

### Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

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Our Next Meeting will be on April 3rd! Join us at the Shoreline LDS Church (located in Montlake Terrace) for an interesting and informative talk by Mary Catherine Cozy on "Tracing People Through Time & Space using Timelines".

FYI, If you're looking at the newsletter on your cell phone or mobile device, try turning it horizontally; it might help you to see the columns more clearly.

# 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 <a href="website">website</a> (https://snoislegen.org/meetings)

- May 1: Kent Morgan, The Panama Canal and Isthmus of Panama
- ▶ June 5: Ron Sailer, Evernote & Genealogy Sites on Facebook
- ▶ The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy has announced their Fall Virtual Courses. The <a href="Intermediate Foundations course">Intermediate Foundations course</a> has nationally-recognized instructors providing over 25 hours

of instruction on records, methodology, and skills required to conduct successful research at an intermediate level. The course will run on Tuesdays beginning September 10th [Cost had not yet been announced as of publication; please check their website.]

► For other Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Special Events see the Events Calendar on our Website.

### What's New?

- ▶ SIGS recently received a check for 73.84 from the <u>Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program</u>. Thanks to all of you who signed up, and if you haven't, check it out you don't lose any benefits but we can benefit from your participation!
- ▶ We did hear about our grant request for an overhead book scanner setup that would allow us to digitize some of our collection. Unfortunately, the application was misplaced during a personnel transition and not reviewed; all grant monies have now been allocated. The board is looking at other options for our digitization project.
- ▶ Seattle and Sno-Isle Genealogical Societies are co-sponsoring a monthly, seven class **DNA Learning Series**. The class will be held at Sno-Isle Library in Mountlake Terrace from 6:00-7:45pm, starting the third Thursday, on April 18, 2019. The series builds slowly, workshop style, using your own computer and has homework assignments.

Due to the venue, participation is limited to 45 society members with advanced registration. Instructors are our own Craig Gowen and Seattle Gen's Cary Bright. For questions and to register send an email to sgsdnasig@gmail.com. This series is free to members of Seattle or Sno-Isle Genealogical Societies. A printout with essential information is available for you if you'd like one.

### Classes include:

- Intro to DNA testing who, what and where to test
- yDNA & Mitochondrial DNA testing and results
- Test Results are in... Now what? what to look for, analysis and organization of your results
- Autosomal DNA Ethnicity and inheritance & X Chromosome
- Using Gedmatch/Genesis and  $3^{\rm rd}$  Party Tools  $\it learn$  about online tools to assist you in DNA analysis
- Special DNA tools at Ancestry & MyHeritage, and online tools that mimic those
- and the last class covers Advanced Techniques..

### Society Happenings

- ▶ Ian and Sierra are 2 new interns at the SIGS library on Sat.under the guidance of Ron Sailer. Both are students with excellent computer and tech skills and will be helping with our digitizing and website work. Welcome to Ian and Sierra!
- ▶ SIGS hosted a Scout Genealogy Badge Clinic recently at our library. 6 boys and 2 leaders from Arlington Troop 29 of the Mount Baker Council attended this pilot program to earn their genealogy badge.
- ▶ The Board recently honored Betty Gaeng with a lifetime SIGS membership for her long service to the

### Membership

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



Society. She'll be moving to Anchorage soon to live near her son.

### Volunteer Opportunities

SIGS is 100% a volunteer organization; we have no paid staff. Lots of opportunities are available to volunteer 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 <a href="mailto:volunteer@snoislegen.org">volunteer@snoislegen.org</a>. We're especially looking for help with the following:

- Library: We are very much at risk for limiting the library hours due to our lack of volunteer help. 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. No special skills are needed; for safety reasons we want two volunteers whenever the Library is open.
- **Library Interns or volunteers**: While we have two new interns, we're always 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 could 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.

# Reinforcing Your Research

### **Tax Records**

### Favorite Blogs

- Geni Blog: <u>Tax Records in</u> Genealogy
- Family History Daily <u>Tax Records</u>
   <u>Could Offer Surprisingly Rich</u>
   <u>Details About Your Ancestors</u>
- GenealogyBlog a review of the book <u>The Genealogist's Guide to</u> <u>Researching Tax Records</u>.
   Normally I wouldn't include this since it's about a for-sale book but the content index that's



Dreading tax day?

include shows the scope of Tax Records. (the book, normally \$20.00, has a 15% discount through March 28th.)

Have a favorite genealogy blog? Let us know! Your ancestors probably weren't much different in how they felt. In honor of Tax Day, we're taking a look at resources for discovering your ancestor's tax records and how they can help with genealogy research.

### This Month's Genealogy Terms: Three tax terms

**Poll (taxes) -** Used in early tax records denoting a taxable person; person eligible to vote **Titheable -** A person taxable by law **Tarrifs** - taxes on imports

### Resources

- FamilySearch Wiki: **United States Taxation**
- Family History Daily: <u>Tax Records Could Offer Surprisingly Rich Details About Your</u> Ancestors
- Wikipedia: <u>History of taxation in the United States</u>
- GenealogyBank: Genealogy 101: Tax Records
- Family Locket: Back to the Basics with Tax Records: Part 1
- Family Locket: <u>Back to the Basics with Tax Records: Part 2</u>
- Archives: <u>The Good News About Taxes</u>: <u>Finding And Using Tax Records In Your Genealogical Research</u>
- Ancestral Findings: <u>Tax Records: More Information Than You Think</u>
- Genealogy Gems: Genealogy Tips: Find Ancestors in Tax Records
- National Archives: Resources for Genealogists: Tax Records
- Want to see the tax forms your ancestors filled out? The Tax History Project has <u>U.S. 1040</u> tax forms from 1913 to 2006.

### For Beginners

- Family Locket <u>Genealogy Research and PERSI: A Perfect Match</u> (Periodical Source index)
- GenealogyBank: Taxes: Not Fun to Pay, but Great Genealogy Records!

### Did You Know?

▶ About GenDistasters?

### http://www.gendisasters.com/

Newspaper articles about Train Wrecks, Fires, Floods, Shipwrecks, Plane Crashes, Accidents and other disasters. Most of these articles list the dead and injured or missing. Use the Search Box to search for

### **Quick Tips**

- Don't forget that there might have been a state census taken in the years between the federal ones.
- The New York Family History Blog has a good article on Estimating Dates and Ages in Genealogical Writing
- ▶ Searching old newspapers? Try using the address in your search (choose the

your ancestors or browse the articles by type of disaster, state or year.

locality and search on the street address (for example, 205 Striker Street in Brooklyn, New York.



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