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Coming Attractions:

May and June General Meeting topics

May 19, 2012 Using Timelines and Chronologies

Presented by Janet Camarata

As a genealogist, Janet has researched her own family history for almost 20 years. Many of her family were farmers on the move, originating in Virginia and Pennsylvania, moving west through Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas and on into California and Washington state. She now spends her time moving eastward discovering where they came from, why they moved and what they experienced. Janet is active in genealogy societies in both western and central Washington, volunteering in a variety of ways - secretary, newsletter writer, educator and seminar presenter. She has created an 8-week genealogy training course and many seminar topics, include preparing for a reunion, making sense of the census, genealogy and music, and using Google for genealogy searching. She is now working on using timelines and chronologies to better understand our ancestors place in history. Janet retired from The Boeing Company in computing and data management. She also taught within The Boeing Company and at the University of Phoenix. As a result, she tells her family's stories and incorporates genealogical facts using all the benefits of computing, including Legacy software, photos, movies, music and history.

June 16, 2012 Tracing Elusive Female Ancestors

Finding women in traditional records can be difficult in part due to historic legal rights and status. This talk will cover research methodology and strategies to locate and identify elusive female ancestors.

Presented by Sarah Thorson Little

Sarah Thorson Little is a professional genealogist and has specialized research expertise in Northwest Native Americans, Norwegian, 19th & 20th Century U.S. research and Washington State. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and has been a Professional Genealogist for 30 years. She has been the lead instructor at the University of Washington Certificate Program in Genealogy & Family History since 1989, and is also an instructor in family history and computer research at North & South Seattle Community Colleges. The past president of the Seattle Genealogical Society, Little is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She has lectured at several national conferences, including the National Genealogical Society, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, as well as for numerous groups in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

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SKCGS

Serving the communities of
Algona, Auburn,
Black Diamond, Burien,
Covington, Des Moines,
Enumclaw, Federal Way,
Kent, Maple Valley, Pacific,
Ravensdale, Renton,
SeaTac & Tukwila

South King County Genealogical Society General Information

Mission Statement

To stimulate interest in genealogy and aid individual members in compiling their family records.

Seek genealogical and historical knowledge.

Preserve and perpetuate the records of our ancestors.

Promote the preservation of public and private genealogical material.

About SKCGS

- The fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31
- The board meets the first Tuesday of the month 7 to 9 p.m.
- General meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month except July, August and December. Meetings are at 10:15 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 11420 SE 248th, Kent WA. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for socializing, coffee and cookies.
- The SKCGS Traveling Library is at each general meeting. Members can check out books for one month. The Traveling Library is open one hour prior to the general meeting.

The SKCGS Research Library is maintained at the Auburn Public Library, 1102 Auburn Way South, Auburn. Books kept at Auburn are for use in the library only.

Yearly Membership

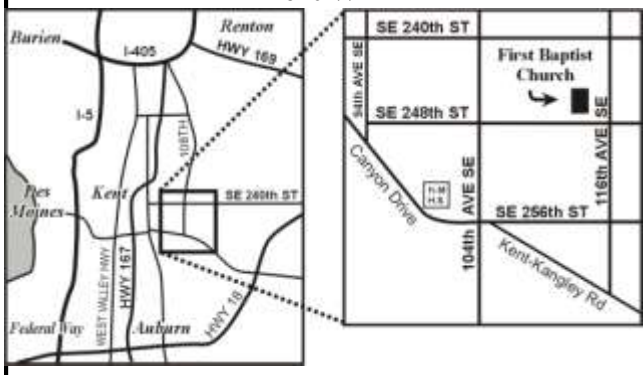
Single: \$15.00 Dual: \$18.75

Applications for membership available upon request, in this newsletter or on SKCGS' web site

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~waskcgs/membership.html>

General Meeting Location

**First Baptist Church
11420 SE 248th Street,
Kent WA**



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Legacy Users Group **Volunteer needed**

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Committee Chairs (cont. from page 2)

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Volunteer Coordinator **Volunteer needed**

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Baby Family Tree Charts

New baby family tree charts: blue for boys and pink for girls, are now available for a \$3.00 donation to SKCGS. This is a wonderful gift to a young family with a new arrival and encourages them to maintain their family information. To obtain these charts, call Sylva Coppock 425-235-8076

Comb Binding Service

Comb binding is an inexpensive way to bind your finished books or collections of papers such as So King News!. This service is also available to non-members, churches, schools and clubs.

Prices:

Up to 112 sheets (5/8)—\$2.00, non-members \$3.00
113-168 sheets (1)—\$4.00, non-members \$5.00

We are prepared to handle projects of 1 to 25 copies and binding of 25 to 168 sheets.

Carpooling for Meetings

Many of our members would like to participate in more activities but need transportation, especially to evening meetings. Could you provide a ride?

If you are a person who needs a ride, please speak up well in advance so arrangements can be made.

SKCGS General Meetings

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May 19—Using Timelines & Chronologies Janet Camarata as rescheduled from January

June 16—Tracing Elusive Female Ancestors Sarah Thorson Little, presenter

Do you have an idea for a program topic or speaker? Contact any board member.

Have you registered your email address with us?

