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Our Society



Society News

► Beginning on March 3, 2022, the Humble House Library at Heritage Park will be open to the public. Hours will be Thursday and Saturday from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Tuesday the library will be open by appointment. Please call 425-775-6267 to arrange a Tuesday visit.

Upcoming SIGS Events

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Sno-Isle General Meeting

6:30pm to 8:00pm

[Register](#) for the March meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Sno-Isle General Meeting

6:30pm to 8:00pm

[Register](#) for the April meeting

March and April General Meeting Topics

We have some terrific topics lined up for March and April: Irish Genealogy with Mary Kircher Roddy, CG and Tracking Down Your Eastern European Ancestors with Pam Vestal! We hope to see you at the meetings.

Eastern European Ancestors - Pam Vestal

Tracking Down Your Eastern European Ancestors In spite of the many wars, boundary changes, and political and natural catastrophes, an astonishing number of records exist for our Eastern European ancestors, both here and abroad. We'll explore strategies for finding their places of origin, uncovering their original names, finding and requesting records, extracting and understanding their information, and dealing with foreign languages.

Irish Genealogy - Mary Kircher Roddy, CG

So You're Irish, Are You Now? Beginning to Trace Your Irish Ancestors - Are you ready to begin tracing your ancestors in Ireland? What must you know before jumping into Irish records? What's in them? How can you access them? Presentation is geared toward genealogists beginning to trace their 19th and 20th-century Irish immigrant ancestors.

► **Brick Wall** - Carroll Budny has volunteered her time to help anyone with research questions. The next Brick Wall session is scheduled for March 19th. Call Humble House, 425-775-6267 and leave a message. Volunteers are periodically checking voicemail during the closure. We appreciate your patience during this time.

National Events

RootsTech

March 3 - 5, 2022

This is an online event.

THE Genealogy Show: Spring Event

April 1 - 3, 2022

This is a virtual event held in the UK. Please see the website to determine US eligibility to attend.

I4GG - Genetic Genealogy Conference

April 9 - 10, 2022

San Diego California and Livestreams

National Genealogical Society Family History Conference

May 24 - 28, 2022

Sacramento, CA

Three ways to attend: In-person, Online, or On Demand

Register by March 18th for the Early Bird Discount

Celtic Connections Conference

Beginning July 9, 2022

This is an online event

[Foundation for Eastern European Family History Studies Conference](#)

July 25 - 29, 2022

This is a virtual event

[42nd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#)

August 21 - 25, 2022

Philadelphia, PA - details for in-person and/or virtual are still being determined

Southern California Genealogical Society - [Genealogy Jamboree 2022](#)

August 19 - 27, 2022

This is a virtual event

Association of Professional Genealogists: *How to Pivot: Genealogy in a Changing World*

September 21 - 24, 2022

This is a virtual event

Area Happenings and Online Classes

► **Online events are still being held by many societies, however in-person events are beginning to happen.**

[Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society](#)

2022 Virtual Spring Seminar

April 23, 2022

[Seattle Genealogical Society](#)

2022 Spring Seminar - Land and Maps and Deeds, Oh My!

June 3 - 5, 2022

[Shoreline Family History Center Winter/Spring 2022 Class Schedule](#) - all classes are held via Zoom.

[Calendar of Events](#) | [National Archives](#)

[Fiske Library Winter Class Schedule](#)

[Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#)

Local Society Updates

► **Fiske Library**

The Fiske Library is now open for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday by appointment only. Visit the [Fiske Library website](#) for instructions on making an appointment.

► **Shoreline Family History Center**

The [Shoreline Family History Center](#) is now open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Sunday from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. The center requests that non-vaccinated individuals Mark Calkins at 425-350-7226 to set-up a phone or Zoom appointment.

► **Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society**

The [Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society](#) is open weekly on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

► **National Archives in Seattle**

The National Archives in Seattle is currently closed due to the increase in COVID cases in King County.

Some libraries are still offering the Ancestry Library Edition free and available from home (rather than only from a library computer). Get the most from your library card and access this resources for your research.

Genealogy in the News

► **National Archives**

On February 10th, Lisa Louise Cooke was joined by Geoff Gentilini and Jessica M. Taylor to discuss the inaccessibility of National Archive Records for the past 2 years. These records are used not only by genealogists but by Veterans, scholars, and numerous others.

[A Call to Reopen the U.S. National Archives - Genealogy Gems \(lislouisecooke.com National Archives\)](#)

► **"Genealogy for All Humanity"**

University of Oxford Researchers have created the largest ever human family tree.

