



Seattle Genealogical Society

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newsletter

Are You Receiving Our Emails?

For over a year now SGS has been sending out two emails per month using MailChimp, a free e-newsletter service. All members for whom we have email addresses should be receiving these email messages. They should appear in your email mailbox the last few days of the month and about the middle of the month. The end-of-month e-letter contains a calendar of SGS events for the entire coming month. The mid-month e-letter contains events for the next couple of weeks. All e-letters also contain important, timely announcements, requests for volunteers, and other information for our members. These emails provide much more timely information than our regular quarterly Newsletters.

If you're not receiving the SGS e-letters, first be sure that they're not going to your SPAM folder. Check for emails from seattlegenealogicalsociety@gmail.com. If they're in your Spam folder, please mark SGS as a "safe sender" or simply move the message to your "in" box. If you don't find our messages anywhere, please go to our website (seattlegenealogicalsociety.org), click on CONTACT at the top right of our home page, then click on "Join our Mailing List" toward the bottom of the green bar on the right of the page. You will be taken to a form that asks for your email address, first and last names. Format choices are HTML (e-letters will look like a colorful web page), Text (black and white text only messages), or Mobile (messages designed to be read on your mobile device). After selecting your preferred message format, click "Subscribe to list." You will receive an email that you'll need to respond to in order to be added to our subscriber list.

eBay Sales Resurrected

Past President Ginny Sommarstrom has started posting SGS used books on Ebay again after a hiatus of over a year. If you're an Ebay member, please check out our listings under seller "SeaGenSoc." If you'd like to help, she would be more than happy to train you to post and monitor our listings. This is a project that can be done from home.

Volunteer help wanted!

SGS needs your help! We are looking for volunteers to help out with committees and upcoming events:

- Long-range Planning Committee: Work to set the future direction for SGS
- Publicity Committee: Get the word out about SGS to help us gain new members
- Space Planning Committee: Re-organize our current library space
- Seattle 1890 Project: The 1890 committee is looking for organized volunteers with Excel experience to distribute and gather records and transcriptions
- Seminar Committee: Help plan and run the Fall Seminar on October 20th
- Become a Desk Volunteer: Meet and assist guests and researchers and keep our library running smoothly
- Library Work Day (Oct. 7th): Help with library and catalog organization and pricing sale materials for the Fall Seminar

If you can help out with any of these activities, or would like more information on these events or other ways to volunteer, please contact Michelle at [<SGSVolunteers@gmail.com>](mailto:SGSVolunteers@gmail.com).

Family History Expo 2012

It's time to mark your calendars for Family History Expo 2012 on 10 November 2012 at the Redmond Stake Center Building of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 10115 172nd Avenue NE, Redmond, Washington.

Registration and check-in 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Keynote and Welcome address 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Further information can be found at <http://www.wafamilyhistory.net> or by calling the Bellevue Family History Center at 425-454-2690.

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Jim Ryan is a native Seattleite who currently resides in north Seattle near Lakeside High School. He graduated from Christ the King Grade School, Bishop Blanchet High School and Seattle University, where he received a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree in December, 1974. He then served four years active duty as an officer in the US Army 547th Engineer Battalion in Darmstadt, FRG.

Jim was hired by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District in Apr 1980. He worked there until his retirement in Sep 2007. As a structural engineer, Jim designed numerous features at numerous NW projects. Two projects of note are the Smolt Passage Flumes at the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks in Seattle and the Gas Abatement Spillway Deflectors at Chief Joseph Dam in eastern Washington.

Jim has kept himself busy since retirement with babysitting great-nieces and nephews, toy train collecting activities, and track and field officiating. Another pet project has been volunteering at the Locks in an attempt to locate the original design calculations from 1912 through 1915. Late in 2011, he discovered these calculations had been sent to the National Archives at Sand Point in 1987. So he will be spending a good deal of time in the next few years across the street from SGS scanning nearly thirty 150-page books of design calculations.

As for genealogy, he basically inherited the job from his Mom as the family contact on the Kemper [German] side, which is about 75% complete back five generations. His Ryan [Irish] side, however, is still "a work in progress" like so many others. Jim has been volunteering at the SGS Library primarily on Wednesday evenings because of his other daytime commitments. One of Jim's most valuable contributions to SGS is at our seminars and workshops. He has taken on the important job of "heavy lifter" in set up and cleanup and then recycling at the close of the programs.

