



Seattle Genealogical Society

September - November 2011

newsletter

SGS HAS A NEW WEBSITE

Our new website has arrived! After months of planning, barn-raising, testing, and clean-up, our new SGS website is ready for traffic. We owe many people debts of gratitude for their hard work on this, including both SGS volunteers and the local Drupal community. You are invited to check it out at <http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org>. We will be retiring the old site by the end of September, so please help us with the transition by starting to use the new site and providing feedback to sgspublications@gmail.com.

As with any new project, there are odds and ends that are unfinished; some of these are high priority and others will simply have to wait for "phase 2." We would appreciate hearing about the features you like as well as constructive criticism regarding the inevitable quirks. We already know, for example, that the text resizing feature is not working (Note the 3 sizes of "A" in the upper right). This, along with some of the web forms and some catalog concerns, is high on our list of priorities. Phase 2 will include developing a members-only section. If you have ideas for this section, we'd love to hear them.

As with any all-volunteer organization, the rate at which we are able to address our list of needs and wants will depend on many variables, so we ask for your patience as we continue to develop and administer this new site. In the meantime, we hope you like it!

GIVE BIG DAY A SUCCESS FOR SGS!

SGS was proud to participate in the Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG day on June 23rd. We didn't push it too hard to our membership, since we weren't able to incorporate it into our membership renewal mailing and didn't want you to think we expected people who had just donated to do so again. In creating the list of recent donors, we noticed that several of you did donate twice. Thank you so much. During GiveBIG day, we received donations from 24 individuals totaling \$1366.49, including \$172.81 in "stretch" or "matching" funds from an anonymous donor to the Seattle Foundation. If this becomes an annual event, we'll try to incorporate it into our regular mailings and cash flow planning. A big THANK YOU to those of you who donated through GiveBIG. Maybe next year we'll win one of those random drawings for an extra \$1000!

FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

This year's Fall general membership meeting will be something special. Yes, we'll have the report of the Financial Review Committee, an update on Board activities, and a report from the Performance Audit Committee (established by our new Bylaws to review Board compliance with the Bylaws every 3 years). We'll also have an interesting and informative program by a panel of experienced researchers, with each sharing their "Top 10 Genealogy Tips, Tricks, Sites and Rules for Family History Research." You're sure to learn something new!

So what's special about this year's meeting? We'll be celebrating Darlene Hamilton's 40 years as the Seattle Public Library liaison on the SGS Board. Not only did Darlene serve as a genealogy librarian at SPL for over 40 years, but she also served as a non-voting member of the SGS Board for 40 years. Obviously, Darlene deserves all the thanks and congratulations on her retirement we can offer. Come thank her in person and enjoy the celebration.

SGS FALL 2011 SEMINAR, "MILITARY RECORDS: THE PRICE OF FREEDOM ISN'T FREE"

It is time again for our Fall Seminar coming on Saturday, October 22, from 9am to 4pm at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard (3014 NW 67th Street). Eric Stroschein will present the general session, "Finding Freedom Isn't Free." He is a local researcher well known for his military knowledge and will cover the many available records useful to genealogists. Attendees may choose to go to three additional sessions from the nine military programs offered. We also will offer our SGS Book sale and fabulous raffle. This promises to be an informative day for beginning and experienced family researchers. More information is on our website at <http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org>.

Registration deadline is October 14. You can register online through our new website using PayPal also. If you have questions email us at: sgsseminar@gmail.com

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REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Your new Board of Directors were sworn into office at the Annual Meeting on June 5th. Two members stepped forward to serve in the two positions for which we had no nominees on the April ballot—Secretary and Director of Volunteers. The Board approved Linda Dougherty as our new Secretary and Michelle Khuon as Director of Volunteers. They have dived right in and are hard at work, as is the entire Board.

