the Tri-Way Grange in Mill Creek on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Over nine months of planning and organizing made the Event truly memorable and a great success. Her friends journeyed from all over the state to attend or to donate delicious traditional dishes and to celebrate with her.

In some Native American societies, it is traditional to give gifts during a milestone life event. Such was the case after the ceremony and feast. She presented friends with a kaleidoscope of hand-made gifts such as blankets, baskets, beeswax candles, and home-made canned jam. Additional beautiful gifts included small porcelain bowls,, stoneware mugs, a small living plant, a sage bundle, a colorfully painted stone, seashells, and other meaningful items.



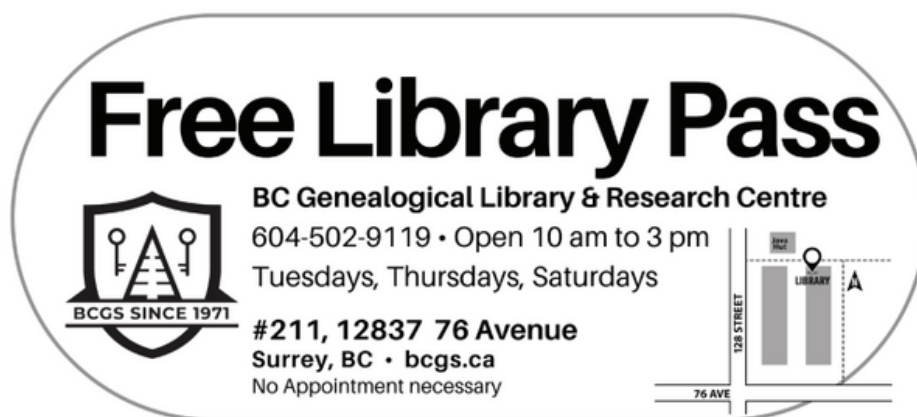
When my husband asked me to describe the experience, I reflected, "It was a very spiritual experience and a blessing for both of us to have attended." Thank you for including SVGS, Melissa!"

Researching Canadian Ancestors?

Additional Membership Benifit!

Hello: My name is Ann Buchanan and I am a new librarian at the BC Genealogical Society Library and Research Centre. I also have a resort property in Birch Bay and am here regularly. Before COVID, I attended your annual conference.

I would like to invite your members to Surrey, BC to do genealogical research at our library. Normally there is a \$5 reader fee but I have attached a free pass for your members. Alternatively, they can reach me at library@bcgs.ca. We are open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10:00a-3pm. From June 20 - July 25th we will be open until 8pm.



If your members want to visit us as a group, I can arrange the library to be open another day.

The BC Genealogical Society Library and Research Center is one of the larger genealogical libraries in North America. We are member owned and are not attached to any public library. We have over 18,000 books, 2,000 maps, 6,000 films and microfiche, and 100,000+ newspaper clippings. Although we concentrate on information for British Columbia, our collections cover the world.

More information can be found on our website www.bcgs.ca

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

We would like to welcome 2 additional librarians, Ann Curtis and Kim Cota-Anderson. Both are long time members.

Maureen MacDonald has graciously agreed to do look-ups for SVGS members from the following family genealogy books that she has. To contact Maureen call 360-321-4104.

Genealogys:

Freeman Genealogy, 2nd edition private edition 1875

Richard Higgins, a resident and pioneer settler at Plymouth and Eastham, MA and at Piscataway, New Jersey and Descendants, Katherine Chapin Higgins, 1918

Edward Frisbee of Branford and his Decendants, vol 1 the first 8 generations Nora G. Frisbee, 2006 reprint

The Libby Family in America, 1602-1881, Charles T. Libby, 1882

Batchelder, Batcheller Genealogy, Descendants of
Rev. Stephen Bachelor, of England, Frederick Clifton Pierce, 1898

Early Families of Limington Maine, Robert L. Taylor, 2007

Cheseldine and Gerard Families of Maryland, Edwin W. Beitzwill, 2008

The Hildreth Family, compiled by James Wilson Newman Sr. & William Alton Newman, Sr. 1989

The Farrars, William B. And Ethel Farrar, 1964. (William of Virginia-1618)

Bacon and Allied Families, A Family Directory, 1958

Saco Valley Settlements and Families, Historical, Biological, Genealogical, Traditional
and Legendary, G. T. Ridlon, Sr. 1969

The Family History of the Byington Family, B. Faye Byington, 1984

Bushnell Family. Genealogy. Progenes of Francis Bushnell-1 1580, Randell Delvin Bushnell. 1980

Family Journeys

Submitted by Lisa Winslow Bartlow

While searching through family papers, I came across a handwritten story by my father's sister, my Aunt Loraine. The following is a transcription of her memories of their adventure. My father wasn't born until three years after they arrived in Lander, but still experienced living on the frontier. Loraine was a wonderful, smart, kind woman and I was given Loraine as my middle name to honor her.

I was not nine years old when my father decided to go to Wyoming. He was a young lawyer and as the Shoshone Reservation was being opened to homesteading, that year was 1904 – he was interested as the law & paperwork that would be involved. Before we started on the western trip my mother took the two younger children to visit her family in Iowa & I went with father to Chicago to visit his brother & wife.