Send an email to:

sokingnews@skcgs.org

Out to Lunch Bunch



SKCGS members who like to go out to lunch once a month. No special dues - no commitment for every month - you are more than welcome any time that you would like to join the group. Everyone is responsible for his own bill at the restaurant. Location etc. is posted each month on the WA-SKGS-L (email) mailing list. In general we meet at 1 PM on the first Wednesday of each month. Hope to see you at the next OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH lunch. Everyone welcome. See the schedule below for dates, times & locations

May 2—Whistle Stop Ale House
809 S 4th Avenue
Renton 425-277-3039

June 6—Copper Ralls Restaurant
(on Auburn Golf Course)
29630 Green River Road SE
Auburn 253-876-1957

Please let Bettie Jasbec know if you plan to come. We need to let the restaurant know how many to plan for. E-mail or call Bettie at 253-631-0640.

Saar Cemetery Project

Sylva Coppock and I proofread the Unmarked Graves Monument and Margaret Saar's replacement marker proofs from Quiring Monuments. There were corrections to be made so another round of proof-reading will take place in the near future.

I had to make a police report because of the graffiti on the outside west fence line at the cemetery. Several months ago a spot behind some bushes was tagged and it was pretty well hidden. But in the last week or so nearly the entire fence line has been tagged. The police officer did not recognize the 'tag' so they don't have any suspects. I requested that the clean up job be put on their community service list.

Does anyone have any use for the plastic slats in the chain link fence? One way to stop the graffiti is to take away their canvas and so getting rid of all the slats is an option. It would be nice if we could recycle instead of throwing them away in the dump.

The book sales for *A History of Saar Pioneer Cemetery And Its Inhabitants* are at 48 as of April 3rd. Don't wait too long before you get your order in; once the 70th book is sold – that's it!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bouton



Hoyt gravestone in the Saar Cemetery: above as seen in 2004, before work began. To the right the same stone as seen in 2009.

Cemetery Committee Invited to Present

The Saar Pioneer Cemetery Committee recently received an invitation to make a presentation to the Seattle Chapter of the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington. Sylva Coppock is developing a Power-Point presentation to deliver to the group on June 6, 2012 at noon in Washington Pioneer Hall in Seattle. Karen Bouton and Glenn Gilbert have agreed to assist with the presentation.

The electronic slide show will detail the project from inception in 2004 through the research and development of our own publication "The History of the Saar Pioneer Cemetery and Its Inhabitants." It will contrast the long-neglected and often vandalized grounds early in the process to the peaceful park-like cemetery of 2012. We will also illustrate the success of Veterans Day events and the Living History performances.

The presentation will feature materials acknowledging the support we have received in cleaning up and revitalizing the landscape, and illustrate the contributions of many individuals, volunteers, other agencies and organizations.



May Election of Officers

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers for the 2012/13 year

Secretary: **Katie Hanzeli**

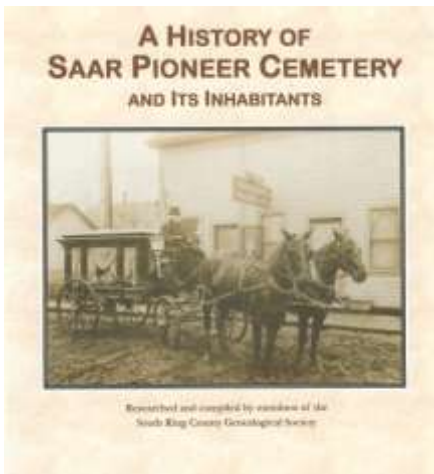
Katie is married with two children and five grandchildren. Her interest in genealogy began when exploring the origins of her middle name (MacLeod) in high school. Serious research began about 1986. She joined SKCGS in 1987 and is a lifetime member. Positions held include Newsletter Editor, Publications (current), Comb Binder, Newsletter Exchanges (current). She is a member of the Seattle Genealogy Society, New England Historic and Genealogical Society and the Kings County (New Brunswick) Historical Society.

Katie has volunteered as a substitute secretary for both general meetings and the board.

Vice President: **John Eakins**

John has had an interest in his family history from childhood. He began serious genealogical study when his son had to do a project in school. He joined SKCGS in about 2005 and has served on several committees as well as two years as treasurer.

Winona Laird and **Roberta Kelley** are incumbent in their respective positions of **President** and **Treasurer**.



Long Anticipated Book now available

In 2005, the South King County Genealogical Society took on the monumental task of restoring the long-neglected and often-vandalized Saar Pioneer Cemetery, located at 91st and 212th Way, Kent, Washington.

The cemetery is the final resting place of nearly 200 early pioneers of Kent and surrounding areas. Their stories are documented in this book of over 400 pages, which was researched and compiled by members of the South King County Genealogical Society (www.skcg.org).

The accounts illustrate the commitment these pioneers made in migrating across this country to build new homes and lives in the early White River Valley.

Please go to our website at www.skcg.org today to order your copy.

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President's Corner

It has been brought to my mind that board meetings are very seldom ever talked about. Nowhere is there a listing as to when and where the board meets.

The board meets the first Tuesday of every month at seven o'clock; this last year we have been meeting at the president's home. Those who have been attending are the elected officers and committee chair persons.

