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The 18th annual Kitsap Antique Show will return to the Kitsap Fairgrounds on February 23-24, 2019. Co-organized by the Puget Sound Genealogical Society and the Kitsap History Museum, this annual fund-raising event has grown to be one of the largest antique shows in the area and attracts a vast number of knowledgeable dealers and collectors from around the Northwest. The Antique Show begins on Saturday, February 23 with doors open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and continues Sunday, February 24, same times. Admission is just \$6 per person and those 12 and under are admitted for free. One of the highlights of the Antique Show is the opportunity to have a verbal appraisal of your treasures by one of the expert appraisers on hand. The fee for appraisals is \$5 per item. PSGS and the Kitsap Historical Society and Museum will host a food court again this year.

This two-day event will once again be held in the President's Hall at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds complex. As our only fundraiser, we count on this event to provide the funds necessary to bring in the many expert and engaging speakers for our classes and lectures.

I encourage you to volunteer to help during the show or just come and show your support! Volunteer opportunities include: greeters, cashiers, security, traffic control, floor assistants, set-up and clean-up crews. For more information, contact Peg Powell (antique-show@pusogensoc.org). Hope to see you there!

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Presidential Ponderings

by Jean Yager

Hello and Happy New Year! I am once again your President and pleased to say I am excited to work with a great slate of officers and committee chairpersons!

Your Education committee has been hard at work putting together a host of classes for 2019. To start, we have two Canadian Research classes (Jan 26th and Feb 5th) presented by our very own Elisabeth Demmon. One will be an Introduction to Canadian Genealogy and the other on Migration.

If you have been contemplating purchasing a genealogy software program, a representative from Family Tree Maker from Utah will be here on March 5th to share information about this product. You will also have the opportunity to purchase the program that day.

Several people commented on the feedback forms from the class "Facets of FamilySearch". They would have liked to have practiced the different techniques at that time. Your committee listened, and we are offering two hands-on sessions, Apr 2nd and May 7th. This will be limited to 15 people per class, hence the two dates.

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Genealogy Center Report

by Mary Ann Wright

Happy New Year!! We're looking forward to completing the review of our Genealogy Center collection this year. Our next meeting is January 24 at 10am in the Genealogy Center and we will be reviewing the North Central states (AL, TX, OK, KY, etc.). Please join us, especially if you have a research interest in those states.

We've also had some impressive donations. Many thanks to Jackie Horton who has donated several decades of the Connecticut Nutmegger, a periodical by the Connecticut Society of Genealogists and similar in format and content to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. Jackie also completed our collection on researching French-Canadian ancestors, by Gérard Lebel. Both of these donations are being processed and will appear on the shelving soon. We also acquired from the Timberland Regional Library a selection of bound

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Welcome to Puget Sound Genealogical Society's New Officers for 2019



From left to right...

Lisa Treiberg—Member at Large

Terry Mettling—Second Vice President

Sharon Overman—Secretary

Larry Harden—Treasurer

Heidi Ginder—First Vice President

Jean Yager—President

Our new officers were installed at the PSGS Christmas Party on December 6, 2018 by Mary Ann Wright, our out-going President.

PSGS CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 6, 2018



Bev and Alta get the beverage table ready for lunch



About 50 members and spouses joined us for a delicious pot-luck lunch



(See more Christmas Party pictures on page 8)

So many gifts ready for the Yankee Gift Exchange. Ann came back to keep us on track and make sure gifts were traded appropriately.



Putting Down Roots — Genealogy Sleuth, Melody Knight



I love a good mystery but I like it even more if it gets solved. A friend told me I was turning into a proper sleuth. Let me explain why she said that.

On this page there is a photo of my fraternal grandmother. I know her name and the name of her father because she said it in an almost sing-song way many times to me (and my sisters) as we were growing up. She said, “I’m Helmi Katerina Johan Tutta Toivola.” Johan Tutta meant John’s daughter. Tutta is spelled “Tytar” with dots over the a in the Eastern part of Finland.