Automobiles were quite new then, but my Uncle was the proud owner of one. I had my first ride in an auto & I did not enjoy it. Of course, it was an open car & the air around the lake was cold. Besides that my uncle kept worrying about a blowout & to me the thought of a “blowout” meant an explosion & I was not happy.

We went to Iowa to join my mother and while visiting there I had my first experience in a country school. My cousin Mildred, about my age, took me to school with her one day. It was my only experience in a one room school until I was ready to teach & two years in rural school before I could qualify for a city school.

Going west we went by train to Casper which was the end of the line. From there we went in a horse drawn vehicle. In Casper we were joined by Father's cousin Virgil Stone, who was to be Father's law partner, & his family.

We spent the night at a small hotel down by the river, where some of the youngsters slept on a blanket on the floor.

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Photo of Loren and Hattie Winslow with daughter Loraine. Circa 1900

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Next morning, we loaded up the needed paraphernalia, the four of the Stone family & the five Winslows, including 10 month old Harriett & the driver into a three seated spring wagon. Our household goods were to follow on a platform truck behind an eighteen horse team.

Our wagon took nearly five days from Casper to Lander – 150 miles. The truck was caught in a spring rain & took about 6 weeks.

There was no such thing as paved roads. The rough driving & the bouncy wagon made me motion sick. As we went along I couldn't eat or if I did I soon became nauseated. I couldn't even keep a drink of water down. As is typical of 'sea sickness' I began to come out of the depths of it the last day.

Even though I was sick the Indians interested me. At one of our stops, I watched an Indian man trying to talk on the telephone. Much of the Indian language is expressed in gesture & this man was having a hard time. He was trying to express him by hand motions & getting all mixed up with words & trying to hang on to the telephone receiver. Of course, the phone was big old bell type fastened to the wall.

As we were on the train coming to Wyoming many people were excited by the "first sight of the mountains". Inexperienced as I was I couldn't see what the people saw. All I could see was a blue line that looked maybe like clouds. Now as we jolted along in our open vehicle I began to realize the meaning of the word 'mountain'. But even then, I saw them mostly as uphill & downhill. One doesn't really know the meaning of the mountains until one has lived among them, climbed them, experienced their vastness & beauty.

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Cape Cod Library of Local History and genealogy, vol. 1. (These are facsimile of 108 Pamphlets published in early 20th

Cape Cod Library of Local History and genealogy, vol. 2. (Century used due to various fires which destroyed many records)

Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, MA 1629-1818 A-J (these two volumes by Thomas Bellows Wyman

Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, MA 1629-1818 K-Z (1879. County of Middlesex)

The Greely family, 1832 to 1982.

The following sets contain wills, though not a genealogy, it may be the only place you will find the names of wives and children:

Maine Wills 1640-1760 Vol.1 and 2, William M. Sargent 1887

Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire, vol. 1 1635-1717. (State Papers Series vol. 31)

Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire, vol. 2 1718-1740. “

Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire, vol. 3 1741-1749. “

Let's Talk About: What's In A Name

By Donna Potter Phillips

June is my only daughter's birthday month. She was born in June and I remember well her naming story. Looking through a women's magazine, I spotted an ad for Ivory Soap. It was not this exact one (below right) but I could not find "the real" one. It showed a baby in a bubbly bath and the words were something like

“Jane Elizabeth enjoys her Ivory soap bath.” Well! Husband’s mother was Esther Mary, so we quickly fell in love with Jane Esther and that’s what she became. And that’s how we found her name.



My name is Donna Ruth; I was named after my Aunt Ruth. Four years earlier, Aunt Ruth had a daughter she named June Ellen, after my mother, June. And the Donna part? From a 1942 novel by Daphne du Maurier, *Frenchman's Creek*. How do I know? I asked mom!

My dentist used to be Frank Vedelago. His partner dentist in the same building was Stephen Carnell. They were brothers! Deciding to go into dental practice together but with separate practices in the same building, they realized that with two Dr. Vedelagos there would be confusion. So they tossed a coin and Stephen took their mother's maiden name, Carnell. And his children all went by that surname too.

Years ago, in one of my classes, a young woman had a seriously difficult family history problem. The family looked every bit Italian, dark hair and eyes and beautiful olive skin. But the great-grandfather's name was Lars Swenson. What? (This was obviously before DNA.) On his deathbed, Grandpa Lars told the truth: When he was a newly arrived immigrant, he got drunk, was rolled and his money and papers stolen. Realizing the situation, and seeing another fellow drunk in the corner, "Lars" took that fellow's papers and became in name, if not in fact, Lars Swenson. And on the point of death, he could not remember his real, Italian, surname. True story.

How did your parents pick your name? If you have folks to ask, ASK! And realize, when researching your family tree and come up against a seemingly impossible brick wall, remember that our ancestors were survivors.....and that's why we're here today.

Send us your submissions!

If you have a story that our readers might enjoy, please send it to us!
Newsletter submissions for the **September/October** issue should be
sent to newsletter@stillygen.org by **August 23rd**.



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