



Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

## THE BEACON

February 2020

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BEACON PRINT VERSION

Our February 5th program features “back by popular demand” David Richardson, speaking on book binding. He will show how he repairs damaged books and invites people to bring in their "sick" books for an estimate on repairs. Join us in our new location - the Wicker's Bldg. at Heritage Park (19921 Poplar Way, Lynnwood). Meetings start at 6:30 pm with a short Society update, followed at 7:00 pm by our program. Guests are welcome! For more information call our library at 425-775-6267.



And a winter weather reminder - if the Edmonds School District has closed school, our Library will be closed and SIGS activities canceled for the day. If school is canceled on a Friday, the Library



will be closed and all activities canceled for both Friday and Saturday. The Edmonds School District includes Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway and portions of Brier and unincorporated Snohomish County.

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### *Society News*

▶ Our first meeting of 2020 in our new location was a resounding success. We had over 20 attendees, and the program by Kent Morgan on the Oregon Trail was both educational and interesting. We have plenty of room in our new meeting place, so bring a friend to our next meeting on February 5.

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### *Upcoming Events*

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

▶ Our March 4 SIGS meeting will feature Sheri Ryan and Kevin Stadler presenting "Early Alderwood Manor", a history of the local area, how it developed and local historical highlights such as the demonstration farm, Interurban Railway and chickens. Whether you're new to the area or have been here forever, you're sure to find it interesting and informative.

▶ A Free Beginning Genealogy class is offered by the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society on the first Sat. of the month at 10am. (**Next class is Feb 1**) The 1 hour drop-in class will help the beginning researcher get organized and started to document their family history. Classes are held at the Sno-Isle Genealogy Research Library, 19827 Poplar Way, Heritage Park, Lynnwood. For more info call 425-775-6267 on Tues. or Thurs. 11am - 3pm.

▶ One-on-one Consultation appointments are available with our specialists for Brick Wall, German or Scandinavian research questions or problems. Each uses a 1-on-1 approach to help solve those your unique research questions. Each session is about 45-50 minutes long, and reservations are recommended to ensure your spot. Brick Wall sessions are available on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10 am to 3 pm;

German or Scandinavian appointments are available on the first and third Tuesdays at 11:30 am, 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm. Please call the Research Library between 11 am and 3 pm. Tues, Thursday or Saturday at 425-775-6267 to schedule an appointment.

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### ***Area Happenings***

▶ Carolyn Blount will hold a class on "***How to Analyze and do Identification on old Photos***" on Feb. 12 at the Fiske Library in Seattle. There is a \$5 class fee. Class is at 10am. Fiske Library is located 1644 43rd Ave W, Seattle. (It's at the end of Madison St. on Lake Washington).

▶ **Irish & Scots-Irish Research Seminar in Idaho**

Join experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast, Northern Ireland for an opportunity to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources, and gain tips and tricks for breaking down brick walls in your ancestry. The seminar will explore strategies for researching Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors. The program content covers the whole of Ireland, not solely Ulster. The presenters are from one of Ireland's foremost genealogy research organizations and publishing houses. Pertinent for beginner and seasoned genealogists alike. Sunday, March 22nd, 11am - 6pm (Irish inspired light lunch included!). Location: The Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center, 405 N. William Street, Post Falls, ID 83854. Cost: \$35 before February 20th, \$45 after. Click here [for more Info and to Register](#)

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

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### ***Membership***



We've begun testing our on-line payment system for dues and donations, and expect we'll have final approvals from both lawyers shortly. The new page will be posted to the website as soon as we have the documents in place.

If you haven't yet paid your 2019-2020 dues it's not too late, bring your check to the next meeting or send a check (\$ 25.00 per person) to the library. A Membership

Form is available [here](#). If you have membership questions, please email the membership chair, Kathy, at [membership@snoislegen.org](mailto:membership@snoislegen.org) or stop by the Library when it's open.

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### ***Volunteer Opportunities***

We still have openings for helper with our general meeting setup, refreshments, library staffing and on-line catalog entry. If you have an interest in helping out with any of these please call the library at 425-775-6267 on Thurs. between 11 and 3pm, or eMail [volunteer@snoislegen.org](mailto:volunteer@snoislegen.org).

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

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

▶ Our used books for sale list is now online in the website: <https://snoislegen.org/used-books-for-sale/>. You can also find the page by clicking on the magnifying glass in the menu at the top of any page and searching for "used books". Remember that SIGS members get a 10% discount. Many books are only a dollar! Online payment isn't yet available so you'll need to either visit the library or call to arrange for your book(s) to be shipped to you; shipping costs will be added to the cost of your purchase.

▶ Our on-line catalog project continues, and is going well. If you can type and are interested in helping us enter books into the catalog please call the library and leave a message for Ron Sailer, and he'll contact you. With about 3,500 titles to go, we can use definitely use any help you can give us!

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# Reinforcing Your Research

## Working with Probate Records

Probate is the court-supervised process of validating a will if the deceased made one. Probate steps are similar even if there isn't a will, and includes identifying assets and determining their value, paying outstanding bills and taxes, determining the care of dependents, and distributing the remainder of the estate to their rightful beneficiaries. Each state has specific laws in place, and there is generally a special probate court with its own judge. (Source: [Balance.com: What is probate?](#))

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### ***Resources***

- [What Happens During the Probate Process?](#) (has a great flow chart & information on each step of the process)
  - Family Search Wiki - [United States Probate Records](#)
  - Family Search Wiki - [Analyzing United States Probate Records](#)
  - Margaret Linford - [Using Wills and Probate Records in Genealogy Research](#)
  - Family History Daily - [Probate Records Could Be the Key to Unlocking Your Family's Hidden Past](#)
  - Shirley Hornbeck - [This and that genealogy tips on probate records and wills](#)
  - Ancestry Support - [Searching Probate Records](#)
  - Ancestral Findings - [Finding Probate Records](#)
  - ThoughtCo - [How to Use Wills and Estate Records to Learn About Your Ancestors](#)
  - Legacy Webinar by Linda Woodward Geiger - [Estate Records - More Than Just Wills](#)
  - Cyndi's List – [Wills and Probate](#)
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### ***For Beginners***

- Ancestral Findings - [Looking for Probate Records in Your Genealogy Research: Why You Should](#)
  - Family History for Beginners – a [video series](#) on basic methods and records
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## ***Genealogy Terms***

### **Testate and Intestate**

Testate: a person who died having made and left a legally valid will

Intestate: a person who died having made no will, or whose will is found not legally valid.

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### ***Quick Tips & Favorite Links***

- ▶ Amy Johnson Crow - [5 Types of Maps Every Genealogist Should Know](#)
- ▶ [2 Guidelines for Resolving Conflicting Information in Sources](#) | Legacy Tree
- ▶ [5 Tips for Maximizing Use of the Internet Archives](#) | Family History Fanatics

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

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### ***Do You Know?***

▶ That LOSHO (the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations) is taking an inventory of historical assets across unincorporated Snohomish County, and that they maintain a mapping system that allows users to overlay a variety of vintage maps accurately scaled to match modern survey references? The maps allow users to easily compare the historical maps (including homestead lines) and modern parcel surveys and aerial photographs. You can find more information on their [website](#).

▶ That Microsoft reversed course on discontinuing support for the OneNote 2016 desktop app? After a lot of feedback from its customers about discontinuing the desktop version (where you could have your notebooks on your own local drive), it announced in October that it will continue supporting and (restart) making improvements until at least 2025.

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Groundhog Day?



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