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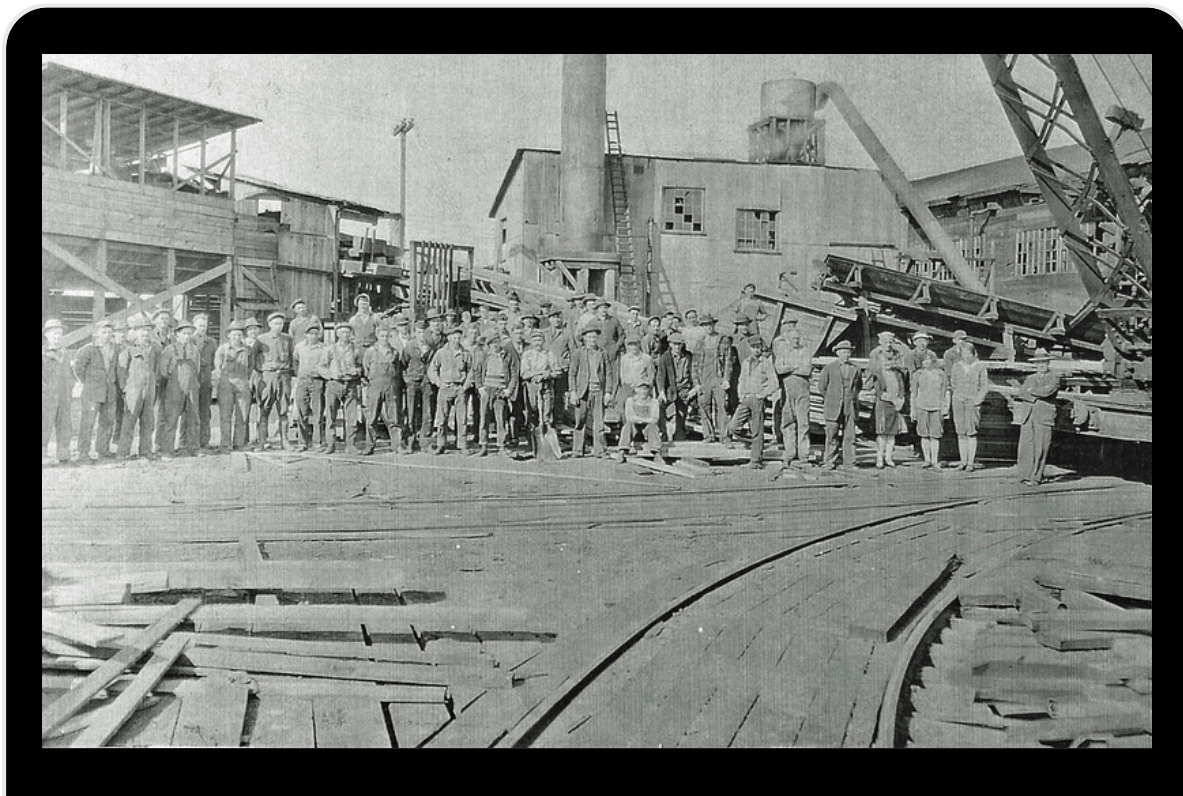
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The Waterfront Mills of Everett



A photo journey of the old Everett waterfront will be presented by Neil Anderson January 10th at 1PM at the SVGS Library. Look back to when the town was known as “The City of Smokestacks”. Images will be shown of the many prominent lumber, shingle and forest product mills that lined the Everett shoreline from the northern tip of the peninsula and heading south to the base of Rucker Hill.

Come join us in person and sit back and enjoy the trip down memory lane.

In December we rejoiced!



Pictured at back, Leilani Lucrisia and Christina Looney. In foreground, Diane Erickson and Karen Looney



At back conversing, Brent Beard and LeeRoy Kind. In foreground, clockwise, Earl Kennedy, Michele & Bill Grant and Flynn Kennedy.

Washington State Genealogical Society
recognizes

LeeRoy Kind
of Marysville, Washington

for exceptional service to the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society



LeeRoy Kind has been selected by the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) as their recipient of a WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Award.

As a volunteer, LeeRoy enjoys training patrons: 1) how to do research on their own and, 2) how to use the SVGS library. He became a volunteer in 2009, and served as parking lot attendant coordinator and speaker monitor for the Northwest Genealogy Conference. In his earliest days with SVGS, he digitized obituaries and entered data from area newspapers for SVGS's online Death Index. More currently, he has been the driving force behind the Weller Funeral Home Card Digitization Project.

