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## KITSAP ANTIQUE SHOW

### Be There or Be Square\*

What: **25th Annual Kitsap Antique Show**

Where: **President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds**

When: **Friday, Oct. 28; Saturday, Oct. 29; Sunday, Oct. 30**

Why: **Because we need you!**

Who: **YOU, yes you!**

On Friday, the dealers will be checking in and setting up. We need people to help them find their spot. They also may need help moving and carrying things. We facilitate getting carts when they need them.

On Saturday and Sunday, there are several ways to help. We need cashiers, assistants, dealer assistants...

Please think about helping at the show. Don't forget to invite all your friends!



\*It's used to encourage someone to attend a happening or to show up where they're invited. The origin of "be there or be square" appears to be **the jazz scene of the 1940s**. It derives from the slang use of the word square, meaning conservative or conventional. Sep 16, 2020. The Word Counter

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## Presidential Ponderings

by Jean Yager

2023 is just around the corner!! Planning for upcoming classes and programs are underway. Starting in January, Janet O'Connor Camarata has agreed to teach her "Discovering Your Ancestor" series again beginning with Series I. This is a beginner's series for those starting their genealogy journey and for those that want to brush-up on their skills. Topics include: basic forms, citing sources, keeping journals, researching vital records, census records, newspapers, cemeteries and more. Dates to be determined so be sure to check your email when PSGS is in the subject line.

Input for future classes, programs, or SIGs are always appreciated. Email your suggestions to [psgsociety1301@gmail.com](mailto:psgsociety1301@gmail.com).

The Ancestry SIG will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 10:30am-12:30pm. This SIG is open to any genealogical subject. For instance, if you have a brick wall you want help on, questions about DNA or a software program (such as Family Tree Maker) or want to share a program you're using, then this is the group for you. There is no agenda, just come and meet with those who have the same passion as you.....genealogy!!

## Genealogy Center Report

by Elisabeth Demmon

The Genealogy Center has now been open for three months and there has been a total of 77 visitors up to the end of September! My thanks to all the wonderful members of the PSGS who have and will continue to volunteer their time to keep the Center open. You are providing invaluable help and resources to those who are researching their family history.

Sincerely, Elisabeth Demmon, KRL Liaison to the PSGS.

## Bethel Cemetery

by Jen Taylor

Jen is the caretaker of Bethel Cemetery at Grace Bible Church in Port Orchard. If anyone would like to visit or come help on a work day or learn cemetery preservation techniques from her friend Mick Hersey, Jen would love to show you around. Workdays coming up are Oct 28 and 29, from 8 am to noon. The Navy and the Elizabeth Ellington Chapter of DAR are very involved in helping so it should be a "many hands, light work" set of days.

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# Kathleen Haugaboo Disappears in the Haugabook Swamp— A Mystery

by Melody Knight

Verifying or busting family lore is more difficult than we might think. But with the right records or family memories written down, we can piece the real story together! I was able to sort out the following story as only partly true!

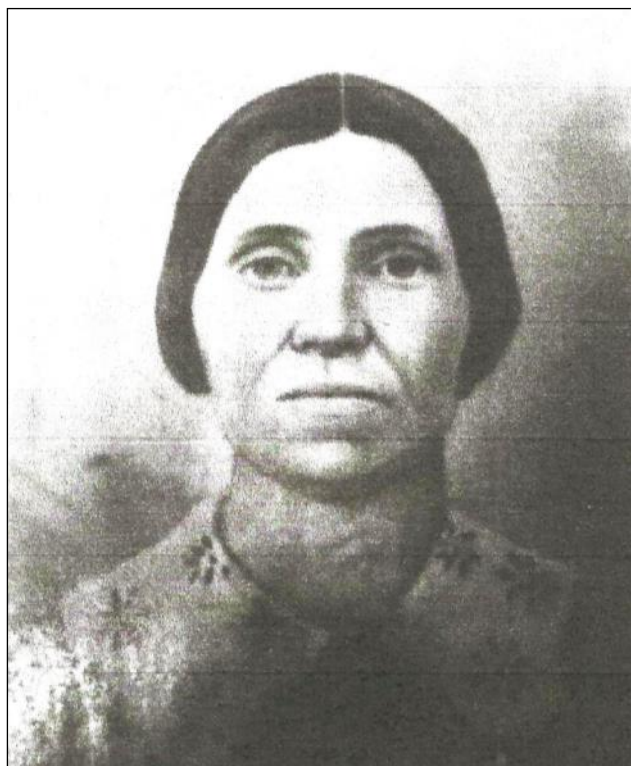
My husband's father had told us the old family story this way: *"One night, Mary Haugaboo, a native American relative, was walking through the Haugabook Swamp. We don't know why, but she was carrying the deed to all the land that the family owned. Nobody knows what happened but she was probably beaten and killed because she was never heard of again! They never found her or the missing deed to all the family land."*

