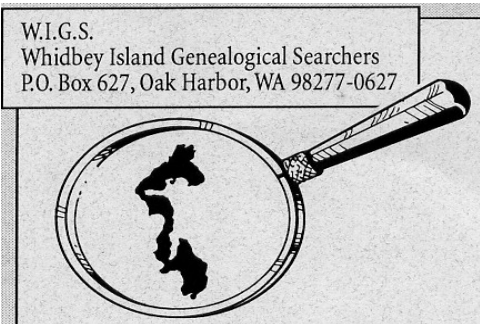


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Bringing together the generations to strengthen and support the family bond!

WIGS meets the second Tuesday of each month,
September thru June at 1:00 PM in the fire station at
2720 Heller Road, Oak Harbor, Washington.

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For a quick check on what is happening with WIGS,
visit <http://www.WIGS.webplus.net>.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Christmas Tree.Family Tree
Go to the field.Go to the library
Search of tree.Search for family
Decorated tree.Decorated military person
Gather by tree.Gather family information
Sing Christmas song.Sing I'm My Own Grandpa
Movie It's A Wonderful Life.Found story of wonderful life
Presents of surprises. Found lost relatives surprises
Christmas is over.Family research is not over
Everything stored away.Nothing stored away
Great year of good health & prosperity.Great year of
Reasearch
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Roots

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

WIGS COMING ATTRACTIONS

December 9, 2014. "Show and Tell"
Sharing day, bring a picture, story,
heirloom or other artifact you wish to
share with us . Also it is finger food
day, everyone bring a food to share
along with your story, picture or
heirloom.

January 13, 2015. John Ruhlman will
speak to us about immigration patterns.

The way our ancestors moved from the point where they landed in America to where they settled may give clues of where they were prior to their final settlement, particularly if it was from east to west or north to south.

February 10, 2015. Dr. Gary Zimmerman from the Fiske Library in Seattle will speak on a topic yet to be determined. He is always informative and knowledgeable on his topics.

Speakers after February will include Joan Peters, Laura Sparr, Bobbie Sandberg and several others.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

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National Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference. 13-16 May 2015 at St. Charles, Missouri. Topic is Crosswoods of America. Much more information at ngsgenealogy.org. Save registration fees by early registration.

ROOTSTECH February 12-14, 2015. A 3-day conference at Salt Lake City, UT. Register now and save up to 33% on a 3 day conference pass. Complete information at rootstech.org

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society.

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 Dollarhide's Five Rules - for genealogical success! (Monthly Meetings) 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Dr., Arlington WA

Dollarhide's Five Rules. Follow these basic rules for genealogical success: Rule 1: Treat the brothers and sisters of your ancestors as equals. Rule 2: Never accept just one document or just one source to prove something. Rule 3: Never trust a published family history or genealogical compilation. Rule 4: Never trust secondary

sources. Rule 5: Prepare your genealogy so others can read it. After discussing these rules in more detail, one's opinion on what is important may change. The intent of this lecture is to encourage genealogists to organize their notes and documents so they can publish their work. Based on an article in the Genealogy Bulletin.

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island. Meets at Trinity Lutheran Chapel at corner of Hwy 525 and Woodard Road in Freeland.

Monday January 12th: Monthly Program, 1:00 p.m. Speaker: Philip Simon

Program: History of Langley Harbor Through the Eyes of Phil Simon.

Philip spent as much time as possible at his grandfather's house on the Langley waterfront. Both his mother and father were born on Whidbey Island in the 1920's.

Monday March 9th: Monthly Program, 1:00 p.m. Speaker: Maureen MacDonald

Program: An Apple a Day: How Health and Medicine affected your ancestors. In this program you will learn about medicine in the early days and how it affected ancestral families in choosing a location to settle, raising their children and, possibly, moving to another location. The program might help to answer the question of why you are missing certain relatives.