At the June, July and August Board meetings, we focused on:

- learning how the SGS Board works
- understanding the interrelatedness of our positions and the necessity for coordination and teamwork
- setting Board and individual goals for the year
- developing the SGS Calendar for the year
- finalizing a revised and legally defensible Deed of Gift and documenting how donations are handled at SGS [Thank You, Library Trustees, for leading these efforts]
- changing bank signatories
- getting the new SGS website ready for release including instituting credit card payments and webforms for memberships, research queries, and donations
- getting the Seattle 1890 Project started
- obtaining and implementing new library catalog software
- establishing memorial funds for deceased members Jan McNair and Bruce Landry
- recruiting and approving many new committee chairs
- accepting the resignation of JoAnne King from the Library Trustees and appointing Bernice Keller to fill the position
- getting the Financial Review and Performance Audit committees established and working
- approving George C. Morgan, one of the “Genealogy Guys” as our Spring seminar speaker
- adopting a policy for the review and disposal of library materials, along with disposal guidelines [again, Thank You to our Library Trustees for developing these documents]
- adopting a Group Visitation Policy

The Board formally adopted our annual goals at our August meeting. This year we will be focusing on the following priority areas:

1. Develop a 5-year plan for SGS, including planning for our financial stability
2. Increase community outreach

3. Be more welcoming to new members, continuing members, and non-members
4. Define and improve the publications process
5. Expand and Implement our Emergency Preparedness Plan
6. Better market our library, highlighting our unique holdings
7. Spread the SGS volunteer load [includes improving the nominating process, planning for Board succession, and increasing volunteerism]
8. Increase revenues from retail sales

We’re obviously going to need the help and support of the entire SGS membership to accomplish these goals. If one of the items above is of interest to you, please contact our Director of Volunteers, Michelle Khoun, at <sgsvolunteers@gmail.com> (or by calling the Library at 206-522-8658 and leaving a message for her) and let her know how you’re willing to help.

BULLETIN ARTICLES NEEDED

Do you have a great family story to share?

How about a research success....or (heaven forbid!) a research failure?

Have you found an especially useful record source in your research?

Do you have transcribed records that others might benefit from?

Is there a great genealogy resource book—or website—you’ve used that you could review for others?

All of these would make great articles for the SGS Bulletin.

Now that we have our wonderful new printer, we can publish photographs, maps, diagrams—all sorts of wonderful black and white graphics to enhance your articles. Please contact Annette Dwyer, Director of Publications at <sgspublications@gmail.com>, and let her know what you can contribute. If you need help organizing or writing your article, we’ll try to find a mentor for you. Just let Annette know...please?

SGS Library Closed

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Saturday, September 3

THANKSGIVING

3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, - Monday, Nov 28

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HAVE YOU FILLED OUT A MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY?

What are you researching? What would you like to learn more about? Help us plan programs and seminars of interest to YOU!

As an all-volunteer organization, support from our members is essential to our operation. Please consider contributing some time to the Seattle Genealogical Society. There are 675 members of SGS - if every member gave ONE HOUR of their time to the library, imagine what could be accomplished! 675 hours could be put towards:

- Getting new books on the shelves
 - Updating our Library catalog
 - Cleaning and maintaining the library
 - Completing the Seattle 1890 Census Project
 - Mentoring new researchers
- ... and more!

Let us know how YOU can help! Member Interest forms are available online at <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/member-interest>. Printed forms are also available at the Library Front Desk. Fill yours out now!

COMPUTERS NEEDED

Now that we have this great new library software, we'd like to make it available for use by everyone who visits the library. Our new software includes an add-on that can be loaded on any of our computers so that users can search our full catalog (eventually including subject areas and keywords). Unfortunately, several of our computers are still running Windows 95 (!), which is incompatible with the library software. We need at least one desktop computer (just the CPU; we have a monitor and keyboard) running Windows XP or later.

We could also use some gently used laptop computers for our classes. We would prefer laptops running Windows (XP or later) with wifi capability. Battery capacity is not an issue; we can plug them in during classes.

If you have a computer meeting these specifications available, please either bring it to SGS during our open hours or contact our Director of Operations, Christine Schomaker, at sgsoperations@gmail.com or by leaving a phone message for her at SGS (206-522-8658). Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER



SGS would like to recognize the extraordinary dedication and volunteer spirit Darlene Hamilton has given to the organization over the years. After earning a B.A. in German literature and an M.A. in Library Science from the University of Minnesota, Darlene began her professional life in 1971 as Genealogy Librarian at the Seattle Public Library, a post she held until her retirement as Senior Genealogy Librarian this past July.

