



WHIDBEY ISLAND GENEALOGICAL SEARCHERS

OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON

Jill Morelli presents

"THE ORPHAN TRAIN MOVEMENT: THE TALE OF THREE RIDERS"



Between 1854 and 1929, the Children's Aid Society of New York City moved over 200,000 children from their city streets and orphanages to the more perceived bucolic life of the Midwest farm. The movement was rooted in the sordid history of the US of separating children from their home and their parents spanning hundreds of years. The history of this movement is also checkered and Hamilton County, Iowa orphan train riders serve as a study group illustrating the range of outcomes of these re-placed children. Three case studies will look in depth at the range of materials available and the effort needed to identify their parents.

Jill Morelli, CG, loves to share her passion for genealogy with others. She is a writer, lecturer and researcher specializing in the US Midwest, Scandinavia and northern Germany. She lectures nationally on topics inspired by her own research and methodology. Jill has been successfully published in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *Swedish American Genealogist*, *Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly* and many others. In 2017, she founded the online Certification Discussion Group, sharing her journey and that of others to demystify the process of submission of a successful portfolio to the Board for Certification of Genealogists. Jill is past president of the Seattle Genealogical Society, program director of the local chapter of the Association for Professional Genealogists and belongs to many local genealogical societies.

All are invited to join us for this free educational program.

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 Time: 1:00 pm - sign on 10 mins. early

Meeting will be via ZOOM. You will receive an email invitation. If you would like to invite a friend to attend, contact Nedra (tuzigoot999@gmail.com) with their name and email address by March 14th. They must receive an email invitation in order to attend.

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