When I started searching for my great grandparents I immediately hit a brick wall. I couldn’t find out anything about them! I had found out that my great grandfather’s name was Aku Asikainen. I thought his wife’s name was Nutaa Iisalmi. So when I looked closer at the top of each column on a ship mani-

fest, I discovered that instead it was where my great grandfather lived at the time my grandfather immigrated. So now I knew even less. Like many others, I was trying to make a “clean” tree like those on “Who Do You Think You Are?” or “Finding Your Roots.” You know where they go back through direct ancestors back many centuries. After going to many seminars and classes from PSGS I found out I had to have a “messy” tree to get some of the facts. I started looking at marriage licenses of my grandparents’ siblings because I could not find one for my grandparents. I struck gold! My great uncle Untti’s marriage license said that his parents were August Asikainen and his mother was Anna Tolonen. By finding my grandmother’s sister’s marriage license, I confirmed that her father was Juho Toivola and found out her mother’s name was Ida. However the last name is illegible.



Helmi (left)
with sister
Sena (right)

But none of these documents included any dates for them. Another brick wall comes when I find out that there are many people in Finland with the names August Asikainen, Anna Tolonen, and Juho/Johan Toivola with wives named Ida. I’m stuck again. The next thing I did was to find out as much as I could about people with these names and print out records or take notes on things.

Ancestry.com has been very helpful. I decided to use some of the information I can get from it in a different way. I printed out the trees of my closest DNA cousins that had one of the surnames of one of my four great grandparents in them and did surname searches on these and other names that seemed to reoccur in some of my DNA cousins trees, too. I had made a chart of surnames and marked how frequently these names occurred. Then I made charts of these relatives--making a little card of birth, marriage and death information for each and placing them in the decade they were born on the trees I started for each great grandparent. I found out where most of them lived before Ancestry gave us a new tool that tells us where our relatives come from!

After watching a podcast by Lisa Louise Cooke, I was inspired to use some other tools to find out more. She said to talk to all the living relatives—even track down where people live and to be brave and write or call them. At 74 I’m the oldest living relative on the Finnish side of my family in this country that I’m aware of, but I thought I would give it a try. My sister remembered that my grandma had a brother who supposedly moved to Canada to avoid the war, ended up a soldier there, and ended up dying in battle.

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Putting Down Roots—Melody Knight *(cont'd from page 4)*

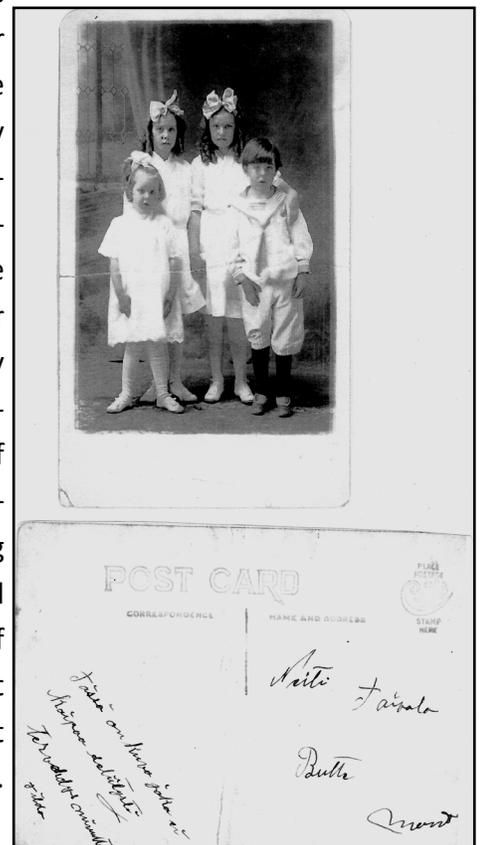
My other sister remembered that when we visited Wyoming, and were looking around Rock Springs, that my dad had said they lived for a short time in a smaller town called Quilly or Gunquilly. Even my husband remembered that my dad showed him a picture of a Finnish cousin he had been writing to but that he had died so he didn't have anyone to write to there anymore. I didn't know or didn't remember any of these things. I wracked my brain for some facts I might have forgotten. I remembered a conversation with my mom about why we visited one family so often. She told me that my dad was a cousin to the father in that family. So I wrote to libraries in Quilly and in Butte, Montana where my grandmother had lived and got nothing from one and a suggestion that I could give a donation to the library (even though they said they did a thorough search and found absolutely nothing). So, I'm still standing in front of a brick wall.

