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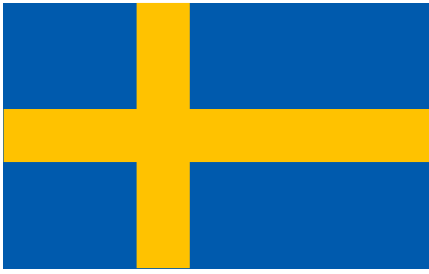
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Wishing you a Great 4th of July
&
a Wonderful Summer!



Ethnicity Estimates

Sue McNeil

If you have taken an autosomal DNA test and received your results, more than likely the first thing you checked were your ethnicity results. This is the only reason some people take the test. They simply do not have an interest in genealogy (hard to believe, right?!) and are curious “where they come from”. Keep this in mind later when you have DNA matches that do not respond to you. They may only look at it once or twice and then never log back into their account.

The key word in Ethnicity Estimates is ESTIMATE. They are comparing your DNA to other testers that have known deep ancestral roots in a particular geographic location known as a reference panel. Results will vary some between DNA companies since you are compared to different testers. Also, the results are updated periodically as they expand their reference panels, and more people test for comparison. At first, the companies only estimated ethnicities at the continental level (European, African, North American, Asian, etc.). As DNA research progresses, they are giving more specific breakdowns and with better accuracy. Some areas of the world are still high-level, many are at a country level and a few are extremely specific local areas (i.e., a region of Ireland). These results estimate your ancestry from 500-3,000 years ago. At Ancestry they are displayed on your ethnicity map as solid outlined circles with corresponding colors.

AncestryDNA has identified “Genetic Communities” that indicate your ethnic ancestry in the past 50-300 years. These will display on your ethnicity map as dotted circles with corresponding colors. MyHeritage recently added a similar feature to their ethnicity results called “Genetic Groups”. Looking at other testers that share part of your DNA, they compare their online family trees to find common geographic locations and place them in groups. While there is concern about inaccurate family trees, the companies assure us that there is enough “big data” to counterbalance those concerns. It is my experience that these groups or communities are becoming more and more specific and accurate. For example, on AncestryDNA my father’s results has four communities in specific Swedish locations corresponding exactly with his maternal grandparents. On his paternal side, he has communities in Southern Ontario and Michigan. These are also correct. But he also has communities in Early New England Settlers and Early Connecticut & New York Settlers. These I need to identify further and are probably strong clues to my paternal brick walls. Unfortunately, not everyone will have a Genetic Community or Group assigned yet, others will have multiple. The testing companies are continually adding more groups with each update.

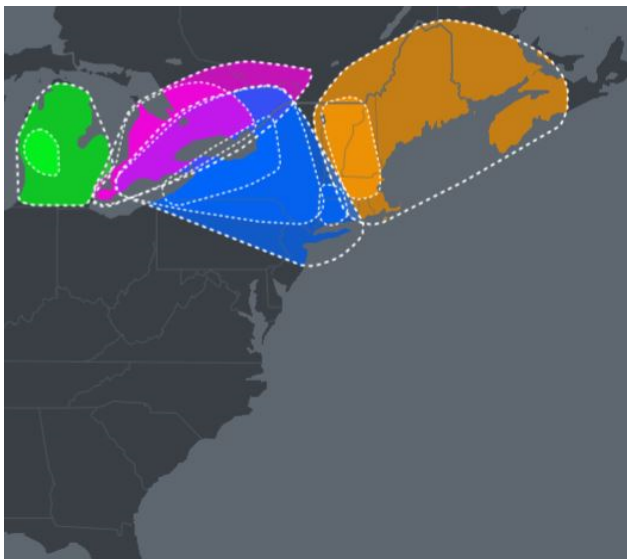
Ethnicity estimates are no longer just for fun and curiosity. They are becoming useful tools to use as clues to your family’s origins. If it has been a while since you looked at your results, I highly recommend you check to see if they have been updated. If a particular ethnicity or genetic group do not seem to fit into your known tree, consider it may be a clue you need to break down a brick wall.