This story may have been told as a way to explain how the family ended up without any land to speak of. But there are holes in this story. According to historical records and other family stories, the land was originally inhabited by Native Americans. They were a Sioux tribe called the Congaree (meaning "people of the meeting waters"). They had moved across the river out of the area before any white settlers came there. Local records show that the land had been set aside for people seeking religious freedom by Queen Anne. The first official owners of the land were German, Dutch, and Swiss Lutherans. The area was originally called "Saxa Gotha" but later called Lexington in S.C.

Lets go over this--one part at a time. The Haugabook Swamp was named after a prominent family with the surname Haugabook. Members of this family were among the first owners of the land in this area and are members of my husband's extended family. The Haugabook family and the other German, Swiss and Dutch families had ended up in Lunenburg County, Virginia and came there in search of reli-

gious freedom. Many of these people moved together from that same county—probably because of their similar religious beliefs and languages allowing them to communicate meaningfully.

The woman in the story was one of the children of Jacob "John" Haugabook who owned 800 acres of land. His will divided up the land equally between his 8 children—each got 100 acres! Although there was



Kathleen Haugabook/Hagabook/Haugaboo

a Mary Haugaboo or Haugabook, she was not the one who disappeared. She was her sister. The real person was Kathleen and did not have any Native American ancestry as far as we can determine.

Next we try to figure out who this Haugabook person was. I found records about a woman with the Haugabook name. Kathleen Webait/Webert/Wubort Haugabook was born in Sandy Run, Lexington, SC

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## A Mystery

by Melody Knight (cont'd from page 3)

in about 1787-1800 and died in 1876 (at the time the elderly lady disappeared). But there is a lot of mystery surrounding the family and the incident causing the family story.

Robert Weibait Haugabook and Kathleen Webait/Webert/Wubort Haugabook (often called "Miss") seem to be brother and sister according to one census. They are listed as the children of Jacob John Haugabook and Harriet Keigler. An accurate name and birthday seem to be elusive for her as they vary on different documents. Robert's birth year is always 1800. In her will she lists her daughter, Caroline Haugabook, as the sole recipient of her will. In Caroline Ann Haugabook's records (birth certificate and death certificate) her parents are listed as Robert and Katherine Webert Haugabook.

The reason that it is a problem is that in one census Miss Webert is listed as head of household (and has a child listed ) and Robert is not listed. (Was he serving in the military or working elsewhere?) In another census Kathleen Webert Haugabook, Carolyn Haugabook, and Robert Haugabook are also listed. Sometime later Robert appears in a census with Caroline's family without Kathleen Webait. Is he there sometimes because she was single, or a widow, and needed help or is he both her brother and fathered the child? Who knows at this point! It is not clear!

What are the facts about the deed to the land? John Haugabook left the 800 acres he owned in South Carolina equally to his 8 children. Each was to get 100 acres. There was a reason that some members of the Haugabook family no longer owned the land. At some point the Haugabook Swamp had a lot of flooding taking place. There are records showing that several family members or friends, who owned land in the area, sold their

pieces of the property because it had become uninhabitable. Many of these families actually moved to Georgia (mostly to Macon County). But Kathleen still owned her land.

In one census I found Kathleen Webait Haugabook living with a family I was unfamiliar with and not with her own child Carolyn. Could they have been distant relatives? Another reason may have been that Carolyn may not have been able to care for Kathleen. My guess is that the other family took care of her because Caroline was working so she paid them to board her, Kathleen was helping them with housework or childcare, they had more experience in taking care of the elderly, or that they may also have had experience dealing with elderly people who had dementia or mental problems. Some family stories I read call Kathleen "crazy" or "demented" when they tell the story of her demise.