I went to that batch of pictures I inherited—you know, the ones with no names or dates on them, or that are wrongly labeled, some in languages you don't understand. What could I find out from them? Some of the photos were actually postcards that had been mailed. Sometimes there was an address and usually a name. When I looked at one I had seen many times I realized something. It was signed with the sign of the fish—denoting that she was expressing her Christian Faith. I was touched by this because it told me something about her I didn't know and because I also sign my name that way!

I thought about being brave and starting to contact some of my DNA cousins, but I didn't know if they would answer back. I saw a DNA cousin that had the same name as a good friend I had met in Botswana when we were both missionaries there. She is from Finland like my DNA cousin Netta. Netta is young so when she didn't answer me in about two weeks my hope was fading again. I even prayed, "Lord, if you don't want me to keep pursuing information about my

ancestors then please take this obsession away." The next morning I heard from Netta. She said Marja is my aunt! I was so excited! When I finally heard from Marja I said, "I wish I had you or some other Finnish friends to help me with the Finnish sites because I'm not able to read them and can't seem to find out anything"! Her E-mail blew me away. It said, "Guess what, I will be in Finland for a year-long furlough starting in July so please, please, please, please come and visit me here and I will help you with your research." What a blessing! We had attended and worked in the same church, lived in the same apartment building, and even went on vacations together not knowing there was any connection. Now I would be able to see her again, see several other missionaries, and visit where my ancestors lived while I'm there doing research. Marja Alastalo is having her DNA done, too. She says she won't get it until October 1st so I don't know if we are also related but I expect it is through her grandmother who was Helmi Ahola.

The next tasks I gave myself were to look for telephone numbers or addresses for that possible cousin from my hometown of Aberdeen, Washington and "be brave" and call or write to family members and also go in search of a letter I remembered seeing years ago. It had the name of someone I didn't know about but was from Canada.



Putting Down Roots—Melody Knight *(cont'd from page 5)*

Why were these particular cards and letters kept by my grandmother and later my dad? I wish I had learned the Finnish language as a child, I only learned a few words and phrases. Now I wanted to know everything each piece said. So I typed out the words, left space for translation and bought a dictionary. I figured out greetings, names, places, dates, and sometimes relationships. Some talked about illnesses, trips, and other information they wanted to tell either my grandfather or grandmother. But there is a lot I can't read, much less find the words for in the dictionary. I know the words for mother, sister, brother, aunt, and cousin when I see them now. But what about those without dates or relationship clues like this Christmas card? Who are Helmi, Olani, and Alexi? I did find another letter from Helmi talking about others but she is Helmi Toivola, too. She can't be a sister so is Olani her brother or uncle? Is Aleksi her nephew, or are they siblings or cousins living together?

On Monday, September 17th I had the good fortune of going to Seattle to the office of Kimberly Jacobs who is the Executive Director of The Swedish Finn Historical Society. I had booked time with her because I can do that twice a year as a member. She

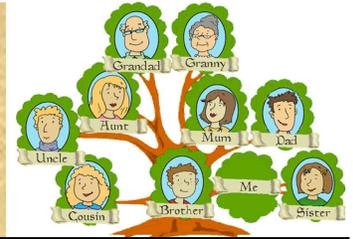
spent three hours with me looking at records. I fed her the information and she used her fantastic genealogy skills and wonderful sites (some the society has to pay for) and we struck gold! She found the dates for the marriage information for August Asikainen and Anna Tolonen, their middle names, their birth dates and some passport information. I was so excited! I could hardly wait until I got home so I could search what I had collected on their names to go further on my tree. Again I struck gold—With the middle name and birthdate I found August Asikainen's parents! I also found that the other information from that day gave me a strong possibility that I had already found my other great grandfather's parents. There is a Juho Toivala that has a date a few days from his but I suspect the difference is because one is the birth date and one is the baptism. So it looks like my brick wall is coming down brick by brick.