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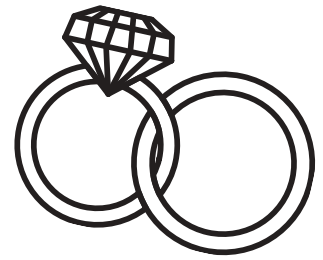
Ethnicity Estimate

● Sweden	42%
● Central Sweden	
● Norra Värmland	
● Sunne	
● Southern Sweden	
● Karlskrona & Torsås	
● Östra Småland & Blekinge	
● England & Northwestern Europe	26%
● Norway	20%
● Scotland	12%



Additional Communities

● Early New England Settlers	From your regions: England & Northwestern Europe; Scotland
● Vermont, New Hampshire & Central Massachusetts Settlers	
● Early Connecticut & New York Settlers	From your regions: England & Northwestern Europe; Scotland
● Connecticut & Northeast New York Settlers	
● Southern Ontario, Northern New York & Northern Pennsylvania Settlers	
● Michigan Settlers	From your regions: England & Northwestern Europe; Scotland
● Upper Western Michigan Settlers	
● Southern Ontario Settlers	From your regions: England & Northwestern Europe; Scotland
● Western & Central Ontario Settlers	



"SEEK ELOPERS"

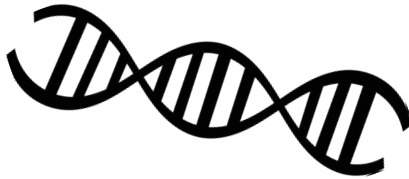
Police on Watch for Couple, Girl Being Under Age.

Imagine my surprise when I received a newspaper article with that headline.

Longtime RugRats member, Leilani Lucrisia, regularly volunteers to help others search for newspaper articles, marriage certificates, census records, etc., during her "spare" time. She found this article and sent it to me. Thanks Leilani. The article was published in the Daily Herald in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on Sunday, March 31, 1912. It seems that my Grandfather's sister, Hazel, had eloped with Nat Taylor from Bismarck the day before. Nat was 25 and Hazel was only 16. The article goes on to say that "It is thought they will be apprehended shortly as the police have a good description of the parties." I can't tell you if they were actually apprehended. But everything must have turned out okay. I know that they had a daughter born in November 1913. And they were together in 1920 when my Grandfather lived with them in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Unfortunately, Hazel died in 1925 due to complications after surgery.

Phil Bartlow

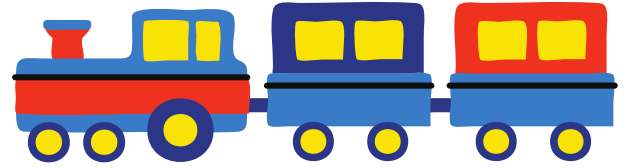


Genetic Genealogy Resources at SVGS: Obituaries, Death Indices, and much more

By Flynn Kennedy

Did you know that the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) has documents that we need when using genetic genealogy to break through brick walls? We have obituaries from The Arlington Times and The Everett Herald and obituaries from other small communities across Snohomish County.

These communities include Edmonds, Granite Falls, Loyal Heights, Monroe, Mukilteo, and Sultan, to name just a few. On the SVGS website, we have an Index of over 5,000 obituaries at our library. Go to our Home page, click Resources, and click Death Index. A volunteer can look up the obituary and e-mail it to you, or you can visit SVGS and we will explain how to find it yourself. What happens if the obituary states the date of death, but little additional information? If the family of the deceased used an Arlington Funeral Home, we might have more information. Our Weller Funeral Home Index Card Collection gives the names of relatives, dates of birth, and other relevant information that might not be in a short obituary. The library owns additional useful collections. Check out our Polk's Everett (Snohomish County, WA) City Directories, 1901-1990, and our Vietnam Veterans Card Index. Don't forget our recently published book Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools. These are all rich resources for the names of people who were born, lived, or died in and around the Arlington, WA area. Society members and members of the public alike are always welcome to give us a call at (360) 435-4838 on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information about our resources, find us at stillygen.org.



John and Ellen Waite, 1870

Submitted by Marta Estes



Miller County Historical Society Museum

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"In March 1870 John and Ellen Caroline 'Ella' Reed Waite started to Missouri to join Ella's father and brother. The young couple came by boat down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to St. Louis. There they got a train that brought them to Hancock. This was as far as the Frisco Railroad was finished. There had been a March thaw and Ella said when they stepped off the train she sank in mud almost to her shoe tops. A more desolate landscape she had never seen. She begged John to take the train back east. John was never one to give up so they made their way to Ella's father's home near what today is Highway 17 in Richwoods Township. There John and Ella stayed until they found a cabin that had no floor, except the ground. They slept on a bed of shucks (corn shucks were shredded and put in a bedtick to make a mattress). John began teaching school for \$10, and then \$20 a month. The school terms were four months. He had no way of getting to school except walking, and in some districts his walk totaled 15 miles per day. He did day labor wherever he could find it between school terms, helping neighbors for a bushel of corn or wheat, or perhaps some bacon.

Ella was a timid person and spent many lonesome days with her babies. Alone when a storm raged was probably the worst, as she always was afraid of a storm. She had brought two beautiful appliqued quilts with her to Missouri. They didn't fit in with the log house furnishings. She sold or traded one for a sewing machine and neighbor women came from far and near to get her to sew for them. They offered to wash or do other work she had, if she would stitch a ruffled sunbonnet or make a dress. She pieced and quilted more quilts than her ten children could count.