In LeeRoy's opinion, one of the most important things to remember when doing research is that we're not going to find everything we're looking for the first time we type a name into a database. It's "...a continual search."

LeeRoy was born in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota and moved with his job at Hewlett-Packard from Detroit to California and finally to Marysville, Washington where he has lived since 1982.

LeeRoy is a respected and diligent member of the SVGS, and richly deserves this recognition.

Given this 1st day of June in the year 2022.

Kathleen Sizer
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President
Washington State Genealogical Society





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November 20, 2022

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Dear Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society,

On behalf of the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, it is my pleasure to present Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society with \$10,000.00 in support of your organization and project Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Support.

The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians is pleased to acknowledge your continued service and dedication to our communities with the enclosed donation.

Thank you again, and we wish you and your organization much success in the upcoming year.

Warm Regards,

Rebecca Shannon
Council Operations Coordinator
Board of Directors
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians

SVGS is blessed to know the generosity of the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians. To only say how much we appreciate their kindness would be a great understatement. We know the people of the Tribe as our dear friends

Washington State Genealogical Society
recognizes

Ruth Caesar
of Arlington, Washington

for exceptional service to Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society



Ruth Caesar has been selected by the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) as their recipient of a WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Award.

During the last two years of pandemic lockdowns, mandates and uncertainty, Ruth has been the "glue" that has held the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society and Library together. Along with fulfilling her own duties as society president, she has taken on many tasks that others have been unable to perform. During discussions considering "boxing up the books and shutting down the library," Ruth continued to advocate for maintaining our community presence, which has been successfully accomplished. She was also able to work with the City of Arlington to secure rent relief during the lockdown as well as continuing to lead fundraising efforts which have been instrumental in paying for necessary services.

The SVGS library is now back open, welcoming staff and visitors and the business of the society is being conducted as before, thanks to Ruth's leadership and commitment.

Ms. Caesar is a respected and diligent member of the SVGS, and richly deserves this recognition.

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With Deep Sorrow We Say Goodbye

Long time SVGS member, Mary Granstrom Buzzell, passed away on November 5th; she was 84. Mary was born in Skagit County in 1938, one of four children born to Jack Granstrom and Roberta Pugh, where the Granstrom family had a century-long history. In 1947 the entire family was struck down with polio while living on the family farm 15 miles from Mt. Vernon. Sadly Mary's father, Jack, passed away on November 18th from complications of polio and pneumonia. While the rest of the family quickly recovered, Mary spent many months relearning how to walk, talk, feed herself, and do just about everything else a healthy human being does automatically every day. Unfortunately, post-polio health issues related to choking while swallowing food affected Mary's health these last few years.

An active member up until the Covid shutdown, she worked on cemetery surveys and helped with SVGS obituary publications during the early years of SVGS. Mary was past president of SVGS; and over the years she taught Legacy computer classes and gave presentations on genealogical research. She became the SVGS genealogist answering queries for local genealogical research. She was an expert on the history of the southern Palouse area of eastern Washington and was instrumental in forming the Big Lake Historical Society in Skagit County. She became a certified genealogist by finishing the genealogical research classes at the UW.

Dee Saunders shared this story about Mary: "Years ago when Mary and I were librarians at SVGS and when it was time to close the library, I realized that my car would not start.

Mary took me home and picked me up the next day with jumper cables and drove me back to SVGS. Mary didn't ask if she could help me, she just did it. Mary always remembered me and my lefse-loving Norwegian pastor; she made lefse with the ladies at her church and made sure that we got some. She was thoughtful and kind; I will miss her."

Michele Heiderer ran into Mary at the Safeway parking lot in late October. "We spent a good 20 minutes catching up and laughing about the foibles of getting older. She was excited to be flying to the midwest the next morning to spend time with family. She passed away just a few weeks later. She was one of the kindest people I have ever known."

Rest in peace, Mary!

Michele Heiderer

Shared cM Project Tool Updated

By Sue McNeil

Exactly one year ago I wrote an article about the Shared cM Project. You can find the article in the January 2022 newsletter. As a quick reminder, the Shared cM Project allows you to enter the amount of DNA you share with a DNA match and see a list of possible relationships. The tool has been updated to allow you to enter one OR two amounts of shared DNA. If you have a sibling that has tested or a 1st cousin, 2nd cousin, etc. that would have the same relationship to this mystery match, you can also enter their shared DNA amount. Entering two amounts of shared DNA usually narrows the number of possible relationships.

Example: You have a mystery DNA match at 135 cM that appears to be related on your mother's side. This same DNA match also matches your sister at 224 cM. Based on other information you believe this mystery match is probably 1 generation younger than you and your sister (once removed).