Some stories say that Kathleen went into the swamp because she knew the swamp like the back of her hand, wasn't afraid, walking there was something she did all the time, and that she was

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A Swamp in the South

## A Mystery

by Melody Knight (cont'd from page 4)

going to see friends or even pick-up rent money. Another write-up said that she thought she knew the way to the store and was on her way to buy some new shoes but got lost on the way.

My version of the story, after reading many stories and records, is as follows:

"In the winter of 1876 Kathleen Webait Haugabook, a citizen of the Sandy Run Community (who was of German and Swiss descent) set out with her mission for the day but never reached her destination. She may have had a little money with her but did not have any deed to property with her. We do not know what happened to her. Her body was never found. The Haugabook Swamp, like other swampy areas, probably had lots of wild animals. It is possible an alligator, for example, could easily overcome and dispose of an elderly woman or she could have accidentally fallen into a deep watery

area! Neither of these would be much of a surprise!"

Before Kathleen died, the 1860 census shows Robert Webait (Carl Knight's 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather) living with Caroline's family but Kathleen was not listed there! After Robert died, Kathleen (Carl's 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandmother) was listed on the 1870 census with Caroline Ann Haugabook (Carl's 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandmother) and Joseph Benjamin Knight (Carl's 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandfather). Kathleen left everything to her daughter Caroline Haugabook Knight—land, cattle, horses, pigs, and everything else! But all of this does not really answer the question of her (or Kathleen's) parentage and Caroline's. So some mysteries stay mysterious. But at least I found some real facts and busted some myths!

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN THE GC!

Can you spare 4 hours a month? Can you spend that 4 hours in the Genealogy Center at the Sylvan Way Branch of KRL? Can you point patrons in the right direction to find books, periodicals, computer programs to enhance their genealogical search for family? Would you like free access to Fold 3 Military Research? Would you like access to enhanced Family Search Records (more than you can access from home because we are an affiliate library)?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, please contact Sharon Hornback at [sharonhornback@comcast.net](mailto:sharonhornback@comcast.net) and let her know

you are interested. There is a training process each volunteer goes through. Two parts (COVID training and Safety Training) are given by KRL personnel. Sharon will do the actual volunteer training and get you familiar with the GC.

When there are no patrons in the GC, feel free to do your own research. PSGS is allowed to use the space in the library for all our classes and meetings. In return, we keep the GC area open for patrons interested in Genealogy. We need your help to keep this space open.

Thank you for helping out with 4 hours a month!



## Looking Forward...

to the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

### **October 26, 2022      Courthouse Records in Colonial Virginia - Order, Deed, & Will Books**

Records from Virginia courthouses are some of the nation's oldest written treasures. The Order, Deed, and Will books were microfilmed for most Virginia counties, but were not widely accessible. Today, these have been scanned and are now online. They create an amazing written tapestry for those researching in the colonial era.

### **November 16, 2022      Megan Churchwell: Military Records for Genealogy Research**

Uncover your sailors story through military records. Learn about researching military service records, with a focus on records available from the National Archives.

### **December, 2022      NO PROGRAM IN DECEMBER**

Stay tuned regarding a possible Christmas party in December.

## Schedule of Classes — November to December 2022

### **Discovering Your Ancestor - Series V - presented by Janet O'Connor Camarata**

This unique series started in September, but join in any time! Janet will be helping to solve genealogical challenges. Many members already submitted their questions, providing as much information (i.e., birth, marriage, death dates and places) on a couple. Janet will apply research tools and techniques, utilize websites, search methods, limitations with website research and more. Problem-solving varies week to week as Janet addresses one couple each week. Janet prefers to stay within the United States, but can help with Germany, Great Britain, and Italy. An email blast to PSGS members was sent out the first part of September with a handout to capture information Janet needs to process participants requests. The dates left in this series are Nov 5 and 19 and Dec 3 from 10:30am to 12:30pm. All classes will be Hybrid.

