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Our Next Meeting will be June 5th!

Join us at the Shoreline LDS Church (located in Montlake Terrace) for an interesting and informative talk by Ron Sailer on "Evernote & Genealogy Sites on Facebook".

SIGS and the Beacon take a break for the summer:

- There are no general meetings in July and August.
- The first fall meeting will be September 4th.
- The Library will be open normal hours; most focus groups continue their meetings.
- Your next Beacon will be published August 25th.

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 **from September through June**. 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>)

- ▶ **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.
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A Message from our President

Dear Members,

I just want to wish you a great summer break! If you have time, please visit Heritage Park to see the new playground, visit the trolley, and stop in at the Library to say Hi. We're excited about all of our Library improvements! While not much looks different, our technology infrastructure has been greatly enhanced, and the resources on our website are growing every month. And we'd love to hear your comments and ideas for SIGS to grow even more this coming year. Although the Beacon doesn't normally publish in June or July, we'll make sure you hear about any important breaking news.

I hope your research is going well. Take time this summer to get your magnifying glass out, visit a library or find a new website, and check those documents for clues you might have missed to your history.

Enjoy your summer!

Brenda

What's New?

▶ Election for officers for 2019-2020 were held at the May General meeting. Our new officers are:

- President: Brenda Sanchez
 - Vice-President: Janice Callahan
 - Secretary: Phylis Jorgenson
 - Treasurer: Samantha Morales
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Society Happenings

▶ The opening ceremony was held this past month for the new playground at Heritage Park. SIGS was well represented by several officers, board members and members. We're hoping that more foot traffic in the area will encourage more folks to stop by and see what SIGS offers.

▶ Library improvements are continuing. Our two elderly computers are being repurposed for scanning and a donated scanner has been added. The repurposed

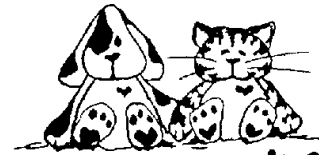
Membership

We currently have 52 members. Invite a genealogy-minded family member, neighbor or friend to our first Fall meeting on Sept 4th!

computers are being replaced with more modern ones and updated with Windows 10.

► Our interns Ian and Sierra are doing a fantastic job! To date they have scanned and are indexing about 2,500 obituaries. Next step will be to convert them into a searchable web pages over the summer.

► The moderator for our DNA Focus group (meets 2nd Saturday of each month from 1 pm to 2 pm) isn't available at present, so those meetings are cancelled until further notice.



A free offer

Free to the first taker:
Epson ink cartridges #273,
2 black and 1 magenta. New
and never opened.

Contact Phylis
at phylis1@comcast.net.

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 interested, please email volunteer@snoislegen.org. We're looking for help with the following:

- ***Sundays in the Park*** will resume their summer schedule at Heritage Park beginning Memorial Day weekend and continuing through Labor Day. We typically see quite a few folks stop by the library. Marge Reid plans to continue her annual Humble House hosting (about 11a to 4p) but needs a partner to be there with her. No need be an expert – Anyone who can “meet and greet” would be welcome. If you can spare a few hours some Sunday it would be much appreciated. To volunteer call the Library at (425) 775-6267.
- ***Library interns or Volunteers***: While we are fortunate to have two interns at present, 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. The Library is open regular hours during the summer.

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

Please call ahead to confirm that the library is open; staffing or holidays may change our hours.

Help Needed: Several of our regular library volunteers have moved or have health issues preventing their volunteer work. Without additional help we will have cancel some of our regular hours. If you can donate two or four hours on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday please call the

Library. If you are willing to be on an on-call list to help be a “meet and greet” helper for a regular staff person, please email volunteer@snoislegen.org

Reinforcing Your Research

Migration Routes, Roads & Trails

Favorite Blogs

- Are You My Cousin? [How to Find and Research Unusual Genealogy Sources](#)
- Ancestry: [How Current Roads Can Show Your Ancestor's Migration](#)

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

"Where did my family come from?" can be a difficult question for anyone doing family research. Records can be scattered and difficult to find, if they exist at all. But often we forget that our ancestors moved not only **to** America, but **within** America. This month we look at resources to help trace ancestors as they moved within the country. Investigating patterns for why and how people moved can often to locate that “missing” link.

This Month's Genealogy Term: Infant

We now think of this as a baby, but as a legal term under common law, infancy can mean from birth until adulthood. Older newspapers often used it to describe children under the age of majority, typically 21. Civil code doesn't refer to infants at all, but rather to minors and adults. In that case, the division between adults and minors depends on the state and can vary widely.

Source: *The Legal Genealogist*, <http://bit.ly/2VX4NUK>



Resources

- [American Migration Patterns](#)
 - [Early American Trails and Roads](#)
 - [FamilySearch - US Migration Trails and Roads](#)
 - [FamilySearch Wiki - United States Migration Timeline 1784 to 1839 \(National Institute\)](#)
 - [FamilySearch Wiki - US Migration Trails and Roads](#)
 - [Historic American Roads, and Migration Routes.](#)
 - Wikipedia: [Historic trails and roads in the United States - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)
 - [In Motion: The African American Migration Experience](#)
 - [Is It Always Possible to Find that Reason \(why they moved\)?](#)
 - [Migrations.org](#)
 - [National Oregon/California Trail Center](#)
 - [Paper Trail - Pioneer Wagon Train Diaries \\$](#)
 - [Trails West](#)
 - [Western Emigrant Trails Research Center](#)
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For Beginners

▶ [27 Key Facts to Extract from a Death Certificate](#) Not all death certificates will contain as much information as the one the author uses as an example, but this is a good review of the need to scour your sources for every bit of information.

Did You Know?

▶ **Surnames**, otherwise known as Last names, did not come into use until around the 11th Century in Europe. There are four general groups of surnames:

- those based on occupation (like Baker or Weaver),
- those based on place names or geographical features (such as Goodland or Hill),
- names coming from nicknames or appearance (like Brown or Little), and
- those that are patronymic, meaning based upon the father's name (such as McAndrew, meaning "son of Andrew" or my last name, Perkins, which means "son of Peter" or "kin of Peter").

Ellis Island didn't change the names of immigrants coming into the United States. If your surname was changed from its original spelling, it was your ancestor who shortened it, dropped a few letters, translated it into English, or maybe even unintentionally misspelled it once they came to America.

Source: SC Perkins, [Seven Fun Genealogy Facts](#), CriminalElements website.

Quick Tips

▶ There are hundreds of beginning, intermediate and advanced videos on [YouTube](#), with lengths from less than 10 minutes to more than an hour.



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