



Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

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Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas/Holiday party at Humble House, from 6:00 pm to about 8:30. Bring a treasured memory and, if possible, a favorite holiday treat to share. All members and their guests are welcome!



And a reminder SIGS that with winter weather on the way, if the Edmonds School District has closed school, our Library will be closed and SIGS activities cancelled. The Edmonds School District includes Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway and portions of Brier

and unincorporated Snohomish County.

Around the Society

Breaking News

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

Starting with our January meeting, we will meet in Heritage Park's historic Wicker's Building! (It's the brick building downhill from 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.

Great news on the legal front for the SIGS website. Vice President Janice Callahan, working with Wayfind, has linked us up with Perkins Coie, one of the best law firms in Seattle. They have volunteered to review our draft website policies. Once finalized we can move forward with our plans to add web-based Membership payments and used book sales. Stay tuned for more information.

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **December 4:** Don't forget the **Christmas/Holiday party at Humble House, 6 pm!**
- ▶ Heritage Park will be having their traditional Alderwood Manor Santa and Cookies Sunday Dec 8th from 1 to 4 pm. Humble House will be participating - drop by and say Hi! (If you're willing to help host, please leave a message for Brenda or Phylis at the Library, 425-775-6267.)

Happy New Year

2020 General Meetings will be held at the Wicker's bldg. in Heritage Park, Guests invited!

▶ **Jan. 8** Kent Morgan will be talking about *The Oregon Trail*.

▶ Have you hit a "brick wall" with your genealogy research? Sno-Isle Genealogical Society is offering free help on your "brick walls" on **Sat. Jan 25th**. Caroll Budny, an experienced research genealogist, has three 1 hour time slots available. Please call the Research Library between 11 am and 3 pm. Tues, Thursday or Saturday at 425-775-6267 to schedule an appointment.

▶ **Feb 5** Back by popular demand, bookbinder David Richardson will be showing how he repairs damaged books. He invites people to bring in their "sick" books for an estimate on repairs.

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

Membership Update



Welcome to our 11 new and 8 returning members!

Sadly, we still have over 20 members who have not renewed their membership for 2019-20. Please pay now to keep your membership current. Our dues enable us to continue our programming, support our library, provide internet access for genealogical research and provide consulting and educational opportunities. Pay at our next meeting or send your payment to Sno-Isle Genealogical Society (Membership), 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036. A Membership Form is available [here](#). If you have membership questions, please email the membership chair, Kathy, at membership@snoislegen.org

Society News

- ▶ Fred Meyer's Community Rewards program earned SIGS \$ 21.33, but as we were under the \$25 minimum to receive a check we won't receive any money until next quarter. If you shop at Fred Meyer, be sure to sign up for their rewards program. There is no cost or loss of benefits to you but you earn money for SIGS. We're aiming for at least \$ 25.00 (the equivalent of one membership) per quarter in 2020. More information on the program and how to sign up is on our [Website](#).
- ▶ Just to clarify the information last month that 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 - It wasn't our entire birth, marriage and death collection; only the tribal records originally copied as part of a grant SIGS received for copying them from NARA.

Other News

Find-A-Grave just announced a new (Beta) Search. It looks like the regular search but uses a different search engine and offers more search options. [Read more](#) about it and click [here](#) to try it out.



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. Remember that if the Edmonds school district has closed school, our Library will be closed and activities canceled for the day .

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 going well. Thanks to the efforts of our project manager Ron and intern Sierra, we've finished entering our Washington titles and are starting onto the next entries. So far about a thousand books have been entered!! We're testing the search features and evaluating if we need to make any changes in our indexing and expect to go live in January.

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 contact you. With a about 4,000 titles to go, we can use definitely use any help you can give us!

Reinforcing Your Research

Reverse Genealogy

In genealogy we've been taught to work from the known to unknown, linking one generation to the next older one. But occasionally it's helpful to turn the apple cart upside down and work from older to younger, or use what's called Reverse Genealogy. While most of these articles talk about finding the living, I've also found that it works to trace down from relatives you didn't know existed (like my 2nd great uncle's son) until you found them on some random source.

Resources

- Focused Family Research - [When to Employ Reverse Genealogy](#).
 - [Expanding Family Lines Using Reverse Genealogy Techniques](#) by Amie Bowser Tennant on The Genealogy Reporter
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 - [It's ok to use reverse genealogy \(sometimes\)!](#)
 - [More Reverse Genealogy | The Occasional Genealogist\What's the Opposite of Genealogy?](#)
 - [YouTube: Reverse Genealogy: Finding the Living, a Preview by Megan Smolenyak](#)
 - [YouTube: BlackProGen LIVE! Ep 74: Reverse Genealogy, DNA, and Tracing the Living](#)
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For Beginners

What is a Genealogy Brick Wall?

Genealogy often uses terms that aren't familiar to those outside of the "circle". You'll hear the term "Brick Wall" often. It means that your research is "stuck", and you are unable to make any progress. Focused Family Research has a good article [Brick Wall Breaking Strategies](#) explaining more about brick walls and a list of resources to help you break through them.

Genealogy Terms

Removed:

In genealogy, the word "removed" is often used to describe a relationship and means that the two people are from different generations. Each generation adds a "once removed". So, your grandfather's first cousin is your first cousin, twice removed since there are two generations (your father's and your grandfather's) between you.

Favorite Blogs

- ▶ [Free e-Book and Quicksheets to Help You Become a Master Newspaper Researcher](#) by Kenneth R. Marks on [The Ancestor Hunt](#).
- ▶ Focused Family Research: [Solutions for 3 Most Common Genealogy Roadblocks](#)

Found a cool genealogy site or resource? [Let us know](#) and we'll be glad to share it.

Quick Tips

- ▶ With holiday get-togethers close at hand don't forget to talk with relatives about their lives and those of their parents or grand- parents. Collect stories and traditions. It could be your last chance.
- ▶ Don't rely on paid genealogy sites alone. Download images and

Do You Know?

- That cadaver dogs are now being used in archaeology? See the story on the [Smithsonian Magazine site](#).
- About The Center for American War Letters? The [Center for American War Letters \(CAWL\)](#) is a unique and extensive manuscript collection of war letters from every American conflict, beginning with handwritten missives composed during the Revolutionary War and continuing up to emails sent from Iraq and Afghanistan. These personal

materials to your own computer, storage device or archiving program.

Websites crash, subscription services lose publishing rights and companies fail.

war-related correspondences are a vital record of the collective memory of the American people, as witnessed and articulated by service members, veterans, and their loved ones, who experienced these wars firsthand. See the Smithsonian article at <http://bit.ly/2QgEO8r>



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