**Class Invite/Link is sent out two days before class.**

**No registration is required, however in-person class count is limited.**

**Please RSVP to [psgsociety1301@gmail.com](mailto:psgsociety1301@gmail.com)  
if you plan to attend in person in the Heninger room**



Janet O'Connor Camarata

## Annual Salt Lake City Genealogy Trip is BACK ON!

Yes, we are once again planning a trip to the Salt Lake City Family History Library, March 12 – March 19, 2023! Come and join us as we explore the largest repository of genealogical records in the world – free to the public! Check out the library's website for more information at: <https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library>

Please use the information below when calling to make your hotel reservations.

Hotel: Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square

122 West South Temple, Salt Lake City UT 84101

Reservation POC: Richard Williams, Director of Sales & Marketing, 801-606-2410

Reservation Group Code: Puget Sound

Group Rates: Standard Double Queen - \$98 plus taxes; Deluxe Double Queen - \$108 plus taxes.

Please be prepared to provide your credit card information to guarantee reservations. The guest room block will be held until 2/10/2023,

which is 30 days prior to arrival or until such time as the block has been filled. Any sleeping rooms not reserved by the cut-off date shall be released by the HOTEL for sale to the public.

Once your reservations have been made, please notify Diane Howell Evans of your travel arrangements and arrival/departure dates so a group travel list can be created and she can ensure your safe arrival. Diane can be contacted by e-mail at [DEvansAVA@aol.com](mailto:DEvansAVA@aol.com) or by phone at

(360)830-4398 or  
(360)900-8681.



## NEW OFFICERS ELECTIONS FOR PSGS 2023

Elections will be held at our Annual Business Meeting, October 26, 2022. Your vote is important. The business meeting will begin at 2 pm. This portion of the meeting will be via Zoom as well as in-person.

The slate of officers put forth by our Nominating Committee (Audrey Harris and Alta Drane) is listed below.

President	Jean Yager
1st Vice President	Charles Treiberg
2nd Vice President	Heidi Ginder
Secretary	Mahala Henry
Treasurer	Larry Harden
Member at Large	Lisa Treiberg



Thank you for attending and making your vote count!



## THANKSGIVING MEMORIES PAST AND FUTURE

Are you looking forward to a Thanksgiving feast in November? Are you hosting or attending a large family gathering, or maybe an intimate dinner for just your immediate family? Whatever your plans, it is a great opportunity to collect or update some of those family stories. You can add these to your collection and write an article for the Backtracker. Think of how many stories we could have in 2023!

Recently, members were asked to share their favorite part of Thanksgiving dinner. Thirty-one members responded. Wow! Some even shared a second choice as well. We are definitely a “carb loving” bunch as eleven people listed their favorite as stuffing/dressing.

Now for an answer to the age old question—which is it, stuffing or dressing? In my family it was always called stuffing. Here is the definitive answer according to Google. In New England, it is called

stuffing. In the South it is called dressing. A binder is often used such as eggs, but you can use stock, fruit juice or wine. The last option sounds good to me. Stuffing is cooked inside the turkey while dressing is cooked along side the turkey.

Look below to see the favorite dishes of our members.



## MEMBERS' FAVORITE THANKSGIVING DISHES

Dressing was a favorite of Nancy S. with gravy. Bob D., Bob, Yolanda, Elisabeth, Sharon J., and Mike like stuffing. Charles likes a good sausage dressing while Lisa likes a recipe from a box. Vickie likes giblet dressing and Cecilia likes an interesting stuffing. Jean likes her stuffing from the turkey. Sweet potatoes are a favorite of Mary Lou and Diane likes candied yams. Mike enjoys a sweet potato soufflé or an apple sweet potato bake. Theresa, Gwen, and Liz like the turkey and Peg is partial to the turkey skin. Shannon likes a turkey sandwich\* made in her aunt's kitchen after dinner. Sharon hasn't had enough carbs on Thanksgiving so she likes a sandwich with stuffing sliced next to the bread of her turkey sandwich. Green bean casserole\* (family recipe

version) is a favorite of Kathy D. and Peg's second choice is the casserole. Audrey likes a boil mash veggie\* she learned about in Londonderry. Cranberry relish is a favorite of Mike and Lisa likes it if it is home made while Bryan W. likes his family's home-made cranberry maple sauce\*. Lynda likes fruit salad, Jen likes her mom's cranberry salad and Hazel enjoys corn pudding. Members didn't forget dessert. Pumpkin pie is favored by Nancy M., Tamma, and Melva. Jane is partial to her daughter's pecan pie, and Liz tempted us with a pecan macadamia pie.

