



Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

## THE BEACON

October 2019

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**Our monthly meeting will be on October 2nd. Join us for an interesting and informative presentation by Mary Roddy, one of our most popular speakers, talking on "The In's and Out's of Indexes".**

## Around the Society

### Upcoming Events

Our General Meetings are held at the north end of the LDS Church 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)

▶ **October 2:** Mary Roddy, one of our most popular speakers, will be talking on "The Ins and Outs of Indexes"

▶ **November 6:** The meeting program will be Keith Allred, speaking on "Evidence".

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

### Membership Update



Just a reminder that dues for 2019-20 are now due.

You can pay at the October general meeting or send your payment to Sno-Isle Genealogical Society (Membership), 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036. Membership is \$25.00 a year, payable each September. The Membership Form is available [here](#). Members receive our monthly newsletter,

full access to our website and a discount on all purchases at the SIGS Bargain Bookstore. If you have membership questions, please email the membership chair, Kathy, at [membership@snoislegen.org](mailto:membership@snoislegen.org)

### What's New?

- ▶ As part of our educational efforts, some of the Humble House computers have been set up so users can watch webinars from RootsWeb and FamilySearch.
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### ***Society Happenings***

- ▶ We were hoping to have credit card payments available for membership at the September general meeting, but it has been delayed; we're hoping to have ePayment available in October.
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### ***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@snoiselen.org](mailto:volunteer@snoiselen.org). We're looking for help with the following:
- ▶ Coverage for open shifts available at the Library: For safety reasons we want two volunteers whenever the Library is open. You'd be a helper to one of our experienced volunteers; no need to be an experienced researcher or librarian to help out! If you're available on a Tuesday and Thursday or Saturday between 11 and 3 pm please email [volunteer@snoiselen.org](mailto:volunteer@snoiselen.org).
- ▶ Library Volunteers or Interns: We're fortunate to have one intern at present, but we're always looking for adults or students willing to help with library projects such as indexing, data entry or helping with our new pilot program to digitize the library. This is a good way for students to earn community hours, or for anyone that has a few hours to help out.
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## **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.*

### ***Library Improvements:***

- ▶ Our pilot program to test putting our library catalog on-line is proceeding. Prep work has proved a bit more complicated than expected but work is ongoing and we'll keep you posted on our progress.
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## **Reinforcing Your Research**

***Using Directories, Blue Books and Professional Registers***

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### ***Genealogy Terms***

- **Criss-Cross or Reverse Directories** are organized by address rather than by names. Older City Directories may include a Street directory at the back that is organized by address that can be helpful in finding relatives, friends, relatives and neighbors.
- **Social Registers** are lists of prominent, community members, typically those well-connected and socially elite
- **Blue Books** are almanacs, buyer's guides or other compilations of statistics and information.
- **Professional Directories** list members in specific occupations such as medicine, law, agriculture, and education, often including individual biographical details
- **Specialized Directories**, published by school and university alumni groups, church/religious groups, and non-profit organizations typically contain listings of their

members or associates.

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## **Resources**

### **How-To's**

- Family Locket: [Examining City Directories to Discover New Avenues of Research](#)
- Sassy Jane, [Finding more in U.S. City Directories](#)
- [Analyzing City Directories](#)

### **Finding Aids:**

- [Cyndi's List](#) - general info plus links to locality specific resources
- [Free Genealogy Tools: Searching Free Online Historical Directories](#)
- [Google Books](#)
- [Archive.org](#)
- [HathiTrust](#)
- [U.S. State Archives/Libraries](#)
- [The Online Historical Directories Website](#)

### **A Quick Tip**

Search Google for directories using the following format:

geographical location + "city [or other type of] directory" + year (optional)

For example, Washington+Seattle directory+1932 or Washington+Seattle directory

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## **For Beginners**

- Legacy Tree - [Research Pitfalls of Beginning Genealogists](#)
  - My Heritage Blog - [Genealogy Basics: Build a family tree in six steps](#)
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## **Favorite Blogs**

- ▶ Fortify Your Family Tree - [Why You Need to Set Genealogy Priorities](#)
- ▶ Sassy Jane, [Visualizing Chicago Before the Great Fire](#)

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

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### **Quick Tips**

- ▶ FamilySearch has free webinars every month. You can access upcoming or past classes on their [website](#).

### **Do You Know?**

Ancestry's Family History Wiki has moved to Rootsweb? A wiki, otherwise known as a Wikipedia, is a free online encyclopedia, created and edited by volunteers around the world. Check it out at [https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Main_Page)

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