We would like to let you know that SKCGS board meetings are open to the public. Members are welcome if they are in good standing for one year. For a member to be in good standing, they must have their dues paid currently. Members who attend will have no voting rights and can make no motions, but can ask questions and make suggestions. All members of the society are always welcome to join us at the board meetings.

Winona Laird, President

In Memoriam

We are saddened by the recent death of Harold "Captain" Broadbent, member and volunteer of many interest groups in SKCGS. He will be greatly missed.

"Please express my thank you and gratitude to the members of SKCGS for the calls, cards and support for me.

"Harold (Capt.) enjoyed so very much each and every meeting and all the help you were to him. He spent many, many enjoyable hours on the computer and rejoiced when he found a new family member!

"Love, Reva (Broadbent)"



Computer Interest Group

The SKCGS Computer Users Group meets the third Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm. We are always exploring new gadgets or new ways to use our old familiar ones.

Next meetings: May 15—Facebook with Cari Crawley

June 19—TBD

During closure of the Auburn Library, we will be meeting at:

Auburn Valley YMCA, 1620 Perimeter Road SW, Auburn, 98001

Please watch the SKCGS website, mail list and Facebook page for the latest news.

Family Tree Maker Users Group

This group meets the first Saturday of each month at 10:15 am.

Note: May 5 meeting at Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, Pacific

June 2 meeting at Covington Library as usual.

Please bring questions and join discussion. Contact Winona at ftm-group@skcgs.org for further information.

SKCGS Legacy Users Group

The Legacy User's Group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Presbyterian Church of Kent, 9425 S. 248th Street in Kent. The group will meet through June 7th, then not meet during the summer months of July and August.

In May the group plans to begin viewing and discussing CD 4: Legacy's Ultimate Guide to Sources. We will finish that topic in June, and then begin the next CD: Researching with Legacy: Mastering Events and Chronologies.

It is a great time for anyone just beginning to use Legacy, or thinking about switching to Legacy, to start coming to the meetings.

The Master Genealogist Users Group

The TMG Users Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Algona-Pacific Library. Topics help beginners and more experienced users of *The Master Genealogist* genealogical software and its companion products. Check the SKCGS website for more complete information and meeting times.

Heritage Photo Interest Group

Heritage Photo Interest Group features beginner classes using Photoshop Elements. The classes will follow PSE tutorials introducing the workspace, tools and adjustments available for making your photos look their best. From simple enhancements to restoring and sharing, you'll learn basic skills and helpful tips.

Meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month at the Auburn Fire Station, 1101 D Street, Auburn; 6:30 pm. For further information, contact MaryLynn at heritage-photo-group@skcgs.org



Volunteer Opportunities

Comb Binding

Use the comb binding machine that belongs to SKCGS to bind our publications as needed as well as bind projects for members.

Legacy Users Group Coordinator

Maintain contact list and help facilitate meetings. Need not be expert in Legacy

Librarian

See page 8 for full description

Volunteer Coordinator

Help find volunteers to fill temporary and permanent positions as needed.

Contact President Winona Laird or any board member if you could help in any of these positions.

Newsletter Subscription Fee

The budget for fiscal year 2011-12 was passed by the members in attendance at the September general meeting. This included a new line item—Newsletter Subscription Fee—to offset the expense of printing and mailing hardcopy newsletters. Members, both annual and lifetime, who elect to receive their newsletters in the mail are assessed a fee of \$2.00 per issue for a total of \$12.00 per year.

Hardcopy recipients should remember to add \$12.00 to their annual membership fee. Lifetime members should submit \$12.00 in June for the next fiscal year.

Please submit your fees to SOUTH KING COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY,
C/O Michelle Lyons
P O Box 3174,
Kent WA 98089-0203

You've got to try this out!

KCLS Launches New Genealogy Resource

The genealogy guide is organized around some of the most common questions that are asked by library patrons. For example, many people have the name of an ancestor and want resources that allow searching for individuals by name. The Looking for Ancestors page has links to searchable websites and online databases, and also includes general tips, such as a link to a sample research plan. Other researchers want to know what is available online for free, so the Web Resources page has some of the best examples of those sites. Of course, there is also a page that highlights the resources available through KCLS, including information about the genealogy collection and EGS research help available at Bellevue Library. Other pages in the guide provide information on Getting Started, Community Resources, DNA & Genealogy, and Obituaries.

The fastest way to find the guide is to go directly to <http://guides.kcls.org/genealogy>. Another option is to search for 'kcls genealogy guide' (without the quotes) in Google. A link from the KCLS website is still under construction. More subject guides, including one for Local History, are in the works. The genealogy guide was created by librarians Andy McClung from Redmond and Lisa Fraser from Bellevue. All of the KCLS subject guides are monitored and updated regularly to reflect changes in resources and information. If you would like to suggest a resource for the guide, or if you notice a dead link, please contact Lisa Fraser at lgfraser@kcls.org. (Submitted by Lisa Fraser, BRL Librarian)

*Our thanks to Lisa for permission to use this article from the Eastside Genealogical Society **Bulletin Board***