Wish me luck or say a prayer for me as I try to find some Finnish speakers who can translate all my pieces of mail, as I explore all the options offered to me before I go to Finland, and then explore everything in the Finnish language that my friends can help me with in Finland. Who knows what else I will find out!



Helmi Toivola

My Favorite Ancestor— Grandma Mimi by Diane Bertram



What Do Betty Crocker & Baby Face Nelson Have in Common? (My Grandmother) Marion Eleanor Swanson “Grandma Mimi” 1903 – 1986

Marion Swanson was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1903, the daughter of Swedish immigrants. She was the oldest of five children.



Marion Eleanor Swanson

Her father worked for the Northern Railroad in mail service. He was an experienced carpenter and built a beautiful Victorian style home complete with ponds and fountains where

she grew up in a quiet neighborhood in Minneapolis.

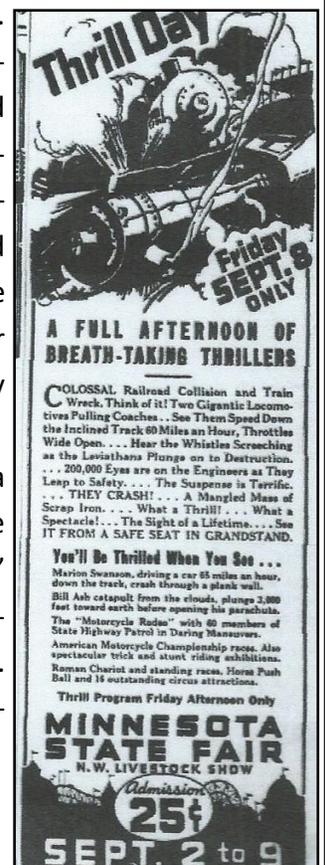
Although she never talked much about her early years growing up, – she more than made up for it with her colorful stories as a Flapper and her Death-

Defying feats as a Daredevil driver while traveling with the B. Ward Beam Thrill Show in the Midwest.

When I visualize someone’s grandmother, I envision a kind, gentle woman wearing an apron, baking cookies. I think the closest my grandmother ever came to baking cookies was during the winter when she took time-off from the thrill show circuit. During the winter, she worked for the Washburn-Crosby Company flour mill in Minneapolis. The Washburn-Crosby Company would later become General Mills. This was a flour mill comprised mostly of men with less than a handful of women working in the company’s small advertising department where, as the result of an advertising campaign, “Betty Crocker” was born. She was given the first name *Betty* because it sounded cheerful and the last name *Crocker* after the company director William G. Crocker. Because Betty Crocker did not exist they needed to create an image. My grandmother and a few of her female coworkers were asked to pose for portraits to create the famous image that later became known as “Betty Crocker”.

At seventeen, grandma ran away to ride a motorcycle in the famous “Wall of Death” and crash cars through burning walls of fire as one of B. Ward Beam’s famous Daredevil Champions.

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MY FAVORITE ANCESTOR Grandma Mimi *(cont'd from page 7)*

Being a very attractive, petite woman, only 5'2" with a friendly, outgoing personality, grandma never met a stranger. While touring in Wisconsin, she was introduced to a man named Les Gillis. She described him as being a gentleman who enjoyed dancing and a good drink.

It was during one of their evenings out together that Les enjoyed a few too many drinks and was unable to drive his car home to a nearby lodge where he was staying. Grandma was the only person he trusted to drive him home safely.