John served three terms as Miller County Surveyor. He was gone so much the children, five sons and five daughters, gave Ella most of the credit for their upbringing. Daughter Ethel related her first recollection of going to church at age 6 or 7. Ella had her sidesaddle put on the family horse. She took three-year-old Walter in her lap and placed Ethel astride behind the saddle. The three rode to the Elliott School to hear a preacher, a distance of about 3 miles. Ella seldom let the horse travel faster than a walk but when he started toward home it was hard to hold him back. Ethel recalled nothing of the service, but remembered for the rest of her life how tight her arms were around her mother's waist when the horse hit a pace and how she felt when lifted from the horse's back at home."

[Excerpts from "One Hundred Years in Retrospect" by Mrs. Frank Livingston (Olive Ethel Waite Livingston)]



New Library Acquisitions

Louisiana Genealogical Register (Volumes 1982-1987), Darigold Story by Archie Satterfield, Indians of Puget Sound by Hermann Haeberlin, The Army by Nelson, Jacobs, Bluhm, Janes's Weapon Systems 1983-1984 by Pretty, Tyee 1942 Yearbook, Univ. of Wa, Rebels and Yankees (Battlefield of Civil War) by Davis, Clan MacIntyre (Scotland) by McNie, U.S. Air Power by Bill Yenne and George Hall, Photographer, Clues-American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Workman Branches (Including Woertman and Worman) by Rose Caudie Terry, This I Remember, Reminiscences of Old-Timers of Glendora, California by Helen Kennard BettinCox, Family of Virginia and Ohio (1755-1955) by Grace Croy Speck, West Side Story by Clay Eals, Editor West Seattle Herald/White Center News, Welcome to the Journey of the Tulalip People, Hibulb Cultural Center Valley of the Spirits (The Upper Skagit Indians of Western Washington) by June McCormick Collin.



GOOD NEWS

The library is again open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between the hours of 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for research. Two librarians are on duty each day and available to answer patron questions. The library houses more than 7,000 books which include not only Snohomish County, WA but other US States, foreign countries, family histories and reference materials. A full listing of our library holdings is available on our website at <https://stillygen.org>. If you would like an appointment to discuss a specific research question or schedule a time for groups of more than six, please call us at 360-435-4838.

NEEDED

A publicity chairperson is needed for the Society. If you have questions or an interest please call 360-435-4838. Editors note; this is a pleasant and rewarding duty and there are people who will help you and provide some training.

THANKYOU



SOCIETY SUPPORTERS

This last year has been hard on so many people and institutions. We have been fortunate at our Society in that we have had many members donate to the Society which has helped up pay our bills. We want to recognize those who have sent donations as we appreciate it so much. The Society received donations ranging from \$10 to \$500 and some folks on this list donated more than once. Thank you to the following; C. McKenzie, K. Crabtree, L. Holland, B. Dunn, A. Curtis, F. Kennedy, L. Kind, S. Baylor, S. Erickson, S. Case, K. McMasters, B. Wood, A. Gibson, Anonymous, J. Wetmore, D. Perrigue, A. Grimm, M. Engeltes, E. Dalton, A. Loy, M. Cozad, K. Looney, M. Swartzen and Donation Jar.



COMING EVENTS

On Tuesday, July 13 at 1:00 pm via Zoom Cari Taplin, who is related to Roy Rogers, or at least that is what her family told her. As a result, finding her true heritage been her focus since 2000. Cari holds the Certified Genealogist credential and has served in a wide variety of volunteer and leadership positions for state, local and national societies. As the owner of GenealogyPANTS, she provides speaking services. Cari currently works for Ancestry ProGenealogists. Cari's personal research focuses on Midwestern and Great Lakes states.

This presentation is "Deeds to Dirt: Case Studies in Analyzing Research with Maps." Our ancestors lived in a specific time and place. Putting them in context with their neighbors and communities can give a greater understanding of their lives and may help solve some of our genealogical mysteries. Documents such as censuses, deeds, tax lists, directories, newspaper articles and more, can be analyzed using maps. If there is a syllabus, it will be available on our website prior to the presentation so you can review or download it prior to presentation.

SAVE THE DATE

August 14 will be the Society Summer Picnic. You will receive more information by a blast email closer to the date. Each person will need to bring their own chair. We hope to see all of you after this long time of separation.

Send us your submissions!

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

Newsletter submissions for the Sept/**Oct** issue should be sent
to newsletter@stillygen.org by Friday, **August 13th**.



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