Darlene joined the SGS executive board in 1971, as the SPL liaison. "I think it's safe to say that I have probably attended more SGS board meetings than any other member of SGS," Darlene says, "because I held that position for 40 years and three months." Over the years, Darlene has presented genealogy speeches for SGS programs and seminars and written numerous articles for the SGS Bulletin. For years, Darlene has prepared the

list of new SPL genealogy-related acquisitions for publication in the Bulletin and kept the organization alerted to genealogical-related events in the community that SGS members might enjoy.

"Darlene has always been willing to share her knowledge," says former SGS board member Marilyn Rose. "Working with Darlene has been a joy. She is a very warm and giving individual, one who obviously enjoys what she is doing and the people she is working with."

Darlene says she has seen a lot of changes at SGS over the years, including a growing number of volunteers serving the organization and helping it grow. She is looking forward to spending her retirement working on her own family history. She has traced some of her ancestors back to the Colonial period in Pennsylvania, New York/New Jersey and Maryland. She is also researching ancestors who immigrated to the U.S. in the mid-19th century from Ireland, Germany and Sweden.

Darlene counts among the honors of her long and illustrious career the fact that SGS granted her an Honorary Lifetime Membership in 1990. Those who know her know that even though she is retiring from full-time work at SPL, it won't be long before Darlene will be busy throwing herself into a new endeavor with her customary verve and dedication. SGS would like to thank Darlene for her years of service, and wish her many more years of working on things that bring her pleasure and enjoyment.

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KEEPING UP WITH SGS

Communication with our members is very important to the SGS Board. Since this Newsletter is only published quarterly, we've developed other means to keep you informed of SGS activities:

- **E-newsletter:** Our twice monthly E-letter goes out to all members for whom we have valid email addresses. It includes the next month's calendar and announcements. We are changing from the Rootsweb listserv, which could not be formatted, to MailChimp, which allows us to send HTML formatted notices to you, our members. There will be links on the e-newsletter that will allow you to change your email address, unsubscribe, or link to our Facebook page and President's blog. You should be receiving your first "enhanced" E-letter from SGS about the time this Newsletter comes out, the last week in August. The message should be coming from the <seattlegenealogicalsociety@gmail.com>.

Please check to make sure it doesn't go into your spam folder or you'll miss out on all the exciting SGS happenings and news.

- **SGS Facebook page:** <<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Seattle-Genealogical-Society/113737955341411>> (or search for Seattle Genealogical Society on Facebook); weekly calendar reminders and photos of events. If you're on Facebook, please "like" us so you can be kept up-to-date on SGS activities.

- **SGS President's Blog:** <<http://seagensociety.blogspot.com/>> More in-depth announcements and discussions of what's happening at SGS and in the genealogy community. Ginny tries to pass along new information she picks up elsewhere. Respond to our monthly poll and let us know what you think!

HEADS UP ON PARKING AT SGS

Seattle Public Utilities has started a two-year project to install a new major storm water drain along Sand Point Way NE. It's not clear exactly when and for how long the parking spaces in front of SGS may be effected. They were blocked off for three days the last full week in August. During the day you can park around the corner in front of Pagliacci's (just northeast of SGS) or in the other angled parking spaces along NE 63rd Street. There are also usually a few spaces for parallel parking along NE 62nd Street, which intersects Sand Point Way just before you get to SGS. The Project Engineer has assured us that they will try to avoid blocking our parking as much as possible, especially on days we have programs scheuled. If you're concerned about parking, please call ahead and our desk volunteer what the status is 206-522-8658). Ginny Sommarstrom

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

YOUR support helps keep us moving forward! We are currently looking for volunteers for the following projects:

Desk Volunteers: Working at the library front desk is a great way to become more familiar with the library and get to know fellow members. Our next volunteer training is Monday, October 3rd from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Email the Director of Volunteers at <SGSVolunteers@gmail.com> or call the library at (206) 522-8658 to sign up!

Seattle 1890 Project: The Seattle 1890 Census Project is preparing to begin the first phase of proofing and correcting the 1889 Territorial Census transcription for the greater Seattle portion of King County and is looking for volunteers who are comfortable using spreadsheet programs. This work can be done at home on your own schedule. Email <SGS1890@gmail.com> to join the group.