While driving his car, she noticed the sawed-off shotgun mounted underneath the steering wheel. This is when she remembered why her friend Les looked so familiar. She had seen his photo on wanted posters with the name "Baby Face Nelson".

Although I never learned how to bake cookies from my Grandma Mimi, she taught me how to dance a mean Charleston, find joy and purpose every day, and always relish the feeling of air sweeping through your hair on the back of a motorcycle.



MORE PICTURES FROM 2018 PSGS CHRISTMAS PARTY



Above: Mary Ann opens her gift from PSGS. Thank you for all you do.

Right: Hazel opens her Yankee Gift Exchange Present while Santa supervises.



Left: Set up is easier with many helpful hands, thank you Heidi, Barbara, and Kathy.

Below: The most popular and often exchanged Yankee Gift --- Wine!



Grandma's Kitchen—Recipes From the Past

Sharon Hornback



Grandma Smith made the best oatmeal biscuits. They were like breakfast and were a precursor to the current breakfast bars you buy in the store, but much tastier. They were also great because she shipped a lot of her baked items and these shipped easily without breaking.

My Aunt Bessie made them a lot, too. They were great to take out on the boat when we went fishing. We would stay at Bessie's house and get up about 3 am. After a quick, but small breakfast, we would take the boat to Puget Sound. You had to get up early to catch salmon. Not sure why it had to be 3 am, but it was my uncle Doug's boat, so we did what he said. We would take out a few oatmeal biscuits to eat when we got hungry on the boat. Cut them in half and fill with butter. If you are home, of course, you can warm them up.

Oatmeal Biscuits

- 1-1/2 C Oatmeal & 1-1/2 C Sour Milk *(let soak)
- Cream 1 C Sugar, 3/8 C Oleo, & 1 Egg
- Add to Oatmeal & Milk
- Mix 3/8C Sour Milk & 1/2 tsp Baking Soda (until it sounds hollow)
- Add alternately with Flour Mixture
- 2-1/2 C Flour, 1/2 tsp Cinnamon, 1/2 tsp Cloves, 1/2 tsp Salt—use spatula
- 1 C Raisins—coat with flour

Soft dough. Work in very small amount of flour on wax paper to hold shape. Cut in pie shape and put in about three small greased cake pans. Bake at 400 degrees for 15—25 minutes.

*Sour Milk=Buttermilk

Lots of fish. It did pay to get up at 3 am. One morning's catch in the early 70s with my girls, Jeni and Kim



Reminder —

Have you paid your 2019 Puget Sound Genealogy Society dues yet? Dues are \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for a family in the same household. Applications can be found on the members page at www.pusogensoc.org or in the Genealogy Center in the library.

Thank you for your support.



A Look Back...



at the past three months of programs presented by PSGS

October 24, 2018 "ON LORRIE ANN'S HONOR"

Presenter: Lorrie Ann Scott

Lorrie talked to us about DNA results. We learned how the result from a DNA test answered a family mystery.



November 14, 2018 "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER"

