



## Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

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

## Around the Society

### *Upcoming Events*

Our General Meetings are held at the north end of the Shoreline LDS Church located in Mountlake Terrace, 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>)

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

▶ **April 3:** Mary Catherine Cozy will be presenting "Tracing People Through Time & Space Using Timelines"

*Both speakers are great and attending the meetings should be well worth your time!*

▶ 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?***

- With the recent snows, we haven't heard yet on our grant request to the Snohomish County Historical Society for an overhead book scanner setup that would allow us to digitize some of our collection.
  - At our last meeting The Board approved a standing cancellation policy for bad weather. The Library will be closed, and any scheduled meetings, classes or other SIGS activities will be canceled if the Everett School District closes the schools. That includes any of the general meetings held at the Mountlake Terrace LDS Church. Having a standard policy should make it easier for everyone to know what's exactly what's happening.
  - The playground being built in Heritage Park is expecting it's play equipment to be installed in the next several weeks, weather permitting. Watch for trucks and traffic if you're visiting.
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### ***Society Happenings***

- The library was closed and other activities suspended due to the recent snows. Hopefully we'll be back on track with normal activities soon..
- Phylis Jorgenson recently represented SIGS at the LOSHO ([League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations](#)) meeting in Mount Vernon.
- The *Write Your Story* class will resume on Sunday Feb 24th at 1 pm at the SIGS library, weather permitting.

### ***Membership***

We currently have 52 members. Bring a genealogy-minded family member, neighbor or friend to our next meeting!



### ***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 very much in need of help at the library. If you can donate a few hours on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between 11 am and 3 pm (bring your own lunch) please contact the library (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 Library hours.
- **Library Interns or volunteers:** Looking for adults or students willing to help with library projects such as indexing or data entry. This is a good way for students to earn community hours, or for anyone that would like to help out for 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.*

### ***New in the Library***

We've received a donation of Everett (Polk) City Directories inc Marysville, Mukilteo, Snohomish for the years 1958-59, 1960, 1967 and 1972.

Also donated were Everett High School "Nesika" yearbooks for years 1913, 1920 & 19 1/2, 1923 & 1922 1/2, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1938 & 1937 1/2, 1944, 1945, 1947 & 46 1/2.

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## Reinforcing Your Research

### Irish Genealogy Resources

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

- [Irish Genealogical Society Blog](#)
- FindMyPast - [Why Irish Genealogy is so Hard](#)
- [Irish Genealogy News Blog](#)
- FamilySearch - [Quick-finding Irish Ancestry: New Treasures Un-Corked](#)

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



#### ***Do you have Irish Heritage?***

If so, you're not alone! Between 1800 and 1900, almost 8 million people left Ireland to find a better life. Almost 2 million came between 1841 and 1860 at the height of the Great Famine.

Irish research can be time-consuming and frustrating due to the lack of records.

1800-20 is typically the cut-off point for finding detailed Irish genealogical information. A devastating fire in 1922 destroyed most of the 1821-1891 censuses, and many Church of Ireland parish records and wills were also lost. Later census returns were recycled to support a 1914-18 war paper shortage.

Irish Research is getting easier as more records are digitized and as DNA becomes more widely available. Hopefully these resources will be helpful to you in discovering some of your Irish roots.

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***This Month's Genealogy Term : Indentured servant***

An indentured servant or indentured laborer is an employee (indenturee) within a system of unfree labor who is bound by a signed or forced contract (indenture) to work for a particular employer for a fixed time. The contract often lets the employer sell the labor of an indenturee to a third party. Indenturees usually enter into an indenture for a specific payment or other benefit, or to meet a legal obligation, such as debt bondage. On completion of the contract, indentured servants were given their freedom, and occasionally plots of land. In many countries, systems of indentured labor have now been outlawed, and are banned by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a form of slavery. *Source: Wikipedia*

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## **Resources**

- [A Primer in Irish Genealogy](#) (downloadable pdf)
  - [Ancestry.com - Ireland Genealogy & Ireland Family History Resources](#)
  - FamilySearch Wiki – Irish “[How to](#)” Guides
  - FamilySearch Wiki – [Irish Research Tutorials](#)
  - [Irish Genealogy Toolkit](#)
  - [Irish Genealogy Research Guide - American Ancestors](#)
  - Cyndi’s List - [Ireland & Northern Ireland](#)
  - [RootsIreland](#) (\$)
  - [National Archives of Ireland](#)
  - [IrishGenealogy.ie](#) (Republic of Ireland)
  - [John Grenham's site](#) Information about places, records and surnames
  - [Ancestry.com](#) - (\$) has indexed the [National Library of Ireland's](#) collection of online Roman Catholic parish registers, over 25 million records.
  - [The Three Cs of Irish Research: Civil Registration, Church Records, and Census](#)
  - [Breaking Down Your Irish Brick Wall: Irish Estate Records](#)
  - [Some Lesser Known Irish Resources](#)
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## **For Beginners**

- **Ancestral Findings** : [Tips for Building a Flawless Family Tree](#)
  - Amy Johnson Crow - [Can You Identify Your Ancestor?](#)
  - Amy Johnson Crow - [Making Good Genealogy Habits](#)
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## **Did You Know?**

▶ Are you my Cousin? Has a good article on [Delayed Birth Certificates – A Genealogist’s Treasure Chest!](#)

▶ HistoryLink.org is the first and largest encyclopedia of regional history created expressly for the Internet. A continually evolving online encyclopedia of Washington state history, the site provides free, authoritative, and easily

## **Quick Tips**

▶ Ancestral Findings: [Six Steps to Become a Better Genealogy Researcher](#)

▶ [How to Use the Library of Congress’ New Sanborn Maps for Genealogy](#)

***A Traditional Irish Blessing***

*May you always have walls for the*

accessible references. With a few noted exceptions, all articles on the site are original works prepared exclusively for HistoryLink.org by Washingtonian staff historians, contract writers, volunteers, and consulting experts.

*winds,  
a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire,  
laughter to cheer you,  
those you love near you,  
and all your heart might desire.*



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