Mentoring Coordinator: Our mentoring program helps members support other members by sharing their expertise. We are looking for a new mentoring program coordinator – someone to connect those who need help with those offering to mentor. Email the Director of Volunteers at <SGSVolunteers@gmail.com> if you can assist in this very important role.

Ebay Sales Crew: We have literally hundreds of books available to list on Ebay and help our bottom line. We need people willing to list surnames in individual books, prepare the Ebay listing, photograph book covers, upload the listings to Ebay and track sales. Most of this work can be done from home. Please let Michelle know how you can help by emailing her at <sgsvolunteers@gmail.com>.

HIGHLAND GAMES

SGS volunteers spent the last weekend in July in Enumclaw at the Expo Center with our Seattle Genealogical Society information booth at the Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games. We have been participating for many years and it is a great way to let the public know about genealogy, SGS and to promote membership. It is part of our community outreach program, which has helped us qaulify for grant money.

Game attendance is about 25,000 for the weekend. We proudly carry our SGS banner during opening sessions and parade each day. We were able to promote the SGS Library and classes and also to help direct people to the various clan tents. Thanks to our SGS Highland Games crew, led by Jean Roth and Pat Younie. It also included Tom and Kathi Hamilton, Del and Barbara Taylor, Jean Morton, Richard Ambur, Annette Dwyer, Bruce Finlayson, Donna Gordon, Jamie Shaffer, Nancy Martin, John Griffin, and Joe Herron.

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THANK YOU SGS DONORS

Please join in thanking these generous members who have made donations to SGS since May 1st. These include donations received with membership renewals as well as donors through the Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG day. Without these generous donations, we would have to raise our dues and fees, something we have tried not to do in these difficult economic times.

Allen, Patricia	Gorud, Page	McGraw, Janice G	Ringness, Ed
Ashmore, Tim	Hamilton, Darlene E	McGuire, Marilyn	Roach, Gloria & Hal
Baldwin, Margaret J	Hamilton, Tom & Kathi	McKay, Laurie	Roberts, Helen
Banks, Cheryl	Hansberry, Verda R	McKillop, Carol	Roth, Jean
Barnes, Robert S.	Harmon, Dr. Daniel P	McMurrer, James E. Jr.	Russell, Douglas G
Betcher, Nancy N	Hebert, Elizabeth Jean	McNair, Jan	Ryan, Cheri
Bingaman, Dawn	Hevly, Nancy	Melville, Susan	Ryan, James M
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Carter, E Maxine	Knizek, Harvey & Joan	O'Connor, Susan	Stamm, Kathleen M.
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Chiarelli, Pat	Kunsch, Lois & Maurie	Osterhout, Marjorie	& Betty
Coie, B Gail	Kunsch, Sherry	Owen, Carolyn G.	Swafford, John L & Azile V
Complita, Maurna E	Landeen, Dorothy	Parker, Susan	Taylor, Kenneth L
Cooney, Earl & Marilyn	Larson, Bonnie L	Parks, Nancy C. & Leo W.	Thompson, Kenneth P
Crain, Harley E	Laura Provancha	Peak, Edna	Tomassene, Judy
Davis, Daphne S	Lehman, Rosemary & Jon	Peters, Bonnie Duncan	Trowbridge, Amelia
Deal, Edward A	Loeffler, Beverly	Pettibone, Marjorie E	Tsutsui, Sharon
Derr, Mary Ann	Lowthian, Kenneth	Poitrass, Liz	Tully, Dorene R.
Dougherty, Linda	Lundgren, Cheryl L	Portzer, Karen	Van Hise, Marilyn J
Ebel, Sally K	Madsen, Claire A	Pravitz, Karen & Jim	Walker, Carolyn
Eng, Mabel L.	Manley, Kathleen & Doug	Price, Janice	Wedemeyer, Rowena
Eyman, Eric	Lathrop	Price, Juanita	Whaley, Colleen
Fitzgerald, Linda	Marshall, Julia P	Price, Winifred R	Whaley, Ron
Fleming, Sarah	Martin, Nancy E	Prohaska, Myrtle V	Wheeler, William
Foree, Sharon A	McClure, Elaine M	Pulliam, Christine E	Williams, Candace J.
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Gaffney, Carol Jean	McDaniel, Herbert &	Range, Rita D	Wixon, Charlotte
Gaston, Christine	Darlene	Ravenholt, Betty	Wright, Fred M
Gates, Barbara W	McGhee, Dick & Barbara	Riegel, V. Kay	Yates, Roberta J

