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~Presents~

Paula Seeger

"The Immigrant Experience Through Castle Garden and Ellis Island"



A pictorial view of life on a ship sailing to America, coming to port, loading onto a ferry, processing through the facility with inspectors, health and mental health examinations, daily life on the island for those waiting for approval to enter the country and transportation from the island to a temporary or permanent home. This narrated slide show will help you to imagine your ancestors walking in the footsteps of those illustrated and photographed and further appreciate the sacrifices they made to enable us all to be American citizens when we were born.

Paula Seeger has been a member of Eastside Genealogical Society for several years and is a member of the Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society where she currently lives. Her memberships in historical societies in Minnesota and Iowa continue to provide her with background information for where her great grandparents lived. She enjoys taking researched facts about her ancestors and creating a narrative about the life of the individual or the history of the whole family with additional family lore.

Paula is not an expert on Castle Garden, Ellis Island or the immigration laws, so she decided to do some research on the topics to further understand how her ancestors traveled here from Norway (1869), Ireland (1790), Germany (1883) and England (1646). Reading through Paula's handout on the history of immigration laws in the US will help familiarize you with how the laws have changed over the years. She also provides a timeline of Castle Garden and Ellis Island for the historical overview since the presentation will focus on the experience of the immigrant.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:00 pm - sign on 10 mins. early

All are welcome to attend this Zoom meeting. Non-members: To receive zoom meeting details send email to whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com with name and email address by November 14, 2021.