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Our Society



Society News

► Even though we are temporarily closed we are still looking for people to fill our open Board positions. If you want to work with a great group of people and have an interest in running for an office or serving on the Board, please eMail volunteer@snoislegen.org

SIGS Activities Suspended Library closed through at least May 4th



The SIGS Board of Directors is committed to keeping our volunteers and patrons safe and healthy. We are complying with the mandates outlined in *Stay Home - Stay Healthy* and will remain closed until such time as the Governor advises that it is safe to reconvene operations.

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

Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for upcoming programs. We're hoping to resume our normal activities soon.

Area Happenings

► **Almost all in person area happenings are on hold but virtual events are happening.**

Family Search is holding a number of [virtual seminars](#) and Ancestry is doing a number of live learning sessions. Visit the [Ancestry Facebook](#) page for information on events.

Special Opportunities

► **Many companies are offering special opportunities to continue your research while we are all safe at home.**

[Archive.org](#) has created the [National Emergency Library](#). Users are now able to borrow electronic books without any waitlist. Access will be available through June 30th or the end of the national emergency, whichever is later. This library brings together all the books from [Phillips Academy Andover](#) and [Marygrove College](#), and much of [Trent University's](#) collections, along with over a million other books donated from other libraries to readers worldwide that are locked out of their libraries.

[Sno-Isle](#) and other libraries, in partnership with ProQuest and Ancestry, have made the Ancestry Library Edition open to those working from home. If you do not have a Sno-Isle, [King County](#), or other local library card most libraries are supplying e-cards which allow you to check out ebooks, magazine, videos, and do research without going into a physical library location.

Remembering History

► **As we navigate our new normal amid COVID-19 it is interesting to see how our ancestors, amidst WWI, coped with the Spanish Flu pandemic.**

During this pandemic we have a host of technology to keep us entertained. TV, phones, computers, tablets, handheld game systems, console games, ebook, audiobooks, streaming services and so much more can keep us entertained for minutes at a time. It makes you wonder how people kept themselves [entertained in the pre-digital era](#).

Amy Johnson Crow and Lori Lyn Price wrote a blog post and recorded a podcast about [life during the 1918 Spanish Flu Epidemic](#). Pop Quiz: Where did the Spanish Flu originate? Read the article to find out.

For some interesting, yet heavy and heartbreaking stories, check out these stories curated by Lori Lyn Price. [1918 Flu Epidemic stories](#)

You and your family are living through history right now. The type of history that will be taught in history books. Why not document this experience to share with future generations.

[Why you should start a COVID-19 journal and what to include](#)

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 or stop by the Library when it reopens.

Volunteer Opportunities

Once we start meeting in person we would love to have you as a volunteer. 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 and we'll let you know when we resume our normal schedules.



About the Library

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

Our research library will be closed through at least May 4th

Reinforcing Your Research Genealogy Charts and Forms

Genealogy charts and forms abound. The real problem is finding ones that work *with* you, providing you with a useful, efficient and robust picture of your research. It can take a lot of trial and error to find the collection that works best you. This month's research topic presents a variety of charts, forms and tools that you might find valuable.

Resources

- Family Search Wiki - [Genealogy Research Forms – probably the most comprehensive listing you'll find.](#)
- [Mid-Continent Public Library](#) – includes fillable PDF forms
- [B&F Jewish Genealogy and More](#) – Family History forms in English and Hebrew, including an [Ancestor Location Form](#) and a [US Immigrant Census Form](#).
- Rootsweb – various pdf (non-fillable) forms including a [U.S. Research Checklist](#), cemetery and funeral home employee interview notetaking form, an [Online](#)

[Research Log](#) and others.

- [U.S. National Archives - Charts and Forms](#)
- ·St. Louis Genealogy Society - [Free Research Forms](#) (and don't miss their [Free Citation Guide](#) with Citation templates and examples that include First Footnote or Endnote, Subsequent Footnote or Endnote and Bibliography citations.
- ·GenealogySearch.org [Free Genealogy Forms and Charts](#)
- ·[Cyndi's List](#) – Charts & Forms
- ·Detroit Society for Genealogical Research [Genealogy Research Forms](#)
- British Forms -
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/familyhistory/get_started/record_sheets.shtml

Genealogy Terms and Procedures

When gathering details and noting information the documentation is the key. Not only does this help you follow your own path (where did you get great-great grandmother's immigration date), but it helps other corroborate your findings. Consistency in citing your sources, noting city/state/county/country, documenting maiden names, or nicknames are all important parts to save you time and help genealogists who may follow.

[How to document sources and write citations](#)

[8 Rules for Properly Recording Names in Genealogy](#)

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](#)

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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