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SEATTLE 1890 PROJECT IS ROLLING

A committee of SGS members led by Chuck Richards has been meeting all summer to get our new Seattle 1890 Project started. The purpose of the project is to create a "replacement" for the missing 1890 US Census for what is now the City of Seattle. Over the course of the next year or two, the committee hopes to transcribe all of the available records defining the Seattle population in 1890.

Thanks to the generosity of the Washington State Archives, SGS has received a complete transcription (in digital format) of the King County portion of the 1889 Washington Territorial Census, along with digital images of each page of the original, alphabetized census returns. The committee evaluated the accuracy of the transcription by comparing 7 multi-page sets of transcription pages with the census page scans and found more errors than we hoped. Since we would like to use the 1889 Territorial Census as the foundation for our 1890 surrogate census, it is important that the transcription be as accurate as possible. To this end, we are asking for help from SGS members to correct the State Archives transcription.

Seattle 1890 Project committee members will be creating the volunteer data sheets (for tracking transcription errors), creating digital data packets containing the data sheets and associated scanned pages, and doing the actual transcription editing. What we need now are

some proof readers — many people who can compare the State Archives transcription on Excel spreadsheet pages with the scanned original 1889 census images; corrections will be written on the spreadsheet pages and returned to SGS (either in person or mailed). You must have e-mail and Excel 2003 or later or OpenOffice (free download); training will be provided.

Please contact Chuck Richards at <SGS1890@gmail.com> if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Phase 2 of the Seattle 1890 Project will involve adding names from other 1890 resources, such as the Seattle City Directory, voting lists, school censuses, probate records, marriage records, etc. Stay tuned for progress reports!

What's New in SGS Education

The 2011-2012 term brings the opportunity for a new education program designed by the newly established Program Committee. (Cary Bright, Director of Education and SGS members Nancy Hevly, Lynn Magnuson and Mary Roddy). We have several returning programs including the Intermediate Research and Ethnic series (as topics warrant). New series include Technology Thursdays and Beginner Basics.

Technology Thursdays will offer one-hour classes on two Thursdays each month and will focus on specific topics such as: Making a Gedcom; Your Genealogy Technology Toolbox; Doc, jpgs and tifs - how should you save it? Beginner Basics will focus on individual records types format explaining what a record the is, what you may glean from it and where you can find it. We have heard over and over that if you shake up your data, you will learn more. So we are going back to basics to learn what has been updated with technology and time.

We again will offer a full-day Beginner Genealogy Class on Monday, September 19, from 10am-3pm, for SGS members only. Registration is limited to 10 students so those interested should call SGS at 206-522-8658 and sign up as soon as possible.

Any successful program needs feedback, so we are asking program participants to complete a short evaluation form at the end of each program. We always are looking for new speakers and topics, so please contact us at <sgseducation@gmail.com>. For a list of Fall Programs, see the SGS Calendar of Events in this issue. We hope you will enjoy the programs we have designed and look forward to your participation as an attendee or speaker.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

Come join fellow SGS members on Sunday, September 25th for a volunteer work day at the SGS Library. Come help us process the large backlog of library projects. Volunteers are needed to help with the following tasks:

- Pricing book sale and eBay items
- Placing labels on new books
- Organizing library work areas
- Book repair
- Creating an inventory of donations
- Checking donations for duplicates

The event runs from 10am-4pm. Even a half hour of your time can make a tremendous difference. No experience necessary; we'll have experienced volunteers available to provide training. RSVPs are welcome but not necessary. Please email Amber Brock at <sgslibrary@gmail.com> with questions or to RSVP. Beverages and light refreshments will be provided.

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Calendar of Events

All events held at the Seattle Genealogical Society Library, unless stated otherwise.