Seattle 1890 Census Project enters Phase 2:

The Seattle-Ballard City Directory

The SGS Seattle 1890 Census Project is resuming work this fall and needs volunteers to join in correcting and proofreading all of the 1891 Seattle-Ballard City Directory. Training sessions will be offered this fall for volunteers on correcting digital files provided by the Washington State Archives. This will be a paperless project, so training will help volunteers refresh their skills working with Excel spreadsheets. Over 150 separate packets have been prepared, each containing 5 to 6 pages from the 1891 city directory.

SGS volunteers last year completed Phase 1, a complete digital correction of the 1889 Washington Territorial Census. Once the city directory has been completed, the process of compiling the data from the two sources can begin; creating a more complete picture of the residents of Seattle in the year 1890. Volunteers are always welcome, especially someone to coordinate the digital submissions of the finished packets.

The Seattle 1890 Census Project began the summer of 2011 as an effort by SGS to offer those researching early Seattle families a substitute 1890 compendium of Seattle area residents. It will become a database of all residents who lived within the city limits of Seattle as currently defined today, any time from June 1889 to March 1891. It will include such separate entities at the time as Ballard, Dwamish, Fremont, and Ross. Phase 1, Seattle's portion of the 1889 territorial census, taken weeks after the Seattle Fire, was completed by a team of twelve SGS volunteers this past Spring.

For further information about joining us in the Seattle 1890 Census Project, ask any of the committee members: Jackie Lawson, Lynn Magnuson, Sue Melville, Chuck Richards, Mary Roddy, Ginny Sommarstrom, Jan Walker, or Kate Johnston, project registrar. For more information, please contact Chuck at <sgs1890@gmail.com>.

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THANK YOU SGS DONORS

Please join in thanking these generous members who have made donations to SGS since about May 15th. These include donations received with membership renewals. THANK YOU!

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MEMBERS ONLY PAGE IS NOW LIVE!

We're still having problems with the email messages from our website getting to some ISPs AND we're having difficulties getting our large databases (like the King County Court Records and the 1889 Washington Territorial Census for Seattle) uploaded to our website, but we do have some Bulletins and presentation handouts available for you. For the time being, we're going to use one username and password for everyone. From our home page (<http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org>) click on LOGIN in the upper righthand corner and on the "Log In" tab enter the following:

Username = sgsmember

Password = search&prove [no spaces]

Click the Log in button.

From the page that opens, go to the TOP of the page and click on MEMBERS. The Members Only page should open to you. Only a couple of the program handouts are linked directly from this page. To see more, click on "Complete presentation material listing."

Enjoy!

If you have knowledge and experience in loading large databases onto websites, we'd love your assistance. Please contact Michelle at <seagenwebmaster@gmail.com> or Ginny at <sgspastpresident@gmail.com> if you're willing to help us. Thank you.

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Calendar of Events

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

SEPTEMBER 2012

1 September, Saturday – 3 September, Monday – HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The SGS Library is closed for the Labor Day holiday weekend and will re-open on Tuesday, September 4.

1 September, Saturday – Canadian Interest Group will not meet this month. The next meeting of this group will be Saturday, October 6th at the SGS Library.

5 September, Wednesday – Brainstorming Session for Potential Members of New Writers Group(s) 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the SGS Library. Exploring the possibilities of forming additional genealogy writers group(s). Anyone interested in genealogy/family history writing is welcome to attend. A new group or groups may be formed based on interest in various kinds of genealogy or family history writing. Facilitator: Lisa Oberg.

7 September, Friday – 8 September, Saturday – Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Conference “Armchair Genealogy from the Pacific NW”. This event is located at Port Angeles, WA and is hosted by Clallam County Genealogical Society. Late registration is being accepted at the conference on Friday morning, 8:00-8:30 am. Call 1-360-417-5000 Tuesday - Friday; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

12 September – 14, November, Wednesdays – Fiske Genealogical Library Classes

10:00 am – 12:00 pm, at the Fiske Library located at 1644 43rd Avenue East, Seattle 98112. The library is in the building’s basement and is entered from the north side of the building. Due to renovations fall classes will be meeting in the main room of the Washington Pioneer Hall located immediately above the Fiske Library space. The list of classes and more information is available at the Fiske Library’s web site: www.fiskelibrary.org or call 206-328-2716.

15 September, Saturday – Irish Interest Group

10:15 am – 12:15 pm, at the SGS Library. “What’s New in Irish Research?” Come share your new finds and sources. Led by Jean Roth.