More info at gsswi.org

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Important Documents

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Almost every household has carefully prepared a file for important documents pertaining to their family, such as the deed to property which validates ownership. Other documents such as family birth certificates and marriage licenses are also important to

preserve. Another important document requiring preservation is the discharge received by each person who served in the military. An interesting way to preserve this military document (from World War I, World War II and any other military conflict) is to frame the discharge and display it on a wall in your home. Visitors will be interested in seeing the details (who, what, where and when). Displaying a discharge also shows the service this veteran rendered to our country.

Submitted by Margaret Self

In conjunction with the discharge certificate is the Form DD 214, which is given to the serviceman upon discharge or retirement, provides invaluable information of the service rendered by the serviceman. Basically it is a brief history from date of enlistment to date of discharge or retirement. It will list among other items where the member served, special skills gained, and awards. The forms have many different versions but similar information is on all forms.

Copies of the DD 214 are available from various sources. The best source is the National Archives, see this link:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/#evetrecs>

Another source may be the county courthouse where the service member lived. It was not uncommon for the veteran to have the discharge

certificate and DD 214 recorded as a way of preserving the document in case of loss by the veteran

An American

To Kill an American

You probably missed this in the rush of news, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So an Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is. So they would know when they found one. (Good one, mate!!!!)

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani or Afghan.

An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as Native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An

American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America

Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin , and Mao Tse-Tung, and other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world.. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

Written by an Australian
Dentist

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Online Research
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State Resident-Only Online
Library Resources

by Thomas MacEntee, High-
Definition Genealogy

Did you know that most states have a set of online databases available only to their residents? And that you can access these from home? This was news to me, but I've since discovered that I can get access to some great (and expensive) databases for FREE just by having a local library card.

Not every state provides this service; in fact, due to budget cuts Kansas just did away with its BlueSkyways site! But if your state is listed below, check it out and see what you can find to help your genealogy research!

Alabama: Alabama Virtual Library

Alaska: Digital Pipeline
 Arkansas: Traveler Access
 Colorado: Denver Public Library
 Connecticut: iCONN.org
 Florida: Florida Electronic Library
 Georgia: GAll LEO
 Hawaii: Hawaii State Public Library System
 Idaho: Llii.org
 Illinois: Trylt! Illinois
 Indiana: INSPIRE
 Kentucky: Kentucky Virtual Library
 Louisiana: Louisiana Library Connection
 Maine: MARVEL
 Maryland: SAILOR
 Massachusetts: Massachusetts Libraries
 Michigan: Michigan eLibrary
 Minnesota: ELM - Electronic library for Minnesota
 Mississippi: Magnolia
 Nebraska: Nebraska Access
 Nevada: CLAN
 New Hampshire: NHew Link
 New Jersey: Jersey Clicks
 New Mexico: EI Portal
 New York: NOVELNY
 North Carolina: NCLIVE
 North Dakota: ODIN
 Ohio: OPLIN
 Oklahoma: Oklahoma Digital Prairie
 Pennsylvania: Power Library
 Rhode Island: AskRI.org
 South Carolina: DISCUS
 South Dakota: South Dakota State Library
 Tennessee: TEL - Tennessee -Electronic Library
 Texas: TexShare
 Utah: Pioneer Library
 Vermont: Vermont Online Library
 Virginia: Find! Virginia
 West Virginia: WVINFODEPOT.org
 Wisconsin: BadgerLink
 Wyoming: GoWYLD.net

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Tech Tips

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I like to capture screen images for any number of reasons. Using the screen capture feature with windows is burdensome at best. Recently I found a very easy way to do this through a free add on called Snap My Screen. It is an easy download at <http://www.snapmyscreen.com>.

My favorite feature is the ability of choose just a portion of what is on your screen and capture that information only. When capturing photos be aware that the capture is low resolution but for my uses it is satisfactory.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

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At a recent meeting some members expressed a desire to know more about our fellow genealogists

Name: JANICE AASLAND

Born: Waldwick, NJ

Raised: Maywood, NJ

How long doing family research:

Many years, My Mom started it – when she died I organized her information and continued.

Member of WIGS: about 10 years.

What caused you to become interested in your family history?

My Mom’s information.

If you could travel back in time and interview one ancestor, who would it be, why, and what questions would you like to ask him/her? My

Mother’s grandfather Stephen

Monroe. He first appears in the 1840

NJ census, have been trying to find out where he came from. Some members of the Monroe family fought in the civil war.