Job Opening: SKCGS Librarian

Duties

- ◇ Process new books for the Auburn Library and the Traveling Library.
 - Maintains records of acquisitions.
 - Gives books to Auburn Library and Traveling Librarians.
 - Prepares KCLS forms for books going to the Auburn Library.
 - Maintains an up-to-date bibliography on computer for publication on the Society's web site.
 - Acknowledges donations to the library.
- ◇ Chairs acquisitions committee as appointed by the President. Prepares book orders..
- ◇ Maintains a list of the life members and the books purchased in memory of each after they pass away.
- ◇ Keeps subscriptions to national societies and magazines current..
- ◇ Maintains a file of current catalogues.
- ◇ Prepares a list of new acquisitions for the newsletter.
- ◇ Takes exchange newsletters to Auburn Library for either the vertical file or shelved boxes and puts them in the correct location. Removes old copies as necessary for shelf space at the library.
- ◇ Organizes the following assistants:
 - Exchange Newsletter extractions.
 - Newsletter – Notifies person making mailing labels of any address changes of societies we exchange with.
 - Used Book Table – collects any donated materials and holds them for a used book sale or the freebie box at meetings.

To “apply” for this position or any other volunteer opportunity, please contact President Winona Laird at president@skcgs.org Volunteer positions may be shared by more than one person if you have a friend who will help!

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER NEEDED: SKCGS is looking for someone to oversee the genealogy collection at the Auburn Library. Many of the tasks, formerly performed by the Librarian, Barb Heutchy, have been shared among other volunteers, leaving the actual library oversight a smaller job than it was previously. The job can be split further if there is more than one person interested. If you'd like information, please contact our President, Winona Laird.

UPDATE ON AUBURN OPENING: The Auburn Public Library is moving forward with the expansion of their building. The scheduled re-opening, formerly looked for in the Spring of 2012, has had to be postponed until August 2012. While excavating the new lot next door, which was to be for additional parking, old fuel tanks from the 1950's were discovered and new environmental statements had to be submitted. In the meantime, the Temporary Auburn Library next door is still operating and there is a good selection of genealogy books to peruse.

FOR FUN

One-half ounce of the spirits of lavender and a lump of salts of ammonia place in a wide mouthed fancy jar or bottle and left uncovered in a room acts as a pleasant deodorizer and disinfectant, filling the room with a delicate perfume which will be soothing to the nerves and senses this warm weather. From the Yakima Herald, Yakima, Washington, August 13, 1891

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Bulletin: Volume 44, No. 1, March 2012

LIBRARY NEWS

The new book, The History of Saar Cemetery and It's Inhabitants, has been added to the King County Library System and will be housed at the Auburn Library in SKCGS's collection. The book may not be on the shelf until after the new library opens, scheduled for August 2012. If you'd like a copy of your own, please see Karen Bouton.

MORE ON THE 1940 CENSUS

Currently, the 1940 Census is not indexed. An ancestor must be found using Enumeration Districts. The best way to find the ED for your ancestor is by looking at Steve Morse's website: www.stevemorse.org. Scroll down until you see US Census. There is also a 1940 Census tutorial as well as a "Unified 1940 Census ED Finder." This note is in numerous newsletters listed below.

The 1940 U.S. Census will be available on 2 April 2012 at 9:00 AM ET. You can view it for free at 1940census.archives.gov. No other website will have the viewing on 2 April. They will be available on Ancestry for free at some later time. Information and finding aids will also be available on the NARA website before 2 April.

Eastside Genealogical Society Bulletin Board: Volume XXX No. 5, March/April 2012

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/3March_April2012.pdf

Ditto the above from the Washington State GS. They have also commented that this is the first census that will solely available online. There will be no microfilm copies. You will be able to search, browse and download schedules from your or a public computer nationwide from the 1940 Census website. There is no name index at first. The Family History Library is indexing the census and will provide it free to researchers. Volunteers are needed to have the deed done in six months. There's more in this article so be sure to check it out.

Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter: Volume 29, Issue 2, March-April 2012

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/2012maraprnewsletter.pdf>

Inside This Issue

The National Archives has digitized the 1940 Census and it will be available for free at archives.com on 2 April. This contradicts what I read elsewhere, so please check it out for yourself. Archives.com is usually a pay service, so hopefully you'll be able to take advantage of this, too, and relieve some of the load which will no doubt flood the NARA website on 2 April. This article also repeats information found in the above places.

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WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX?

In this month's issue of RUG is a comprehensive article about the Social Security Death Index. Even though this newsletter is informative mostly to TMG users, the article has great information about the SSDI in general and is worth a read for anyone wishing to learn more. You can learn how social security numbers are assigned and what they mean, the quantity of numbers issued, where to find an ancestor's number, where the SSA gets death records, what kind of information you can find in SS records, how to search the SSDI, and, of course, how to use the information in TMG.

There is also late-breaking news about the current concerns regarding access to SS information and links to other sources regarding the situation.

Roots Users Group of Arlington Newsletter: Volume 24 No 3, March 2012

If you're inclined to step into the fray about the limiting of the SSDI for genealogical research, you may want to check out this article. You can get a "Call to Action" kit, sign a petition, watch a video and learn about other ways to keep the records open. If you decide to participate, let us know how it goes.

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/2012maraprnewsletter.pdf>

NEWS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

A Thank You goes to the Eastside Genealogy Society. In their latest issue was a wonderful plug for the new book, The History of Saar Cemetery. They also advertised our March mini-seminar. It's great when we help each other!