15 September, Saturday – German Interest Group

1:00 – 3:00 pm, at the SGS Library. “What’s New in German Research?” Come share your new finds and sources. Led by Jean Roth.

15 September, Saturday – “Using Farm Chronicles” (bygdeboker) Genealogy Group at Sons of Norway located in Ballard at Leif Erickson Lodge 2-001, 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle 98107. Presenter: Ida Skarson McComrick. For information contact Ida at idamc@seanet.com.

16 September, Sunday – Beginners’ Workshop: “Getting Started on Your Family History.”

1:00 to 3:00 pm at SGS.

18 September, Tuesday - “Beginning Your Family History”

5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Central Seattle Public Library; presented by the Seattle Public Library. For more information and to register, contact the SPL Genealogy Librarian at 206-386-4636.

22 September, Saturday - Religious Records Series: “Bible Names, (Almost) Unrecognizable in America.”

10:15 am – 12:30 pm, at the SGS Library. Learning how to recognize Bible names; and the significance and value of Bible names in genealogical problem solving. (Session #1 in Religious Records Series.) Presenter: Ida Skarson McCormick.

22 September, Saturday – Brick Wall Panel

1:00 – 2:45 pm at the SGS Library. Get help with your research problems. First come, first served. Additional panelists always welcome!

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26 September, Wednesday – Pennsylvania State Focus Group “The Standard Railroad World: 125 Years of the Pennsylvania Railroad.”

6:00 – 8:00 pm at the SGS Library. Video of Pennsylvania railroads and discussion of railroad records. Led by Karen Portzer.

27 September, Thursday – SGS Board Meeting

3:00 – 5:00 pm at the SGS Library. SGS Members are welcome to attend.

29 September, Saturday – DNA Interest Group

10:00 am – 12:30 pm. Meets offsite at North Seattle Alliance Church, 2150 N 122nd, Rm. 210, Seattle, WA. \$5/year donation suggested for the 2012 meetings to help cover the cost of the meeting room. Co-Chairs: Cary Bright and Herb McDaniel. To be added to our email list for meeting announcements contact <sgsdnasig@gmail.com>.

29 September, Saturday – SGS General Membership Meeting

2:00 – 4:00 pm at the SGS Library. Plan to attend and hear the latest news about all the projects SGS is working on this fall; learn the results of the Financial Review Audit, find out what SGS needs help with, and meet fellow SGS members. Open discussion on growing our membership. Bring your ideas! Refreshments will be served.

OCTOBER 2012

2 October, Tuesday – “OneNote for Genealogists”

2:00 – 3:00 pm at the SGS Library. Learn to use this note taking software for genealogy. Presenter: Cary Bright.

6 October, Saturday – Canadian Interest Group

10:15 am – 12:15 pm at the SGS Library. Led by David Robert.

6 October, Saturday – “Evernote for Genealogists”

1:30 -3:00 pm at the SGS Library. Learn to use this note taking software for genealogy. Presenter: Dawn Bingaman.

7 October, Sunday – Library Work Day

10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the SGS Library. Here’s a great way to get to know fellow SGS members and to spend a couple of hours of your time volunteering to help inventory, price and get surplus books and journals ready for the SGS Book Sale at the October 20th Fall Seminar. Lunch and light supper will be provided. Please contact Michelle Khuon at <sgsvolunteers@gmail.com> if you are able to donate a couple of hours or more of your time on this day.

10 October, Wednesday – **Registration Deadline for SGS Fall Seminar**

For seminar details please go to <http://www.seattlegenalogicalsociety.org> or call the SGS office at 206-522-8658.

10 October, Wednesday – MAC Interest Group for MAC Users

7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Fiske Genealogical Library located at 1644 43rd Avenue East, Seattle 98112. Due to renovations, fall activities will be meeting in the main room of the Washington Pioneer Hall located immediately above the Fiske Library space. The group is led by Lou Daly and Diane Hettrick. More information is available at the Fiske Library’s website: <http://www.fiskelibrary.org> or call 206-328-2716.

13 October, Saturday – Religious Records Series: “Birth, Marriage, Death, Etc.”

10:15 am – 12:15 pm at the SGS Library. (This is #2 in the Religious Records Series.) Presenter: Ida Skarson McCormick.

16 October, Tuesday – Beginners Workshop: “Getting Started on Your Family History.” A repeat of the Sept. 16th class, for the very beginner.

1:00 to 3:00 pm at SGS.

