



Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

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Upcoming Events

 **December 5: Our annual Christmas Party** will be held at **Humble House** at the regular 6:30 meeting time. It's sort of a pot-luck so if you have a recipe or dish that's part of your family's tradition we'd love to have your contribution.

▶ January 2: Craig Gowans will be speaking on Melungeons

▶ Professional writer and SIGS member Betty Gaeng will offer a **writing class called "When I am Gone, Remember Me."** The Writer doesn't have to write about themselves, pick a parent or grandparent. The 1 hour. class will be Sundays at 1 pm and will start Sun. Jan. 6, 2019 and end Feb. 10. Depending on the weather class days may be extended. The Class will be free to members and suggested donation from non- members of \$5.00 per class or \$20.00 for the 6 week series. Classes will be held at SIGS library, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood. Class size is limited. Register in person at the library or send email to info@snoislegen.org, [attn; Betty Gaeng]. Betty will offer writing tips and a critique to improve the writings.

▶ **For other Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Special Events** see the [Events Calendar](#) on our Website.

From All of the Members on the Board

*We wish you the happiest of holidays
and
the best of things for the upcoming year!*



Brenda Sanchez, Craig Gowens, Phylis Jorgenson, Lee Langsted, Samantha Morales, Kathy Morrow, Gary Ottman, Marge Reid and Ron Sailer

What's New?

- ▶ The Board is investigating possibilities for upgrading the library's current DSL to a faster connection technology. Stay tuned for updates.
- ▶ Ron Sailer has accepted the final open position on the Board.
- ▶ There is now a link at the top of the page to the printable versions of the Beacon.

Society Happenings

Brenda Sanchez, Samantha Morales and Kathy Morrow attended the Jefferson County Genealogical Society Special Program *CeCe Moore and DNA* in Port Townsend on Nov 10. CeCe is a genetic genealogist who is the co-founder of the Institute for Genetic Genealogy and writes the blog *Your Genetic Genealogist*. She has appeared as a guest on many TV shows and consults on human identification cases for both individuals and law enforcement. A fascinating and very down-to-earth speaker, her presentation seemed to offer something for every level of DNA knowledge. If you get the chance to see her in person don't miss the opportunity. See a picture on our [Facebook](#) page.

Membership

As of November we have 60 members. Just a reminder that if you haven't paid your dues by the end of December your name will be dropped from SIGS active member list.

Volunteer Opportunities

SIGS is 100% a volunteer organization; we have no paid staff. Lots of volunteer opportunities are available regardless of how much time you have - even an hour or two a month is helpful. There is no minimum time requirement. If you're interested, please email volunteer@snoiselgen.org. We're especially looking for help with the following:

- Library: We **really** need some fill-in help at the library for a scattering of Tuesdays and Thursdays. For safety we want two volunteers when the Library is open. Hours are 11 am to 3 pm (bring your own lunch); you'd be a helper to one of our regular volunteers. No need to be an experienced researcher or librarian to help out!
- Hospitality Chairman: to set-up and break-down the monthly meeting, manage the raffles and the cookie sign-up. This is part of the Outreach committee.
- Library Interns: We currently don't have any library interns! This is a good way for students to earn community hours, or anyone that would like to volunteer even an hour or two a month.



Humble House, Heritage Park, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036

The SIGS Research Library has more than 5,00 titles, including books, periodicals, newspapers, obituaries and the like.

Library Hours: Tue, Thurs & Saturdays 11 am-3 pm | **Phone:** 425-775-6267

For holidays or bad weather please call ahead to confirm the schedule.

Reinforcing Your Research

Favorite Blogs

- [Covering Your Bases: Introduction to Autosomal DNA Coverage](#) by Paul Woodbury on the [Legacy Tree Genealogists](#) blog.
- GENEALOGYBLOG: [Maps of the USA Showing Our Ancestry & Other Cool Stuff](#)
- [DearMYRTLE's Genealogy Blog](#)
- [GenealogyBlog](#)

Have a favorite genealogy blog? [Let us know!](#)

This Month's Genealogy Term.

Grantor vs Grantee

The grantor is the seller of a property, the grantee is the buyer.

In genealogy this generally refers to real estate, but legally it can refer to other property including partnerships and wills.



Research Tips

Before you start searching, jot down the name variations and the searching “formulas” that may be useful. For example, if you’re researching Balderson, you could include, Baldeson, Balderon, Baldison, Baldesan, etc.. Don’t forget using just initials or nicknames, especially for first names.

It’s also helpful to figure out wild cards search terms ahead of time. They vary by site, but an asterisk (*) is often used for any number of characters, usually at the end of a word, but can be used in the middle, for example, Bald* or Bald*n.

A question mark (?) usually represents a single character anywhere in the word. B?lderson for example will give you BALderson, BOlderson, BLdersn, for example. You can combine it with an asterick, or use it more than once in a word – B?lders?n will give you Balderson, Bolderson, Bldersn but also the son, sen, sin, etc. endings.n, son, etc.

Resources

- [International African American Museum \(IAAM\) Center for Family History](#)

And some suggestions from member Gary Ottman:

- Pioneer cemeteries are a jewel of information when you are working on your Genealogy. They often have information that you might find of interest or a person(s) {ancestors} that you may be looking for. I had a similar issue and while looking for an Uncle and found out his wife's maiden name and a former spouse that had died previously.

- Also, Find A Grave is a digital tool that through their organization will take your request and contact some volunteer that provide photos of head stones and dates. Volunteering for Find A Grave is rewarding and may be helpful if you have been looking for information. Through Find A Grave you will meet others that volunteer and often in situations that you may have experience in and or through your efforts may help others in a similar situation. It is fun walking through these places to do a service for other genealogists. Consider this as a request for volunteering for Find A grave and our Society.
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Focus on Maps

- [Digital Sanborn Maps 1867-1970](#) . Sanborn fire insurance maps feature historic detailed maps showing streets and building footprints insurance maps showing the structure and use of buildings in U.S. cities and towns. The maps are pretty available; search for Sanborn Maps and the location you want.
- [Sanborn Maps – Training \(YouTube\)](#).
- [How to Visit Your Ancestral Hometown at Your Desk](#)

See the [website](#) for more links to helpful genealogy map sites.

For Beginners

- GenealogyBank's article [Anatomy of a Death-Certificate](#)
 - Legacy's article on [Time + Place= Records and Family!](#)
 - Olive Tree's [How to Analyse Clues in Genealogy Records.](#)
 - Amy Johnson Crow's [Citing Sources Without Stressing Out](#)
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Did You Know?

- The Family Search Wiki has a good article on [20 ways to find an elusive name?](#)
 - The names of witnesses to your ancestors' baptisms, marriages, wills, etc. are often family members?·
 - The Library at the National Society Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) has an [archived lecture series](#) that is free to anyone? All the presenters are librarians or genealogists at DAR and there is a wide variety of topics to choose from. The [upcoming schedule](#) (presented at the library) is also available; most programs are posted on-line within a few days.
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