Presenters: Fred Gilbert and Doug Nelson

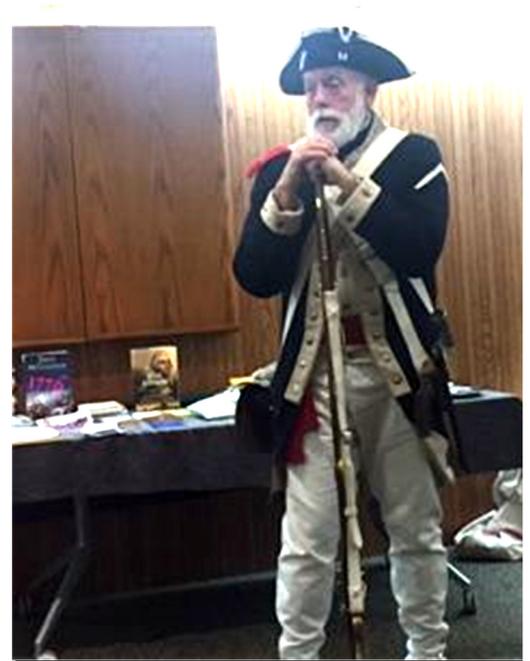
The two presenters are from the Sons of the American Revolution. They shared what information is necessary to become a member of SAR. If an ancestor paid tax to support the continental army, they supported the American Revolution and this could qualify you to become a member. They came in costume and brought many accessories to show us what clothes the soldiers wore. They demonstrated the use of muskets and shared that soldiers did not throw tomahawks. They needed to hold onto them. Soldiers needed two opposing teeth in order to load their muskets. Many of our everyday sayings came from the Revolutionary War such as: sleep tight (tighten the ropes in your bed); flash in the pan (refers to the musket); and lock, stock & barrel (another reference to loading the musket).



Fred Gilbert & Doug Nelson in full dress



Fred Gilbert demonstrates use of a tomahawk



Fred Gilbert with his musket

December 6, 2018

PSGS CHRISTMAS PARTY

All those who attended the party had a super time. We were glad that everyone was able to come and enjoy themselves. Great food and awesome time with members and friends. Thank you all for coming. Be sure and check out the pictures on pages 3 and 8.



Looking Forward...

at the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

January 23, 2019 **Discovering Your Family History with MyHeritage's Unique Technologies** Webinar presentation: Daniel Horowitz

Learn about the seven powerful technologies at MyHeritage designed to help you discover your family history.

February 27, 2019 **Using the Washington State Archives**

The Washington State Archives is a wealth of information about our state. Join us as an archivist discusses collections and services.

March 27, 2019 **Research Techniques for Genealogists** presenter: Winona Laird

A good research plan is a way to stay focused and keep your genealogy goals in sight. Discussion will include helpful hints for unpuzzling your family tree as in recording common surnames, nicknames, and spelling variation. Multiple research options will be shared.

Schedule of Classes — January to March

Jan 26	Saturday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Introduction to Canadian Genealogy Presenter: Elisabeth Demmon
Feb 5	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Canadian Genealogy: Migration Presenter: Elisabeth Demmon
Feb 23/24	Saturday & Sunday	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Antique Show at President's Hall, Fairgrounds
Mar 2	Saturday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Discovering Your Ancestors: Series II <i>(The research process and county and family histories.)</i> Presenter: Janet Camarata
Mar 5	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Discover Family Tree Maker Presenter: Mark Olsen
Mar 23	Saturday	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Discovering Your Ancestors: Series II <i>(On-site research planning, maps, atlases and gazetteers.)</i> Presenter: Janet Camarata

All classes are held in the Heninger Room, Sylvan Way,
1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton

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Bobbi Klippert

I started my genealogy research after my mother was doing research on her family and my dad's family. They are very large families, so there was a lot of information to be gathered. She worked on the research using regular mail, typewritten letters, and a poor copy machine. Since she was working on those families, I started on my husband's family. His father emigrated to the United States from the Volga area of Russia, while his mother's family left the Volga area going to Canada. I got the information that I could from people here in the United States and realized I would not be able to get more without a very expensive request to someone in Russia.

After my mother died, I inherited all her papers. Piles and piles of paper. I have been entering everything into the computer, double checking all the papers with information on them to see if I had the same information about these many, many families. My cousin, Janell, and I have been to Salt Lake City several times and I have found where my great-great grandparents come from in Ireland.

I joined PSGS after attending a few of the great classes that they sponsor. I have enjoyed meeting so many really nice people in this group.

I go to Salt Lake City with a group from PSGS. I work at the genealogy center once or twice a month depending on our travel schedule. I also am taking part in the genealogy collection committee that is sorting through all the books and magazines in the genealogy library.

I am researching my mother's families: Dooley, Powers, Foran and OConnor. They all came from Ireland in the mid 1880s settling in Canada, then Iowa and finally Nebraska.