What is the most satisfying part of doing your family history research?

I enjoy the research, sort of makes me feel like a detective. It is so interesting to find information.

Name: CHARLOTTE SANTOS

Born: Ayer Massachusetts

Raised: Harvard, Massachusetts

How long doing family research: 10 years

Member of WIGS for 4 months

What caused you to become interested in your family history?

Interested in my grandfather coming from Norway.

If you could travel back in time and interview one ancestor, who would it be, why, and what questions would you like to ask him/her? My great grandfather on my father's side. Why he left Norway.

What is the most satisfying part of doing your family history research?

Legacy, history and it's fun

Name: LAURIE LIVINGSTON

Born: Dallas, Tex

Raised: Southern California & Texas

How long doing family research: 20 years

Member of WIGS for 2 years

What caused you to become interested in your family history? A family trip to Georgia and we visited an old family cemetery with a

Revolutionary Was soldier family member.

If you could travel back in time and interview one ancestor, who would it be, why, and what questions would you like to ask him/her? My 2x great grandfather, John L. Spadlin. He was wounded and disabled in the Civil War. When his wife died he was 73. He then married a woman 45 years his junior and had 4 children with her.

What is the most satisfying part of doing your family history research?

Makes me proud of who I am and where my family came from.

Name: Margaret Self

Born: Kansas

Raised: Kansas, Missouri

How long doing family research: 50 years

Member of WIGS 15 years

What caused you to become interested in your family history? I'm a history buff
If you could travel back in time and interview one ancestor, who would it be, why, and what questions would you like to ask him/her? John Michel. Details of his immigration from Switzerland

What is the most satisfying part of doing your family history research? The challenge of the search.

Name: Elaine Fielding

Born: Binger, OK

Raised: Orosi, CA

How long doing family research: 13 years

Member of WIGS 1 year

What caused you to become interested in your family history?

Older family members passing away.

If you could travel back in time and interview one ancestor, who would it

be, why, and what questions would you like to ask him/her? Great-grandmother. Family was Choctaw Indian and I know nothing about them.

What is the most satisfying part of doing your family history research?
More contact with cousins.

Name: Eileen Margaret Billings
Born: Huntington Park, CA
Raised: Huntington Park, CA
How long doing family research: 16 years

Member of WIGS 16 years
What caused you to become interested in your family history?

Former WIGS member got me interested when I met her at the pharmacy.

If you could travel back in time and interview one ancestor, who would it be, why, and what questions would you like to ask him/her? My grand mother, Eva May Hoadley Payne, on my mother's side because she died when my mother was little and I want to know about her childhood.
To be continued next Searcher.

Articles

Please send me articles, topics you would like to see in the Searcher:

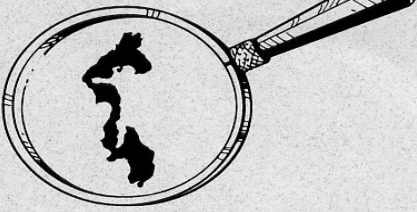
popnpup1@gmail.com. Or
1511 McKinnon Dr., OH, WA 98277

Genealogy Humor

- **Genealogists never fade away; they just lose their roots.**
- **Definition of mythology: genealogy without documentation.**

- **Genealogy is all about chasing your own tale.**
- **A great genealogist is a time unraveler.**
- **Can a first cousin once removed be returned?**
- **I only research genealogy on days that end in "y."**
- **If at first you don't succeed, search, search again. That is why we call it re-search.**
- **Eventually, all genealogists come to their census.**
- **A cemetery is where "down under" takes on an entirely new meaning.**
- **Genealogical pay dirt is discovering the ancestor who was the family packrat!**
- **Some think it's best to grow a family tree one leaf at a time-but as with the spring, you may find that many buds can be produced at the same time.**
- **Genealogy is sometimes about proving that bad family traits came from the other side of the tree!**
- **Famous quote that applies (all too often) to questionable genealogy: "Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please." -Mark Twain**

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