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http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/3March_April2012.pdf

FamilySearch has moved its online book collection to a beta site at books.familysearch.org. They can also be accessed at FamilySearch.org and click the "books" tab. There are now about 31,000 books you can search with 25,000 more coming in 2012. You can also now download an entire book instead of just a page at a time as was the case on the old BYU site.

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http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/3March_April2012.pdf

FamilySearch will raise the price of their microfilm rentals by 50%. Raw film stock is becoming almost impossible to find. As a result, images are being digitized as quickly as possible. In the meantime, cost of film has gone up dramatically, hence the increase of the rental price. See the full announcement at <https://www.familysearch.org/films/>

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http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/3March_April2012.pdf

The PBS series, "Finding Your Roots" will begin airing on 25 March. It features historian Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Check your local listings for details.

American-French Genealogical Society: Volume XXIII, No 1, January-February 2012

There is more to the Federal Censuses than meets the eye. In addition to the population schedule, there are Mortality, Agriculture, Manufacture and Social Statistics schedules available for research. This month's newsletter describes each, taken from a presentation at their January meeting of the Westchester County GS. There is lots of interesting information that can amend your census research.

Westchester County Genealogical Society: Volume 28, No. 6, February 2012

The "Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" better know as the "Freemen's Bureau," has a collection of records that are not to be missed if you are researching your post-Civil War ancestors. These records are particularly relevant if they lived in a state hard hit by the war, for example, North Carolina. There are records of slave unions / marriage contracts, rations, contracts, medical care, court actions, abandoned land, apprenticeships, schooling and much more. They provide a detailed look into life between 1865 and 1869 and sometimes later. If your ancestors were slaves, land owners or ordinary folk, there's a good chance you'll find them in these records. Please read the entire article to learn more.

Family Chronicle: Volume 16 No. 4, March/April 2012

Compiled Military Service Records was one of the topics of our Spring Mini-Seminar. Did it whet your whistle for more? If so, you may want to take a look at the January - March 2012 issue of NGS Magazine. It is the third in a series of articles about records available at NARA. The article discusses the CMSR jacket cover, the cards, and personal papers that may be included. You can also learn more about where to find these records.

Also included is an article titled, "Treating the Sick and Wounded: Confederate Hospital Records at NARA." There is a description of the Confederate Hospital System, a discussion about available records, and the hospital administration and personnel.

National Genealogical Society Magazine: Volume 38 No. 1, January - March 2012

Does it seem like plowing through a census index online is a pretty straight forward endeavor? It did to me - until I read this article! I have the unfortunate problem of assuming that if it's in print - or online - therefore it must be accurate. It isn't necessarily so, as this article explains. Here you can learn about the history of census indexing, the various sites which currently have indexes on line and the pros and cons of each. This is a good article for beginners learning about using the censuses for research and for more advanced researchers, too, in that it can help to hone your research skills.

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The Periodical Source Index, or PERSI for short, is an invaluable tool for researchers. It is the largest index of historical and genealogical articles in the world, containing 2.25 million articles in 11,000 different periodicals and it's still growing. It is compiled by the Allen County Public Library in Indiana and can be accessed through Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest.com. Articles contained in the index may consist of transcriptions, name lists, how-tos, methodology articles, area histories and interviews, as well as images of individuals, places and events. Searching PERSI is a worthwhile first step in any research project.

Internet Genealogy: Volume 7, No 1 April/May 2012

More and more of our precious genealogical information is on our computer. Is it safe? Stories float around with regularity that someone's computer has crashed. It's important to have a plan in place so that valuable data isn't forever lost. There are many ways to protect your "stuff" that include have separate hard drives, CD backups, and using "the Cloud." Learn about the possibilities for preserving your research in this article. Don't wait until it's too late!

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It may seem logical to think that Washingtonians had little to do with the Civil War, due to its distance from the main battle grounds. However, the people that migrated to Washington before, during and after the war brought their opinions, ideas and lifestyles with them. Congress made laws based on compromises decided by the warring states which affected the West. People here reacted and their articles and editorials were

written up in Washington newspapers. An article in the current issue of the SGS Bulletin briefly looks at the political history in Washington Territory that can be explored through its newspapers. It discusses the laws that were passed that impacted the area, the idea that the West, being so disconnected from the East, should be its own country, and the alliances with Britain that were contemplated. It's a fascinating look at another side of the Civil War and worth a read!

Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin: Volume 61, No. 1, Autumn 2011 - Winter 2012

EXCHANGES ADDED TO THE TRAVELING LIBRARY

Family Chronicle: Volume 16 No. 4, March/April 2012: Tech Tools for Genealogists; Those Pesky Same Names; Freedmen's Bureau Records; Alexander Lunan: A Case Study; Deciphering Jewish Tombstones; BillionGraves.com; Borton Family Letters; Proving Oral History; Borders & Bridges: 1812 - 2012; Setting Up a Genealogy Budget; Frontiers of Family History; Planning a Scottish Research Trip; Bonnets and Hats

Internet Genealogy: Volume 7, No 1 April/May 2012: Ten Websites for Polish Research; Organize Your Bookmarks in Dropbox; Navigating PERSI; Using Only the Internet; Improve Common Surname Search Results with Google; Review: Scrivener; British Newspaper Archives; The Guide to FamilySearch Online; Bawdy Court Records; NetNotes; Pseudonyms, Secrets & Signatures; Software Review: PAWriter II; Protect Your Genealogy Research; What's New at Fold3? Canadian Headstone Project

Genealogical Society Magazine: Volume 38 No. 1, January - March 2012: American Colonies in Cuba; Problems Reading German Immigrant Passenger Lists; Picture the Past at Your Convenience; Treating the Southern Sick and Wounded: Confederate Hospital Records at the National Archives; Case Study: Questionable Marriage Information in Death Certificates; Compiled Military Service Records, Part 1: The Records Inside the CMSR Jacket; Online Census Indexes; NeatDesk Scanner: A Review; Cloud Computing; Scrapbooks: A Neglected Resource; Essex Ancestors: A New Online Resource

Minnesota, South St. Paul: Yankee Genealogical Society Newsletter: Volume 21, No. 2, April 2012: Pownal, VT, New York & Massachusetts Records; Vermont Tip; Maine Cemetery Goes High Tech; Main & New Hampshire Resources; Rochester NY Marriages and More; Dutch Names; Google Book Tips; 1940 Census

New York, White Plains: Westchester County Genealogical Society: Volume 28, No. 6, February 2012: The Special Schedules of the U.S. Census; Sleepy Hollow Cemetery Catalogue of Plot-Holders, 1866, Cont.; Historic New York Times

New York, White Plains: Westchester County Genealogical Society: Volume 28, No. 7, March 2012: Overcoming Brick Walls in Your Research; Daughters of the American Revolution Library; More Records on FamilySearch.org;

Rhode Island, Woonsocket: American-French Genealogical Society: Volume XXIII, No. 1, January-February 2012: "Cabane a Sucre (Sugar Shack) Scheduled in April; From the Librarian's Desk: New Indexes; Google Plus for Genealogy; NARA Workshop Videos Now Online; We Need Your Stories; "Finding Your Roots," A 10-Part Series on PBS

Virginia: Roots Users Group of Arlington Newsletter: Volume 24 No 3, March 2012: The Social Security Death Index and TMG; Map Sources Export File on RUG Website; A Primer for The Master Genealogist, 2nd Edition, is Now Available

Washington: Grant County Genealogical Society, Big Bend Register: **Volume 33, No 1, March 2012:** 1961 Obituaries; Newspaper Snippets from 1912 - 13; Interview with Mary Cole Lee, age 95

Washington, Kent: Greater Kent Historical Society & Museum, The Recorder: Spring 2012: GKHS Recognizes the 50th Anniversary of Seattle's World's Fair; Mother's Day Tea & Vintage Fashion Show; Local Roots: Dr. Owen Taylor, Part III; Kent Develops Steadily, 1939; George Wood

Washington, Seattle: Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin: Volume 61, No. 1, Autumn 2011 - Winter 2012: An Introduction to Civil War Newspapers in Washington Territory; Philatelic Genealogy Update: Writing Home to Washington During World War I; Digital Resources for Using Newspapers for Family History Research; Rudolph Carl Gessner, 1845-1930, of Ohio and Washington State; Getting Past the Deceptions of Your Forebears; Strays Taken Up in Summit and Portage Counties Ohio, from the Book of Strays;

New York to San Francisco and Other Points West Via Isthmus of Panama, 1848-1869; From the Depths of the SGS Files; Type for Genealogists: A Rough Guide to Typography; How to Create a List of Alternate Spellings to Use with Computer Searches

Washington, Union Gap: Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Bulletin: Volume 44, No. 1, March 2012: Stories Buried Beneath the Stones: A Tribute to Our Unsung Pioneers; The 1940 Census; Ethbert Allan Brown, Spanish-American War Veteran, Part Five; Day Book of E. E. Francis of Seattle, Washington; Walla Walla High School 1922; Wapato High School 1920; Ball Funeral Home Records (extracted)

EXCHANGES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Washington: Eastside Genealogical Society Bulletin Board: Volume XXX No. 5, March/April 2012: ESG Research Assistance Hours Have Changed; Free Genealogical Research Help is Available; Gene Research; Saar Pioneer Cemetery in Kent; Making Connections; Online Webinars; Redmond Centennial: Osborne County, Kansas or Kansas Ancestors? News from Recent Roots Tech Conference; Search Thousands More Family Histories on FamilySearch.org; FamilySearch to Raise Prices of Microfilm Rentals by 50%; Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865) Online; National Archives Announces Website for 1940 Census Records;

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/3March_April2012.pdf

Washington, Seattle: Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter: Volume 19, No 3, Spring 2012: Get Ready for the 1940 Census; The Great Migration; Digital State Archives; Finding an Obituary; Migration and Genealogy; Spring Classes; Recent Acquisitions; State Historical Locations Blog; Bavarian Immigrants to North Africa; National Genealogical Society Book Collection Available by Interlibrary Loan; Seven-Week Family History Writing Lab Offered at the Fiske Library; The Pioneer Hall Libraries

http://www.fiskelibrary.org/NewsLetter/2012Spring_newsletter.pdf

Washington: Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, The Beacon: March 2012: From Humble House-Library Holdings; 1930 Mexican Census: Facial Recognition Program

