



## Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

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**Our Next Meeting will be on February 6th! Join us at the Shoreline (Montlake Terrace) LDS Church for an interesting and informative talk.**

## Around the Society

### Upcoming Events

Our General Meetings are held at the north end of the Mountlake Terrace LDS Church, 22015 48th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. A short business meeting at 6:30 pm is followed at 7 pm by a genealogy presentation that runs until about 8:15 pm. Guests are invited to all general meetings. A map and directions are available on the [website](https://snoislegen.org/meetings) (<https://snoislegen.org/meetings>)

► **February 6:** Ron Sailer will be presenting **Using Evernote and Facebook for Genealogy**.

*An introduction to the FREE version of **Evernote** with a live demonstration of how to use it. Also, I will tell how I used Facebook to reach my 55 distant cousins in (Germany, Austria, Australia, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Washington, Oregon California and Alaska). Plus how to get the **FREE** PDF of over 6,000 Facebook Genealogy groups.*

► **March 6:** Janice Allred: will be presenting a follow up on DNA - "Now I Have My Test Back What Do I Do?"

► There's an opportunity to learn more about DNA at the 2019 Spring Seminar of the

Olympia Genealogical Society on March 30th "Beyond the Basics: Genetic Genealogy in Practice" presented by Blaine Bettinger, The Genetic Genealogist. Complete Information is available at <https://olygensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=4>.

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

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### ***What's New?***

► Work on modernizing our Library Technology continues, and Sno-Isle has submitted a grant request to the Snohomish County Historical Society for an overhead book scanner setup that would allow us to digitize some of our collection.

► Thanks to everyone who participates in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program! From Oct - Dec 2018 we received almost \$75.00 from the program, money earned by members who have linked their Rewards Cards to Sno-Isle. You can earn donations whenever you shop with your Rewards Card. Cardholders still get all their Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates. [Step by step directions](#) are available for obtaining or linking your card; Our Organization number is JI735.

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### ***Our Focus Groups***

*by Phyllis Jorgenson*

Did you know the focus workshops are for members as well as non-members? Lee Langsted is available for German or Scandinavian help. Rose Mitchum can help with FamilyTree Maker or DNA, and Carrol Budny can help with your brick walls. When I got my DNA results I wasn't sure how to "read" them but I did narrow it down. I asked Rose for help and in one session she found my new grandfather! Wow! She took it upon herself to do more research and before long my new family was back to the 1600s. When I wanted more information on my new grandfather, I asked Carrol for help. She found several pieces of information including the house where the family once lived. I am still processing all this new-found data with many thanks to Rose and Carrol. If you would like similar help from these "experts", please come to SIGS library when they are there and "pick their brain". That's why they are here! And it's free! I would suggest you call before coming to make sure they are working that day. Let's use our resources and advance our research!

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### ***Society Happenings***

Our 2019 season kicked off with a very interesting January meeting presentation from Craig Gowan on the Melungeon's, mountain peoples of the Appalachians and their cultural, ethnic, genetic and genealogical contribution to America.

Best Wishes to members Gary Ottman,

### ***Membership***

With the end of 2018 year, our active (paid) membership has dropped to 47. We have almost no funding except for our membership dues. If you find our meetings, website and newsletter helpful, please consider joining SIGS. Your \$25.00 membership fee goes a long way! Our

Winnie Tissot and Betty Gaeng, all of whom are recovering from health issues.

membership form can be found [here](#), or stop by the library whenever it's open.

### ***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@snoislegen.org](mailto:volunteer@snoislegen.org). We're especially looking for help with the following:

- **Library**: **We are urgently in need of help at the library.** If you can donate even an hour or two on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between 11 am and 3 pm please contact the library at (425) 775-6267. (For safety reasons we want two volunteers whenever the Library is open). Without additional volunteers we'll have to cancel some of our regular Library hours.
- **Hospitality Volunteers**: to set-up and disassemble our sign-in table at the monthly meetings, manage the raffles and bring cookies. 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.



## **About the Library**

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

The SIGS Research Library has more than 5,000 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**

### **Finding Genealogy Books for your Research**

#### ***Favorite Blogs***

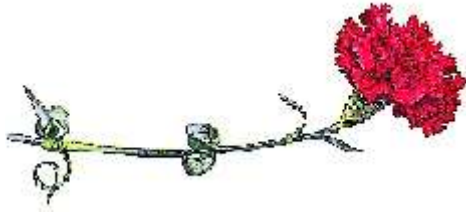
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- [How To Use WorldCat For Your Genealogy Research](#)

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most are text searchable. Look for localities, names, etc. In prepping this article, I searched for a relative using just his name and the word “books” and found a reference to his wife “Mrs. Name”: she was cited in an endnote that listed her employer!

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### ***This Month's Genealogy Term : Banns (of marriage)***

Baans are the public announcement of an intended marriage, generally made in church. The term comes from a Middle English word meaning "proclamation", and the original Catholic Canon law was intended to prevent clandestine marriages. Baans were usually associated with the Catholic and Anglican Churches and with other denominations whose traditions are similar. Banns were common requirement during the colonial era, but faded from usage; most religious denominations abandoned the practice or made it optional as Civil marriage license requirements were established and served a similar purpose: "a declaration that no legal impediment exists to the marriages." Source: *Wikipedia*

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### ***Resources***

*Many of these sites collaborate with each other so you may find duplicate information, but most also have content digitized locally by libraries.*

- [HathiTrust](#) - a large-scale collaborative repository of digital content from research libraries including content digitized via the Google Books project and Internet Archive digitization initiatives, as well as content digitized locally by libraries.
- [books.FamilySearch.org](#). more than 350,000 digitized genealogy and family history. Includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. A new interface and enhanced features are scheduled for January 2019!
- [Allen County \(Indiana\) Public Library](#). One of the largest research collections available, they are working with partners to make significant public domain portions of its collection available online.
- [Internet Archive](#): a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more. Includes but certainly not limited to genealogy. I've found a number of city directories here.
- [GenealogyGophers](#) another large of online, searchable, genealogy-only books and other family history publications.
- Cyndi's list: eBooks [Online Books](#)

*And, in honor of your New Years Resolutions*

- Amy Johnson Crow's [Organizing Your Genealogy Files: A Practical Approach](#)
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### ***For Beginners***

- Don't just assume that things you find in old published genealogies are accurate – check original sources if you can find them. Just because it's in print – whether it's old or new – doesn't make it true.
- Family Locket podcast : [U.S. Federal Census Records Part 1](#)

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### ***Did You Know?***

- ▶ There are a variety of genealogical mysteries and thrillers available? On Amazon, just type the topic to see almost 50 different books!
- ▶ The Digital Library of Georgia has digitized approximately 54 thousand pages of Georgia newspaper titles published prior to 1861 from microfilm held by the Georgia Newspaper Project (<http://www.libs.uga.edu/gnp/>)?

### ***Quick Tips***

- ▶ Having trouble finding an ancestor in a census? Check for neighbors in the previous census and try finding them; your ancestor may still be in the same area. And don't forget that there might have been a state census taken in the years between the federal ones.



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