Look at the following page. Items with an asterisk have a recipe or back story added to them.



## A FEW RECIPES FROM MEMBERS' FAVORITE DISHES



### GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE FROM KATHY

My favorite Thanksgiving dish is our family's version of Green Bean Casserole. The sauce is a mix of onions sautéed in butter, flour, salt, pepper and sour cream. This is mixed with an appropriate amount of French style green beans, place in a casserole dish with shredded cheddar cheese on the top and baked.

### VEGETABLE MASH FROM AUDREY

Many years ago we lived in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. While there a lovely Irish woman gave me a recipe for turnips, parsnips and carrots. Boil the vegetables until soft. Mash all together. Add salt, pepper and butter. Serve hot/warm and enjoy.

### SANDWICH BACKSTORY FROM SHANNON

Since I've been a little girl, Thanksgiving has always been at my aunt & uncle's house. My mom's mom died when she and her three brothers were in their early twenties and just beginning their own families. My aunt & uncle (my mom's older brother) had just purchased their first home, an old farmhouse in the heart of the Puyallup Valley. So, they got my grandparents' dining room table set with the understanding that they would host the family Thanksgiving dinner every year. I am fortunate to have celebrated Thanksgiving with my aunts, uncles and cousins my whole life. Dinner is in the early afternoon and after we all pitch in to clear the table and do all the dishes we play card games, watch football on TV, and/or play out in the yard if the weather is decent. We are there all day and into the evening. Naturally, after several hours of this we are hungry - particularly during our teen years :). We would wander into my aunt's very cozy country kitchen and make our turkey sandwich with the leftovers from dinner. To me, that has always been the best "dish" at Thanksgiving.

### HOMEMADE CRANBERRY MAPLE SAUCE FROM BRYAN

Cranberry Sauce Ingredients: 12 oz. fresh cranberries,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup pure maple syrup, 1 cup apple cider, 1 large apple, peeled & shredded, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped walnuts

Directions 1. Combine cranberries, maple syrup and apple cider in a saucepan and bring to a boil. 2. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, about 15 minutes until cranberries burst and sauce is thick and chunky. 3. Remove from heat and stir in apple. Chill sauce until cool and top with walnuts.

This can be eaten straight out of the bowl, on toast like jam, or maybe even over ice cream!



# October is Family History Month

## When and Why PSGS Members came to Kitsap County

A request went out to find out more about our members and how and why they came to settle on the beautiful Kitsap Peninsula. Since this is Family History Month, it seemed a perfect time to get some background.

I am pleased to say that we heard from a good representation of PSGS and have a wide range of re-

sponses. However, I don't have room for all of them in this issue. Next issue we will share more stories from our members. It feels so good to be able to say we have too many stories for one issue. Thank you all. If you don't see your information today, look at our January-March 2023 issue.

Bryan has lived in Kitsap County for 8 years. He came from hot and humid Venice, Florida to retire. Our climate is more suited to his retirement comfort. He has lived in five cities. Bryan is excited to have recently discovered two descendants with a fascinating history!

- William Brewster, my 12-times great grandfather on my father's mother's side:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Brewster\\_\(Mayflower\\_passenger\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Brewster_(Mayflower_passenger))
- Simon P. Cameron, my great-great-grand-uncle on my Mother's side!  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simon\\_Cameron](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simon_Cameron)

Gwen and her husband, Bob, have lived in Kitsap County for 34 years. However, they also lived in Washington for 2 years in the late 70s, early 80s, so 36 years total. They arrived here via Vallejo, California due to the Navy relocation process. Gwen has lived in 12 different cities including one overseas. Since both her dad and husband served in the Navy, she has moved quite a bit. Bob has also lived in 12 cities.

Bob H. has lived in Kitsap County (first in Port Orchard for 15 years and then for 32 years in Olalla) for 47 years. Before moving here he lived in Kailua, Hawaii.