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Calendar of Events, continued

20 October, Saturday – FALL SEMINAR: “Re-Search and Prove”

8:30 am – 4:00 pm, at North Seattle Alliance Church; 2150 North 122nd, Seattle, WA. Re-examine research strategies with fresh eyes to break through “brick walls” and find those elusive ancestors. Keynote speaker: Ginny Sommarstrom presents “FAN: Friends, Associates, and Neighbors”. Learn how to find them and see, through examples, how they can help your research. 3 tracks of 3 lectures each. For information on the seminar lectures, registration fees, the program schedule and ordering a box lunch go to <http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org>. You may also download a copy of the seminar brochure or call SGS at 206-522-8658 to request a brochure be mailed to you.

20 October, Saturday – SGS Library Closed due to Fall Seminar. Irish and German Interest Groups meeting on October 27th.

21 October, Sunday – FAN Panel – “Creating Research Reports in Genealogy Software”

2:00 – 4:00 pm at the SGS Library. FAN Family / Friends, Associates and Neighbors. Cluster technique for breaking through brick walls. Practical follow-up to yesterday’s keynote address at the Fall Seminar.

25 October, Thursday – SGS Board Meeting.

3:00 – 5:00 pm at the SGS Library. SGS members are welcome to attend.

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28 October, Sunday – SGS “All Hallows” Open House

12:00 noon – 5:00 pm, at the SGS Library. Come join us for cider and treats – costumes are welcome. We are noting the 320th anniversary of the infamous Salem Witch Trials of 1692. How did accusations of witchcraft affect our ancestors? Was the Devil in Massachusetts? At 1:00 pm SGS will feature a fascinating program on the persecution of witches as a social phenomenon – especially in Colonial America’s Puritan communities. Evil triumphs when good people do nothing. You will be surprised at some of the hidden stories behind the injustices in the Salem murders when neighbor accused neighbor. Presenter: Jean A. Roth, a direct descendant of Salem’s Putnam and Bachelor families who were active in Salem Trials and who has researched the topic for many years. SGS volunteers will help you look up your possible ancestral connections to Salem and beyond.

31 October, Wednesday – Halloween

10:00 am – 8:00 pm, the SGS Library is Open. Drop by and do some “digging” into your past – there are many secrets and surprises lurking within the SGS Library’s extensive collection just waiting to be discovered by you!

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3 November, Saturday – Canadian Interest Group

10:15 am – 12:15 pm, at the SGS Library. Led by David Robert.

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Calendar of Events, continued

3 November, Saturday – Workshop on German-Russian Research

1:00 – 5:00 pm at the SGS Library. The unique ethnic group known as “Germans from Russia” has a broad history from the 18th century migration from Germany to Russia’s Volga River Region at the invitation of the Empress Catherine the Great to the 19th century migration to Black Sea and Crimean settlements under Czar Alexander I, and the mass migrations to North and South America prior to the Russian Revolution and finally exile to Siberia in 1941 for those left behind. In 1991, the fall of the Soviet Union opened up exciting research possibilities once thought impossible to obtain. Presenters: Jean A. Roth, President, and Betty Schmoll, Genealogy Chairman, of the Greater Seattle Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. Free for SGS Members and only \$5.00 for non-members.

4 November, Sunday – “Tour of Suzzallo-Allen Library at the University of Washington”

1:00 – 3:00 pm, at the University of Washington. Pre-registration is required. More information will be provided directly to those who register to participate in this exciting tour. Tour leaders are Lisa Oberg and Amber Case. Please register by contacting Amber at SGSLibrary@gmail.com.

7 November, Wednesday – Brick Wall Panel

10:15 am – 12:15 pm, at the SGS Library. Get help with your research problems. First come, first served. Additional panelists always welcome!

10 November, Saturday – LDS Family History Expo

All day at the Redmond Stake Center, 10115 – 172nd Avenue NE, Redmond, WA. The Expo is free and open to the public. Many genealogy classes and exhibitors will make for an interesting day. Last year’s schedule of activities is available at <http://www.wafamilyhistory.net>.

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17 November, Saturday – Irish Interest Group

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17 November, Saturday – German Interest Group

1:00 – 3:00 pm at the SGS Library. A review of the pitfalls of German Family History research. Led by Jean Roth.

21 November, Wednesday at 3:00 pm – 26 November, Monday – SGS Library Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday. The SGS library will re-open on Tuesday, November 27th.

22 November, Thursday – Thanksgiving Day

22 November, Thursday – No SGS Board Meeting this month. Next Board meeting is 6 December, Thursday; 3:00-5:00 pm at the SGS Library.

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