I am also looking at my father's families: Munns, Dodson, Patterson, and Goble who came from New Jersey,

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Side By Side



Janell Crumpacker

It seems I have always had an interest in my family history. I remember, as a child, asking my dad, "where did we come from and what nationality are we?" He would just smile and say, "We are Heinz 57—mixed up Americans". It wasn't until I was in my 30s that I got "bitten" by the genealogy bug. My Aunt Irene, Bobbi's mother, is the one who got me started doing genealogy. Back then she did everything by snail mail, handwriting, and using a typewriter. Thanks to her, I have found my Revolutionary War Patriot, joined the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, PSGS, and the Olympia Genealogy Society.

As I have heard many times, Genealogy is a hobby that quickly turns into an Obsession.

Bobbi Klippert, a member of PSGS told me about classes the PSGS was offering. I decided to make the trip to Bremerton from my home in Olympia, and again I was "hooked". The members of PSGS are so friendly and helpful, so I joined PSGS about three years ago.

I still have more than a few ancestors that I would like to prove as Revolutionary War Patriots. Finding the missing links to connect them is one of my goals. My father's grandfather came to the United States from Ireland in 1853 and I would love to find out more about that family's roots.

Of course, I am always adding new family names to my list as my research takes me in different directions. To name a few: Munns, Keeney, Goble, Pearsall, Watt, Folks, Hopkins, Dodson, and Patterson. I have ancestors from New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, and Missouri that I want to research.

I attend PSGS meetings and classes and am part of the PSGS trip to Salt Lake City. When I first became a member, I provided a short story about my great-grandmother's covered wagon trip from Missouri to the Washington Territory in 1864.

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Bobbi Klippert (cont'd from page 12)

Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas and then on to Washington.

My husband's job brought us to Kitsap County. We have lived in Bremerton for 46 years. My husband, Stan, and I have two sons who went through Bremerton Schools. We now have four grandchildren. I worked for the Bremerton School District as a paraeducator for 12 years while completing my education degree. I continued working for Bremerton for another 15 years as a special education teacher in the elementary schools and have been retired for 10 years.

My cousin, Janell, and I have found one ancestor who was involved in the American Revolution and qualified us to join Daughters of the American Revolution. My goal is to find at least one more patriot through my father's family. Another goal is to find out more about where my mother's ancestors came from in Ireland and to visit those places.

Janelle Crumpacker (cont'd from page 12)

I was born in Walla Walla, Washington and spent my early years there before moving to the western side of Washington State. Most of my growing up years were spent in Vancouver, Washington where I attended elementary, Junior high, and high school.

I graduated from Fort Vancouver High School and attended business college in Portland, Oregon. My professional career was working in Information Technology. I started my career as a key punch operator and over the years, worked my way up to senior programmer analyst. I worked for several private companies before moving to the public sector in 2006. I retired from the Dept. of Enterprise Service, Washington State in 2012. I currently live in Olympia, Washington. My connection to Kitsap County is through my cousin, Bobbi Klippert.

Instructional Opportunity....

A Winter of DNA eConference on January 26th

9am Central Time—7am Pacific Time

Speakers and topics will include:

Tim Janzen—Maximizing Your Use of GEDmatch

Richard Hill—Finding Family with DNA Testing: A Genetic Detective Story

Andy Lee—DNA Tree Building: What to Do When GEDmatch Matches Don't Respond

Maurice Gleeson—Using Y-DNA in Your Family Tree Research

A final panel discussion will end the day. All registrants will be able to view the conference for 30 days. Register and get your questions answered by some of the most popular genetic genealogy educators! Presentations are live, not pre-recorded, and you can ask questions throughout.

Price is only \$19.99 until January 18 and then it will be \$24.99. Also, there will be DNA kits and other stuff as door prizes that will be given away. You don't have to be present to win, but you do have to register.