Bob came to Kitsap County to work at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard transferring here from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. He met his wife, Margaret, while in the Army stationed at Fort Lewis. She lived in Auburn. Margaret was coming here to the Northwest every summer to visit family so he decided to transfer here.

Shannon has lived in Kitsap County for the past 24 years. Before coming to Kitsap County she was living in Wenatchee. Shannon grew up in the Edgewood area, graduating from Fife High School. She came to Kitsap County because of her husband. He was born and raised in Port Orchard and was living here when they met. When they got married she then moved here. She has lived in a total of seven cities: Edgewood, Bellingham, Spokane, Cheney, Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, and Port Orchard. Fun fact: Shannon has never lived outside of Washington State.

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## When and Why PSGS Members came to Kitsap County

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Nancy said this is the 2nd time she's lived in Kitsap County. "We moved here in 1989 and stayed for 21 years before moving to the Midwest. Prior to that we lived in North Bend/Coos Bay, OR. We came here due to a job change. In May of 2020 we retired and moved back here again."

All told, Nancy has lived in Atlanta, Memphis, North Bend/Coos Bay, OR, rural Nebraska, Vallejo, CA (Bay Area) and now she is back home in Kitsap County, hopefully to stay!

Jeanne has lived in Kitsap County for 36 years. Before Kitsap County, Jeanne and her family lived in Guam. They were brought to Kitsap County, because her husband was in the Navy and this was his last duty station. Jeanne has lived in five cities in the states of Utah, Texas, Florida, and Washington. They also lived in four cities in three countries, Italy/Sardinia, Japan, and Guam.

Because Jeanne's husband was in the Navy they were able to live overseas and see different parts of the world, but the USA is still the best place to her. "Of course, there have been a lot of changes in the countries we were able to live/visit, since it was before we moved to Washington. Things may have changed a great deal throughout the world and many of the countries have caught up or even passed us. We probably wouldn't recognize where we lived overseas or even in the states, but that is progress. I look around here and it has changed a lot in 36 years."

Diane has been in Kitsap County for four years. Most recently she was in Alexandria, VA. Retirement brought her to Seabeck in Kitsap County. Diane has lived in 15 cities including: Litchfield, MI; South Bend, IN; Marion, IN; Cleveland, OH; Spring Arbor, MI; Escanaba, MI; Big Bay, MI; Marquette, MI; Mineral Wells, TX; Hampton, VA; Traverse City, MI; Berlin, Germany; Arlington, VA; Alexandria, VA, and now...Seabeck, WA.

Melva is a native of Kitsap County since she was born and raised here. She lived here except for six years in various cities around the US. Melva has lived in Kitsap County for a total of 62 years. During those six years, she lived in ten cities, most recently in Anaheim, California and came back to Kitsap because "It's home!" She moved away from Kitsap County five times but always returned. She returned permanently 34 years ago.

Kathy has lived in Kitsap County since January of 1979. She moved here from Mercer Island, east of Seattle, where she'd lived since October 1969. Her first husband and she were married in December 1978 and chose to make Bremerton (his hometown) their first home. Inside Kitsap County, besides Bremerton, she also lived in Port Orchard. If she were to capture all cities in which she has lived, that would include: Seattle, WA where she was born; Santa Maria, CA; Sunnyvale, CA; San Jose, CA; Bellevue, WA; and Kent, WA.

The Backtracker will print more of these member histories in the next issue. So far it seems that the Navy has brought quite a few families to our corner of the country. Many states are represented and I am sure we will discover more in our next group of stories. Thank you for sharing!



## LOOKING FOR YOUR STORY

Have you written your story yet? Who knows your history better than you? If you get the facts down now, your story will be there for future generations.

Maybe you would rather tell a story about a parent or grandparent.

There were some suggestions in our last issue of how to get started. There are classes online with other suggestions of how to write a story. Janet Camarata has often talked to us about making a timeline and your story is halfway there.

Please email me your stories to share. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Sharon Hornback — Backtracker Editor

## DUES FOR 2023

We are now accepting dues for 2023. Forms are available in the GC and on our website. Dues have remained the same; \$15 per person or \$20 for a family (living in the same household).

Please keep your membership current so you can continue to receive the Backtracker and be part of email blasts informing members of new classes.



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