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- 8 Thursday, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. INTERMEDIATE RESEARCH SERIES
“Beyond Databases – What Else Can You Learn from Ancestry.com and Familysearch.org” Mary Roddy will discuss hidden gems on Ancestry.com and Familysearch.org that are rarely accessed and if searched can lead to lots more information. Come learn tips from a pro.
- 15 Thursday 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. – TECHNOLOGY THURSDAYS
“Making a GEDCOM” Cary Bright will lead you on how to create a GEDCOM and evaluate them before merging them to your existing family genealogy files.
- 16 Friday, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE
17 Saturday, 8:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Speaker: Patricia Walls Stamm
Hosted by the Tri Cities Genealogical Society at the Richland Baptist Church, 1632 George Washington Way, Richland, WA. CG Topics: Social Networking for Genealogists; Death has Many Faces; Elements of a Useful Research Road Map; Discovering Our Ancestor’s Neighbourhood along with three other breakout session topics planned. Check the link at: <<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs>>
- 17 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. IRISH INTEREST GROUP
Open Forum. Bring any new resources and web sites you have discovered to discuss and share. A review of Irish research problems. Chair: Jean Roth
- 17 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. GERMAN INTEREST GROUP
Open Forum. Bring any new resources and web sites you have discovered to discuss and share. A review of German research problems. Chair: Jean Roth
- 18 Sunday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Come celebrate Darlene Hamilton’s retirement after 40 years from Seattle Public Library as Senior Genealogy Librarian; Financial Review Committee Report followed by our program “5 Top Tens.” Come listen to five veteran genealogists present their top ten tips for doing family research. You will leave with 50 great ideas that will help you become successful with that next brick wall.
- 19 Monday, 10a.m. – 3 p.m. BEGINNER BASICS WORKSHOP
This in-depth class will cover how to start your family history research with some hands-on examples, including completing family group sheets, ancestor charts, and transcribing vital records. Learn what record groups are available to search. Class by reservation only and limited to SGS Members. To register, send an email with your contact information to: <sgseducation@gmail.com> or call SGS Library at (206) 522-8658.
- 21 Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. BRICK WALL BROWN BAG SESSION
Bring your lunch and talk about genealogy brick walls with other researchers.
- 29 Thursday, p.m. – 7 p.m. TECHNOLOGY THURSDAYS
“What do you need in your Genealogy Technology Tool Box?” We will review how technology can make the answer just a click away when you know where to look. You will leave with lots of genealogy tools to bookmark when you get home. We will also review some social networking sites. Presenter: Cary Bright

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- 1 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP Chair: David Robert
- 1 Saturday EASTERN WASHINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR Speaker: Dr. George Schweitzer
Go to this link for more information: <<http://www.ewgsi.org/index.php>>
- 3 Monday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. SGS DESK VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Annual training day for new desk volunteers. Sign up by emailing <sgsdeskvol@gmail.com> or calling the library at 206-522-8658
- 5 Wednesday, 7p.m. – 8 p.m. BEGINNER SERIES Presenters: Amber Brock and Lisa Oberg
“Census Records 101” Learn what information you will find on the US census, how to transcribe census records; what to do with the information and how to source it. You will also learn how to create a one paragraph story about your family using the information you find in the census.
- 8 Saturday HERITAGE QUEST AUTUMN QUEST 2011 SEMINAR
At Tacoma Elks Club, 1965 S. Union Ave, Tacoma, WA. Featuring Michael John Neill author of Casefile Clues and Genealogy Tip of the Day blog. For more information go to: <<http://www.hqrl.com>>.
- 9 Sunday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. ETHNIC HERITAGE SERIES
“British Records – what you can find when you get over the pond.” We will explore a little history that connects to why you find records where you do and review a list of great sites to locate British records.
- 13 Thursday, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. TECHNOLOGY THURSDAYS
We will review tools you may have on your computer and other technology opportunities and free software to make you a more efficient researcher.
- 12 Wednesday, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. MAC COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP Fiske Library
Please contact Lou Daly or Diane Hettrick for more informatin. 1644 43rd Ave E
<loudaly@nwlink.com>, <dhettrick@earthlink.net> Seattle (Madison PK)
- 15 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. IRISH INTEREST GROUP Chair: Jean Roth
Touring the County Donegal website. Even if this isn’t your county in Ireland - you’ll discover some excellent research tips and brick road breakthroughs.
- 15 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. GERMAN INTEREST GROUP Chair: Jean Roth
The Hesse region of Germany - origin of many of our 18th and 19th century immigrant ancestors, including “Hessian” mercenary soldiers who remained in America after the Revolutionary War.
- 16 Sunday, 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE
Invite your non-genealogist friends to come learn what SGS has to offer.
- 18 Tuesday, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. INTERMEDIATE RESEARCH SERIES
“Sourcing your Research” Learn how to correctly record the source of your research data so others might find the same thing.