More information is available on the website: <http://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/winterdna>

Bob Howard's

South Kitsap's Happenings

Our meetings in October and November were basically Open Forum. There are usually six to eight members in attendance. Everyone is welcome. The more people that attend, the more ideas and suggestions may be available to help all of us. Due to our individual search experiences, new ideas and methods are found to help us all. This consists of helping each other with help in finding ways to research our brick wall ancestors.

Among topics has been the hiring of a professional genealogist. This has been successful for several of us. Claudia Breland was a great help for Margaret Howard coming up with solutions we otherwise had not thought of. Claudia's newsletter also gives helpful suggestions.

Heidi Ginder leads much of the research using Ancestry and Family Search. As we search for answers for one person's problem, how we find it may show a road that will help someone else. More than one person looking at the screen helps see things that are missed by others. We found leads to ancestors for Bev Greene, Melody Knight and Randy Kessler.

Bob and Margaret Howard talked about their visit to the new Nordic Museum in Ballard. There has been a Nordic Museum in Ballard for many years. It had been in an old school. On May 5th a beautiful new home was opened. It has artifacts from Finland, Norway and Sweden plus special exhibits. There is a large library there though I don't know just what the library access procedures are. It could be a source of genealogy information. It opens at 10:00 in the morning Tuesday through Sunday. It is close to the Ballard Locks.

No meeting was held in December as that was the day of the PSGS Christmas dinner.

Our meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the Church of Christ on Carr Rd., which is off of Salmonberry. Entry is through the basement door at the corner as you approach the church.

Bob Howard

Gail Reynolds'

Belfair Bulletin

Hello Genealogy Researchers – Happy New Year!

I know you are used to the quick repartee of Gail, but she is recovering from her surgery. She is doing well and the doctor says she is right on schedule. Gail is looking forward to joining the group in Salt Lake City in February. In the meantime... Here is a quick rundown of what is or isn't happening in the Belfair Chapter.

November 2018—was the Christmas Party, which included food and fun. Madi was out of town so there was no meeting or elections.

December 2018—there was no meeting due to the PSGS Christmas Party.

January 2019—there was no meeting.

February 2019—five members will be in Salt Lake City so the meeting will be cancelled.

March 2019—the program has not been decided as yet. The date is Wednesday, March 6 in the Belfair Library at 1:00 p.m. As usual, everyone is always invited to attend any and all of our meetings.

Reported by Gail Reynolds
Via Sharon Hornback

Presidential Ponderings

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The Genealogy Series I was such a success that we have asked Janet Camarata to return and continue her Genealogy Series (II and III).

For more detailed information on these classes and more offerings, check out the Education section on our website www.pusogensoc.org, the Genealogy Center or KRL's Inspire Magazine.

Genealogy Center Report

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periodicals covering several states during specific time periods. These periodicals are now on the shelving under the window. Stop by the Genealogy Center to see if "your" state of interest is among them.

And, last but not least, welcome to our newest GC Volunteer, Janet Ravenkamp! Let me know if YOU are ready to join our volunteer team.



Read the article on page 1 for detailed information on our exciting Antique Show!

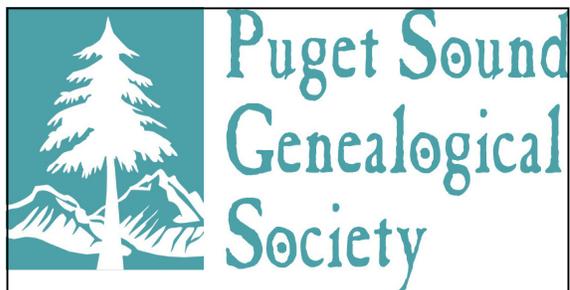
Opportunities

Genealogy Center Volunteers NEEDED!

Curious about what resources might be available in the Genealogy Center to help you in your research? How about wanting a few hours of quiet time to explore the new FamilySearch digitized records and images only available at Sylvan Way? Then being a GC Volunteer is the perfect answer to these questions!

Please sign up to volunteer. For more information, contact:

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