



Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

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Our November meeting will feature Keith Allred, speaking on "Evidence in Genealogy". Join us for an interesting and useful presentation.

Around the Society

Upcoming Events

Our General Meeting for November will be 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>)

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

▶ **Sat. Nov. 16** is the next date for Caroll's *Busting Brick Walls* sessions is Sat. Nov. 16. Four 45 minute openings are available for you to get individualized advice on your research puzzles. Call the library to make your appointment.

▶ **December 4:** Our December meeting will be our annual **Christmas/Holiday party**. This year it will be **held at Humble House** beginning at 6:30 pm. Bring a treasured holiday memory and, if possible, a favorite holiday treat to share

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

Breaking News

While we normally meet on the first Wednesday of the month, for 2020 the first falls on New Year's Day. So, our **first meeting of the year will on be on January 8th** (the following Wednesday), at our **New Location!**

Starting with our January meeting, we will meet in Heritage Park's historic Wicker's Building! (It's the brick building next to Humble House.) While we're sorry to say goodbye to our long-term meeting place at the Mountlake Terrace (Shoreline) LDS Family History Center, the newly remodeled space at Heritage Park offers us a larger conference space that should better meet our growing membership. Our meeting schedule will be the same: A short business meeting at 6:30 pm is followed at 7 pm by our monthly genealogy program that runs until about 8:15 pm.

Membership Update



Only 38% of our members have renewed their membership for 2019-20. As a small non-profit organization, we rely on membership dues to support our general expenses, library, website, publications and programs.

If you haven't paid yet your membership dues for 2019-20 you can pay at the next 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. An updated Membership Form is available [here](#). If you have membership questions, please email the membership chair, Kathy, at membership@snoislegen.org

E-payment for dues and used books is taking much longer than we anticipated and is still working its way through the legal review of the needed documents. In the meantime, please pay your dues at a general meeting, at the library or by mail.

Out & About

NBC is hosting a new genealogy program sponsored by Ancestry called "A New Leaf". Hosted by Daisy Fuentes, it's promo'd as similar to "Who Do You Think You Are?" but focused on everyday people. "A New Leaf" will be included in the Saturday NBC morning programming and began October 5, 2019. (My Comcast shows it airing on Sunday's at 3:30 pm but check your local listings.)

Society News

▶ SIGS has donated our collection of birth, marriage, and death records plus the film readers to Hibulb Cultural Center Research Library on the Tulalip Indian Reservation. Originally transcribed as part of a grant received from the tribe, and given their research library and resource collection, it benefited both organizations to move the resources where they'll be most useful.

▶ We also donated one of surplus library computer to the Marysville School District.



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

As the holidays approach and the weather gets worse please remember to call ahead to confirm the schedule before you head to the Library.

Library Improvements:

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Our pilot program to test putting our library catalog on-line is proceeding well. Thanks to the efforts of our project manager Ron and intern Sierra we're close to finishing entering our Washington titles into the new on-line catalog. Next steps are to test our search features and evaluate if we need to make any changes in our indexing, and start working on the next block of entries.

If you can type and are interested in helping us with entering the books into the catalog please call the library and leave a message for Ron Sailer, and he'll get back to you. With a total of some 5,000 titles to enter, we can use definitely use any help you can give us!

New Library Sign-In Form:

- ▶ The Library has a new sign-in form to better track our usage. It asks for contact info, if you're interested in newsletter or membership, and the reason for your visit (Choices include Just checking it out, Society business, Genealogy or History research or Other.)

If you're a Society member at the library, please be sure to sign in with at least your name and the reason you're there. Society business would include working at the library, volunteer work, attending a meeting, teaching a class or the like.

Reinforcing Your Research

FAN Research

FAN Research, also known as cluster or collateral research, has you look at your ancestors' **F**amily, **A**ssociates, and **N**eighbors. Studying the people around your relatives can be valuable in helping you sort through situations where you can't seem to find anything, or where you find too much. It's also useful when trying to separate individuals with similar names, ages and residences.

Resources

- [Everyone Needs a FAN](#) (Legacy)
- [The Genealogy FAN Club Principle Overcomes Genealogy](#)
- [Research Methodology - FAN Club or Cluster ... - Cyndi's List](#)
- [BestSteps Genealogy - How to Do FAN Club Research](#)
- [Gus's Genealogy Blog: Cluster Genealogy Research](#)
- [Roots Revealed - Demonstrating the Effectiveness of Cluster Genealogy](#) By Melvin J. Collier.
- [The Cousin Next Door: Using the FAN Club Principle | Legacy Tree](#)
- [Ancestry.com - FAN Club Research to Build Your Family Tree \(YouTube\)](#) by Crista Cowan



Favorite Blogs

- ▶ [Family History Daily](#)
- ▶ [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#)

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

For Beginners

- [Beginner Tips: Where to Look for Great Ancestor Stories](#)
- [Find Alternatives to Vital Records | Are You My Cousin?](#)

Genealogy Terms

Gazetteer

A book that alphabetically names and describes places in a specific area. For example, a county gazetteer would name and describe the towns, lakes, rivers, and mountains in the county. This is especially helpful if the names have changed over time.

Quick Tips

- ▶ [How To Work Around Brick Walls In Your Family Tree](#)
- ▶ [Why Should You Prove Your Genealogy?](#)

Do You Know?

- That Cyndi's list includes a listing of [Blogs for Genealogy?](#)
- That the SIGS Library has a **Snohomish County Gazetteer** authored by our own Marge Reid?



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