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Calendar of Events, continued

October Continued

- 22 Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. 2011 SGS FALL SEMINAR Nordic Heritage Museum
"Military Records: The Price of Freedom Isn't Free" Opening session by Eric Stroschein followed by 3 concurrent sessions on military history and their records. Choose from nine topics offered. Find more information at: <<http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org>> Seminar brochures were mailed in late August.
- 22 Saturday SGS LIBRARY CLOSED DUE TO THE SEMINAR
- 27 Thursday, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. TECHNOLOGY THURSDAY Presenter: Kate Johnston and Cary Bright
"What should you save it as: docs, jpgs and tifs". Are you confused every time you save a record, just where/ what to save it in? Come learn the most appropriate formats and ways to save your data when you find that golden fact on the internet.
- 29 Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. DNA INTEREST GROUP Aljoia -Thornton Place (South of Northgate mall)
Topic this month will cover "DNA Testing Updates," "A Comparison of FTDNA and 23 & Me Results and where you get the best value," and two members will present their "DNA Test Outcomes". To get on the member list or suggest a topic clinic) at 450 NE 100th e-mail us at: <sgsdnasig@gmail.com> Co-Chairs: Cary Bright and Herb McDaniel St.; Seattle, WA 98125

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- 1 Tuesday, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. INTERMEDIATE RESEARCH SERIES Presenter: Mary Roddy
"Using Spreadsheets for Genealogy Research" Ever wonder how you can analyze your data faster? Put the information into a spreadsheet or table and watch your information gain perspective.
- 5 Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. LDS FAMILY HISTORY EXPO Bellevue South Stake Center (15205 SE 28th St, Bellevue, WA 98007)
Keynote address will be from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., with classes beginning at 10 a.m. and going until 4:30 p.m., with a 45 minute lunch break and 15 minute breaks between classes. Details and registration informations will be posted after October 1 at <<http://www.wafamilyhistory.net>>.
- 5 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP Chair: David Robert
- 7 Monday, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. COMPUTER CAMP
This hands-on training will review common computer programs that are helpful in documenting your family history. 7 Computers will be available for use or bring your own. Space limited so please sign up at <sgseducation@gmail.com> or call SGS at 206-522-8658
- 10 Thursday, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. TECHNOLOGY THURSDAY Presenter: Michelle Khuon
"Webinars and Podcasts: why learning in your pajamas at home can be really fun." There are so many opportunities for learning at home. Come learn how and where to find them.
- 12 Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
"Organizing your Genealogy Research." The panel members will each discuss

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- 12 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. PENNSYLVANIA STATE FOCUS GROUP National Archives
“Explore Pennsylvania sources available at NARA” 2nd flr conference room
Presenter Karen Portzer
- 16 Wednesday, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. BEGINNER BASICS
“Birth and Death Records 101” Where to find them, how to record them and how
to analyze what they say.
- 19 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. IRISH INTEREST GROUP Chair: Jean Roth
A review of religion in Ireland - from the Celtic Church, Catholic, Quaker,
Presbyterian and Church of Ireland - all have had a significant impact on the types
and availability of Irish genealogical records.
- 19 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. GERMAN INTEREST GROUP Chair: Jean Roth
“German-language newspapers in the United States” - a valuable genealogical
resource as obituaries were often long and detailed for people with German origins.
- 21 Monday, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. BRICK WALL SESSION
Bring your dead ends, so the “experts” can make suggestion you can use when you

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Teach Classes _____
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Indexing _____
Membership processing/helper _____
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