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Our Next Meeting will be on May 1st! Join us at the Shoreline LDS Church (located in Montlake Terrace) for an interesting and informative talk by Kent Morgan on "The Panama Canal and the Isthmus of Panama".

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>)

- ▶ **May 1:** Kent Morgan, The Panama Canal and Isthmus of Panama
- ▶ **June 5:** Ron Sailer, Evernote & Genealogy Sites on Facebook
- ▶ The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society is offering a Free [Beginning Genealogy Conference](#) featuring Thomas MacEntee in Arlington, Wednesday, August 14th, 2019 from 1:00pm to 4:30pm
- ▶ The [Northwest Genealogy Conference](#) will be August 14 – 17, 2019 in Arlington

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

What's New?

► **Election of Officers will be part of the the May 1st general meeting.** All 4 officer positions are open. To date 2 members have volunteered to place their names on the slate of candidates. Janet Callahan will run for vice president and Brandis Roundy has volunteered to be on board as a director. Nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting before voting. If no names are placed on the ballot for all positions, the same officers will keep their positions. [A quorum of 15 members is needed to validate the election per our bylaws; please plan to attend.](#)

► Betty Gaeng flies to Anchorage, Alaska, on Sun, April 28, relocating to be near family. Many thanks to Betty for sharing her time and knowledge with us. She will be greatly missed.

► **Amazon Smile** – one of our members recently shared that SIGS is among the organizations supported by Amazon Smile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you start each shopping session at the <http://smile.amazon.com>, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you are prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations (start typing "Sno-" and Sno-Isle Genealogy Society will show up. You can change your selection at any time.

Society Happenings

► Work continues on the library improvements. We've added a new scanner and are reconfiguring the printers so that they and the scanner won't conflict with each other.

► Our interns have been wonderful help in getting some of our obituaries scanned, indexed and prepped for the website. Also in work is putting our used books on the website.

Membership

We currently have 49 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 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 volunteer@snoislegen.org. We're 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. FYI, we've started splitting some shifts so folks can work 2 hours instead of four. 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 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. Remember that the Library is open regular hours during the summer.

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 Death & Burial

Favorite Blogs

- New England Historic Genealogical Society - [Vita Brevis - Facing death](#); death practices from family-based efforts to the funeral home model used today

Have a favorite genealogy blog?

[Let us](#) know!

Last month we talked about taxes. With this issue's research topic being death and burial, I was struck by a quote from Will Rogers that I ran across:

“The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.”

This Month's Genealogy Terms:

- **relicta** [*relicta*: "(female) left behind"]; a Widow
- **relictus** [*relictus*: "(male) left behind"]; Widower
- **relict**. Widow; *also* **relicta**

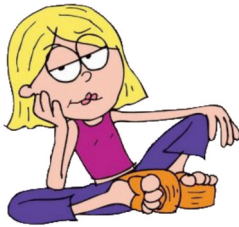
Source: Ancestry Dictionary of Genealogical Terms



Resources

- [Ancestors at Rest](#) - free death records and info on the customs, traditions and culture of death in the past.
- [National Museum of Funeral History](#).
- [The Funeral Source](#)
- [Funeral Wise](#)

- [Seven Strange Facts About Colonial Funerals](#)
- [Burial Customs and Cemeteries in American History](#)
- [Deaths and Funerals in Colonial America](#)
- [Funerals in Eighteenth Century Virginia](#)
- [History of American Funeral Customs](#)
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- [Funeral Traditions in Colonial New England](#)
- [Funerals \(worldwide\)](#)



A parting note . . .

Think obituaries are dull and bland reading?
This one will definitely change your mind!
[Tim Schrandt of Ridgeway, Iowa](#)

For Beginners

- Family History Daily: [Why You Should Never Rely on “Facts” You Find in the Census, and What to Do Instead](#)
- Family History Daily: [Two People, Same Name: How to Avoid Mix-ups in Your Genealogy Research](#)

Did You Know?

► Google has tools for Genealogy? Read Family Tree Magazine’s [15 Essential Google Tools for Genealogy](#)

► If you’re an Ancestry.com member, you know they have loads of indexed historical records. But do you know they have more than that? In addition to unindexed records (browse only), their resources include old maps, stories, photos and published county histories just to name a few. Check out their catalog to be sure you’re not missing records that might help your research.

Quick Tips

► Diana Elder, of Family Locket, has posted the third in her Land Records Series: [Back to the Basics with Land Records: Part 3 – Land Grants & Patents](#)





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