Washington: Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, The Beacon: April 2012: Library and meeting updates; Up Coming Events; From Miss Marge: New US Gazetteer Site

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/BEACONApr2012.pdf>

Washington: Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter: Volume 29, Issue 2, March-April 2012: 1940 Census; WSGS 2012 Conference; The 1940 U.S. Population Census by NARA; Update on the Social Security SSDI Situation; Seattle Public Library Happenings! Who Do You Think You Are? Season Three; Research Center Expansion; NARA Genealogy Workshops; Genealogy Society Spotlight

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/2012maraprnewsletter.pdf>

United Way Donations

If you or a family member are employed and contribute to United Way through your employer, please consider designating South King County Genealogical Society as a recipient of your donation. We are a 501(c)3 corporation listed with United Way of King County. These funds are greatly appreciated as they help us present programs and information to our community.

Spring Seminar Raffle Results

The item raffle at the Spring Seminar was our most successful yet with a total of 340 tickets being sold. The most popular items continue to be books about relevant topics, office and computer supplies and gift cards or memberships. Thank you to everyone who contributed. In addition to the winners listed below, Molly Monks won the \$50.00 bill in a separate raffle. Congratulations to everyone and let's start thinking about items for the next one.

No.	Item	Raffle Recipient
1	Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition Book & DVD set	Sharon Johnson
2	Elle 4 piece Cosmetic bag set	Winona Laird
3	Genealogical Research or Tax Preparation by Dave Liesse (\$200 value)	Karen Thompson
4	South King County Genealogical Society Membership - 1 year	Kay Davis
5	Military Bounty Land 1776-1855 Book, Office Supplies basket (Hanzeli), 2 - 3" D-Ring Binders	Gail Reynolds
6	Storage boxes with lids - 2 packages - each contain 2 boxes Clear Self-Adhesive Business Card Holders, Two Magazine Files	Cassie Cairns
7	Book - Slick as a Mitten - Ezra Meeker's Klondike Enterprise Swissmiss Mug and Hot Cocoa Mix	Sharon Fowler
8	Book - Two Years in Oregon, 2X Power Rimless Magnifier	Ray Owens
9	Book - Images of America about Fife Washington Gift Certificate for 1 pound See's Candies	Sharon Johnson
10	Book - A History of Saar Pioneer Cemetery And Its Inhabitants	Kay Davis
11	8 oz. Gevalia coffee, 2 mugs and Homemade Biscotti	Sharon Johnson
12	Rack with 5 hooks. Small white clock, Genealogical Resources of the Civil War Era Book	Karen Struve
13	Collectors Edition of Blood and Honor: The Civil War, 1861-1865 DVDs	Gary Nitschke
14	Book - Confederate Research Sources - A Guide to Archive Collections Two wood 5- photo picture frames, 1 black and 1 rosewood	Phyllis Hayman
15	Heritage Quest Research Library Membership - 1 year	Sharon Storbo
16	Quantaray Ultra-fast High Speed Battery Charger, Two photo albums, Book - The Wit & Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln - A Treasury of Quota- tions, Anecdotes, and Observations	Linda Geitzler
17	Books - The Jungle, The Sixth Man, Locked On	Lin Bress

Editor's Note:

In an effort to keep our publication fresh and informative, we welcome suggestions for content as well as contributions from readers. One such suggestion is for "geographic corners", articles that may pertain to research in a particular part of the country or world. Do you have information about a particular part of the country that might be helpful to others? Please send your contribution to sokingnews@skcgs.org by the 8th of the month prior to publication.

Are you missing out? Join the SKCGS mailing list.

The **E-mailing** list is a forum where members of the South King County Genealogical Society (SKCGS) and others with an interest in the Society, can discuss the efforts of the Society. It's a great way to keep up with what's going on in your Society!

It's informational, deals with society-related issues and can address general research questions that may be of interest to you.

Members ask and answer questions and give feedback on Society issues that you also may be interested in! The list is open to all those who have an interest in the Society, including announcements, conference and meeting schedules, membership questions, etc. General questions on **genealogy** ARE suitable on this list; specific ancestry, family and research queries should be directed to the appropriate forums elsewhere on the web. see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/maillist.html>

Seattle Public Library Information

The Seattle Public Library is revising its Genealogy Librarian desk and appointment hours. Beginning January 4, 2012, Genealogy Librarians, John LaMont and Mahina Oshie, will be available at the Central Library's Level 9 Reference Desk to provide genealogy assistance at the following times:

- Tuesday - Saturday: 11 a.m. - noon & 1 - 3 p.m.
- Sunday: 1 - 3 p.m.

They are also offering 30 minute one-on-one appointments with a Genealogy Librarian at the following times:

- Tuesday - Friday: 3 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Appointments can be scheduled in person at the Level 9 Desk during library hours, by phone 206-386-4636 (ask to be transferred to the History Desk), or by using the "Ask a Librarian" service on the Library's home page www.spl.org

Due to changes in formatting, we will no longer carry new links on Cyndi's List in our newsletter. This is not meant to discourage use of Cyndi's List in any way. It just necessitates your going to www.cyndislist.com/ on your own rather than through links in this publication.