1. At www.dnainter.com, click 'Figure out how you're related to a DNA match'.
2. In the left column, click on 'New: with option to add a second amount'.
3. Enter the amount of DNA you share with the mystery match in the 'Filter' box near the top.
4. Enter the amount of DNA your sister shares with the same mystery match in the 'Second shared cM amount'.

All the possible relationships that work for 135 cMs **and** 224 cMs are highlighted in the table. If we had only entered our shared DNA amount of 135 cM, there would be eleven possible relationships that were once removed. By entering the second amount of shared DNA of 224, it narrowed the possibilities to six once removed relationships. Note: If you are mistaken about the match being once removed (one generation younger or older), you will need to also consider the other highlighted relationships.

SIX POSSIBLE ONCE REMOVED RELATIONSHIPS WHEN 135 AND 224 CMS ARE ENTERED

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WHEN 135 AND 224 CMS ARE ENTERED

						Great-Great-Grandparent		GGGG Aunt / Uncle			
						Great-Great-Grandparent		GGG Aunt / Uncle			
Half GG-Aunt / Uncle 208 103 – 284	Great-Grandparent 887 485 – 1486					Great-Great-Aunt / Uncle 420 186 – 713		1C3R 117 25 – 238	2C3R 51 0 – 154	Other Relationships	
Half 1C2R 125 16 – 269	Half Great-Aunt / Uncle 431 184 – 668	Grandparent 1754 984 – 2462				Great-Aunt / Uncle 850 330 – 1467	1C2R 221 33 – 471	2C2R 71 0 – 244	3C2R 36 0 – 166	6C 18 0 – 71	
Half 2C1R 66 0 – 190	Half 1C1R 224 62 – 469	Half Aunt / Uncle 871 492 – 1315	Parent 3485 2376 – 3720			Aunt / Uncle 1741 1201 – 2282	1C1R 433 102 – 980	2C1R 122 14 – 353	3C1R 48 0 – 192	4C1R 28 0 – 126	6C1R 15 0 – 56
Half 3C 48 0 – 168	Half 2C 120 10 – 325	Half 1C 449 156 – 742	Half Sibling 1759 1160 – 2436	Sibling 2613 1613 – 3488	SELF	1C 866 396 – 1397	2C 229 41 – 592	3C 73 0 – 234	4C 35 0 – 139	5C 25 0 – 117	6C2R 13 0 – 45
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FINDING YOUR ROOTS CASTING CALL

In response to the overwhelming comments from fans asking for a non-celebrity guest to be featured in the series, FINDING YOUR ROOTS will be casting a viewer for Season 10 of the long-running PBS series.

The nationwide casting call begins November 21 and will conclude on or around January 27, 2023. The series is looking for anyone with a “family mystery” that the team from FINDING YOUR ROOTS can help solve! The chosen viewer will be publicly announced in the summer of 2023, and will appear on Season 10, which is expected to premiere in early 2024.

A special URL:

<https://www.findingyourrootscasting.com> has been created for applicants to apply.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS is a production of McGee Media, Inkwell Media, Kunhardt Films and WETA.



HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR
On the set of Finding Your Roots

Credit: Stephanie Berger.

Volunteers Needed

We are a small group of local people who own and operate a non-profit website to memorialize Civil War Veterans buried in Washington state. I currently have a list of about 8,000 veterans that are buried here.

We are reaching out to see if there might be some people that would be interested in helping us. Please review our website at <https://www.civilwarvetswastate.com/index.html>

If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your time,
Brian K. Houk



Sno- Isle Genealogical Society Mourns

Recently, news came from Sno-Isle G. S. of Lynnwood that a serious auto accident took the life of their greatly admired President, Ronald Sailer; on November 15th. Everyone who had the pleasure of meeting Ron thought of him as "one of the good guys". His kind and thoughtful demeanor made all who knew him look forward to the next time they'd run into him. It was obvious to any genealogist who met Ron that genealogy was a true passion for him. I was privileged to have the opportunity to interact with Ron, and I was always pleased when he would phone me and say, "**Hello cousin**". It was an honor to be "family" in his eyes. We were only "cousins", many, many times removed, on our Comstock line as I recall, but I thought very dearly of him and know that those of us who were lucky enough to have made his acquaintance will miss him and deeply feel his loss.

Ruth Caesar



Ron Sailer
President, Sno-Isle
Genealogical Society

Send us your submissions!

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

Newsletter submissions for the **March/April** issue should be sent
to newsletter@stillygen.org by **February 23rd**



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