



Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

## THE BEACON

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### **SIGS Activities Suspended Library closed through at least April 25**

Given the severity of Covid-19 virus situation and recent mandates from the governor, all SIGS activities have been canceled until the *Stay Home – Stay Healthy* Order is lifted.

We will send or post any updates on the website, via email and on our Facebook page as they become available and will let you know when we reopen.

For further inquiries, contact us

at [info@snoislegen.org](mailto:info@snoislegen.org)

## Our Society



### **Society News**

► It's that time of year again, and our nominating committee was established at the February Board meeting. If you have an interest in running for an office or serving on the Board, please eMail [volunteer@snoislegen.org](mailto:volunteer@snoislegen.org)

### **Upcoming Events**

**Stay tuned for upcoming programs. We're hoping to resume our normal activities in May.**

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## Area Happenings

► **Almost all area happenings are on hold. Please check that any seminar, conference, or event you plan to attend is still happening.**

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## Membership



**Our on-line payment system for dues and donations is now available!**

The link is <https://snoislegen.org/shop/>.

If you have membership questions, please email the membership chair at [membership@snoislegen.org](mailto:membership@snoislegen.org) or stop by the Library when it reopens.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

We still have openings for helpers 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 send a message to [volunteer@snoislegen.org](mailto:volunteer@snoislegen.org) and we'll let you know when we resume our normal schedules.

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## About the Library

Humble House, Heritage Park,  
19827 Poplar Way,  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

**Our research library will be closed through at least April 25**

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## Reinforcing Your Research Researching Your Female Ancestors

It can be difficult to find evidence of female ancestors, especially the further back one goes. Women's identities were usually subsumed into their husbands; often being known not as Jane Smith, but Mrs. Charles J. Smith. If you're fortunate, maiden names might be found in an obituary, but that's often not the case, especially if the woman remarried. This month's research topic provides some suggestions and strategies to help you find those elusive ladies who were such a part of our heritage.

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## Resources

- Genealogy Bank - [8 Genealogy Tips for Tracing Female Ancestry](#)
- Bespoke Genealogy - [How to Research the Women in your Family](#)
- Family History Daily - [Pro Tips for Researching the Women in your Family Tree](#)
- Are You My Cousin?- [Researching Female Ancestors](#)
- Sassy Jane Genealogy - <https://www.sassyjanegenealogy.com/searching-maiden-names/>
- Ancestral Findings - [Finding the True Identities of Your Female Ancestors](#)

- Ancestral Findings - [How to Overcome the Difficulties of Finding Female Ancestors](#)
  - Legacy Tree - [5 Tips for Finding Female Ancestors](#)
  - Amy Johnson Crow - [3 Practical Strategies for Finding Female Ancestors](#)
  - YouTube / Findmypast - [Finding Elusive Female Ancestors: 8 Essential Tips](#)
  - [Kimberly Powell](#) (ThoughtCo.) - [How to Research the Women in Your Family Tree](#)
  - Family History Daily - [7 Little-Used Tricks for Finding That Missing Maiden Name](#)
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### ***Genealogy Terms***

Not really a term, but remember that women often lost their own identity when they married. Don't forget to search for them (especially in newspapers) by their husband's titles - Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Charles J. Smith, Mrs. Chas. Smith, Mrs. Smith. Sometimes, but not always, a widow will be identified by her first name, Mrs. Lucy Smith, and a divorced women by her maiden and married name: Mrs.Mary Cole Smith. No wonder we women aren't always easy to find!

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### ***For Beginners***

- [10 Rules for Accepting Hints on Ancestry](#)
  - [A Quick Guide to Using the US Census for Genealogy | Ancestral Findings](#)
  - [Two People, Same Name: How to Avoid Mix-ups in Your Genealogy Research](#)
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### ***Quick Tips & Favorite Links***

- ▶ [Why BillionGraves Is My Preferred Online Gravesite Database](#) by Ryan Ross on Once Removed
  - ▶ [What Is Evidence?](#) by Phil Isherwood on Seeing the Wood for the Trees
  - ▶ [Note to Self: Get Organized](#) by Judy G. Russell on The Legal Genealogist
  - ▶ [19 Do's and Don'ts When Researching Old Newspapers](#) by Kenneth R. Marks on The Ancestor Hunt
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### ***Do You Know?***

- ▶ [Seven Fun Genealogy Facts?](#)
  - ▶ Smithsonian Magazine has published an article on [What May Be the World's Largest Family Tree?](#)
  - ▶ The Smithsonian released [2.8 million images into the public domain](#), and plans to release many more?
  - ▶ What 9 Kinds of [Ancestor Death Records](#) You Should Look For?
  - ▶ The 2020 U.S. census will use the internet to answer census questions, rather than filling out a paper form or providing those answers to a census taker in person at their home? For more info see <https://theconversation.com/the-census-goes-digital-3-things-to-know-130146>.
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