Nat'l Society of Daughters of American Revolution

Lakota Chapter D.A.R. regular meeting time is the second Saturday of each month (except July & August) at Auburn Fire Station, 1101 D Street at 11 am. Prospective members are always welcome to visit.

Sincerely, Helen McGreer Lewis dar-liaison@skcgs.org

Surname List Update

One of the more frequently visited pages on our website is the Surname List. This is the digitized version of the box of 3 x 5 index cards to which people have been contributing for several years. A

list of this sort is a great opportunity to find others who are researching the same families as you are. Website listing is limited to current (annual or life-time) members who have given specific permission to be included on the website.

South King County Genealogical Society

Surname Database Information Sheet

Submitter _____ Telephone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Telephone and street address are for SKCGS use only, they will not be available on the website.

Include Email address on
SKCGS Website Yes No

Include Email address in
SKCGS Newsletter Yes No

List the surnames, locations or migration routes and time period for each family group you are researching. If you are researching the same surname but different migration routes, list them separately. *Example: Stowe—NH>VT>WI—1770-1850s*

Stowe—NH>NY>IN—1800-1900

Surname	Locations/Migration	Time Period

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South King County Genealogical Society
PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Prices effective June 1, 2008. All books are comb-bound, unless otherwise noted.

MEMORIAL RECORDS OF SOUTH KING COUNTY, WA

- VOL. I - Includes St. Patrick Catholic, Saar Pioneer & Mess Cemeteries Indexed, 89 pages, © 1981 \$ 9.00
- VOL. II - Hillcrest Cemetery - Indexed, 344 pages, © 1988 \$20.00
- VOL. III - Meridian, Marker & Lagesson Cemeteries - Indexed, 108 pages, © 1995..... \$12.00
- VOL. IV - Auburn Pioneer Cemetery - Indexed, 47 pages, © 1997..... \$ 8.50
- VOL. V - Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn WA (3 Books) © 1997
 - Book 1, Section A-H (old section) - 346 pages \$25.00
 - Book 2, Garden Mausoleum & continues through Section T - 369 pages \$25.00
 - Book 3, Index - Military burials - History - 211 pages \$15.00
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 - Book 1, Section 1-3H Evergreen Memorial Park, 348 pages
 - Book 2, Section 4A-10 Evergreen Memorial Park; Holy Family Krain Cemetery; Veteran's Memorial Park; & full name index to both books, 336 pages
- VOL. VII- Maury Island Cemetery & Vashon Island Cemeteries - Vashon Cemetery & Church of the Holy Spirit Memorial Gardens indexed, 423 pages © 2004 \$25.00
- VOL. VIII Memorial Records of South King County, Gethsemane Cemetery, Federal Way Washington, Indexed, 284 pages, © 2006 \$18.00
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 - VOL. I - 1893-1910
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 Indexed, 277 pages, © 1988..... \$18.00
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 Indexed, 444 pages, © 1989..... \$25.00
 - VOL. IV - 1932-1934
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 RECORD/CHRONICLE NEWSPAPER
 - VOL. I - 1927-1932
 Indexed, 222 pages, © 1991 \$15.00
 - KENT AREA MARRIAGES—
 FROM EARLY KENT, WA NEWSPAPERS
 - VOL. I - 1893-1917 (Misc. Years) ©1991
 36 pages..... \$7.00

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- KING COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE
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 - Volumes 5-10 compiled by Helen McGreer
 Lewis, 240 pages © 2004 \$15.00
 - KING COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE
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 - Volumes 38 and 39, abstracted by
 Helen McGreer Lewis, 194 pages \$13.00
 - BLACK DIAMOND, WA CEMETERY
 RECORDS
 - Indexed, 62 Pages, © 1980..... \$ 9.00
 - INDEX FOR LAKE COUNTY, CA
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 Compiled by Helen McGreer Lewis ©1999
 \$13.00

Postage & handling: First book: \$4.00. Each additional book: \$1.50

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 South King County Genealogical Society, PO Box 3174, Kent WA 98089-0203
 Attn.: Publications

*SKCGS is always happy to exchange publications with other societies and libraries on an equal basis
 Please contact SKCGS for details.*

SKCGS Activities Calendar

	May Dates	June Dates	July Dates
Legacy Users Group-1st Thursday 10:00 am 9425 S 248th, Kent	3	7	Have a nice summer
Board Meeting 1st Tuesday 7 pm Greater Kent Historical Museum, 855 E Smith St., Kent	1	5	No meeting
Out To Lunch Bunch 1st Wednesday 1 pm See article within	2	6	11
Family Tree Maker Users Group-1st Saturday 10:15 am Covington Branch of King County Library	5 at Algonia-Pacific	2	7
The Master Genealogist Group 2nd Thursday 1 pm Algonia Pacific Library	10	14	No meeting
General Meeting 3rd Saturday 10:15 am 11420 240th Ave SE, Kent	19	16	See you in September
Computer Users Group 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm Various locations-check Page 9 or website	15	19	17
Heritage Photo Group 4th Monday 6:30 pm Auburn Fire Station, 1101 D Street, Auburn	No Meeting-Memorial Day	25	23

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