[Read the article](#)

► **Why It's Important for African American's to Research their Genealogy**

The Charlotte Observer held a virtual event with several genealogists and researchers to discuss "Tracing Black roots: The process, challenges and emotional journey of exploring ancestry."

[Read the article](#)

► **How the Woodland Restoration Foundation are preserving the past for**

African American families

It is estimated that about 30,000 people have been laid to rest at Woodland Cemetery in its 29 acres. It is the second largest Black cemetery in the Richmond area. Black people buried in these cemeteries and others blazed the trail for the community that exists in the Richmond area today.

[Woodland Cemetery - Find a Grave News](#)

Resource Give-Aways

The Humble House Library has been doing some housecleaning and has the following items available for give away.

Maps - The maps often give a detailed description of an area and can be helpful in your research.

National Geographic maps from various countries.

Road maps from various states.

Halifax - Dartmouth

Newfoundland

Nova Scotia

Great Britain: Cockermouth & Maryport

Embleton & Alnmouth

Selsey Bill

Carlisle (East) & Castle

Carrock

Chichester & Bognor Regis

South East England

Eastbourne, Hastings &

surrounding area

Chester

Maidstone & the Weald

West Cumbria

Leeds, Bradford &

Harrogate area

Sheffield & Doncaster area

Norfolk Coast Central

(2) Carlisle & Solway Firth

Gretna Green

Midlands The North, Lake

District & Borders

East Midlands & Yorkshire

North - Liverpool,

Manchester, York

Periodicals:

- MINNESOTA Crowling County Genealogical Society Heir Mail - 1985-2002
- NEW YORK St. Lawrence Valley Genealogical Society SLVGS News
- OREGON The Rogue Digger Rogue Valley Genealogical Society 1988-2005
- NEW ENGLAND The Mayflower Quarterly - 1971-2007
- Oregon Historical Quarterly - misc. Issues from 1930-1989
- Old Westmoreland Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services 1982-1984
- PENNSYLVANIA Lancaster Legacy - 1984-1987
- PENNSYLVANIA Crawford County Genealogy - 1987-1991
- PENNSYLVANIA Keystone Seeker Genealogical Society Quarterly - 1988-1990
- Pennsylvania Genealogist and Historian -1989-1994
- Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly - 1988-1992
- Mennonite Family History 1982-2011
- New York Lost & Found - 1994-95

Penrith & Keswick
 Ambleside
 Alnwick, Morpeth &
 surrounding area
 Haltwhistle & Brampton,
 Bewcastle & Alston
 Tynside & Durham area
 Willshire
 Avon & Somerset
 Sweden
 Germany: Baden - Wuerttemberg
 Germany East

- Michigan's Habitant Heritage - French Canadian Heritage Society - 1980-1984
- OREGON Beaver Briefs Willamette Valley Genealogical Society - 1988-2008, Indexes for
- 1969-1997
- OREGON Willamette Valley Genealogical Society newsletter - 2000-2006
- MASSACHUSETTS The Essex Genealogist - 2001-2005
- KANSAS Midwest Historical and Genealogical Register - 2004-2012
- Maryland Historical Magazine - 1972-1987
- OREGON Timber Trails - Yamhill County Genealogical Society 1988-2002
- Oregon Genealogical Society Journal - 1988-2012
- Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly - 1988-2009
- Central New York Genealogical Society Cousin Huntin' & Tree Talks - 1971-1997
- Genealogical Journal of Jefferson County New York - 1991-1996 + Index 1989-1996
- The Bulletin of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. - 1988-2009
- PENNSYLVANIA Lycoming Lineage - 1987-1999
- Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage - 1989-1991
- The German Genealogist - 1985-2001
- Vesterheim - Norwegian-American - 1994-2007
- Swedish American Genealogist 1983-2014
- OHIO Tuscarawas Pioneer Footprints - 2000-2013
- National Genealogical Society Newsletter 1987-2005

- Forebears An International Journal of things Historical, Heraldic & Genealogical/The Augustan
- 1972-1976
- The Genealogist - 2000-2003
- The American Genealogist - 1990-2006
- Connecticut Maple Leaf - 1983-1990
- Georgia Pioneers - 1973-1977
- Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly - 2002, 2005-2006
- Georgia Genealogist - 1970-1979
- The Sons of Norway Viking - 1990-1995
- Avotaynu - International Review of Jewish Genealogy - 1990-2002
- Dorat - Journal of the Jewish Genealogical Society - 1999-2001
- New York Pedigrees North County Edition - 1994-1998
- WISCONSIN Grant County Heritage - 1993-2004
- Wisconsin 'Out on a Limb' Dodge Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society quarterly newsletter - 2002-2007
- National Genealogical Inquirer - 1977-1981
- Fife Family History Society Journal - 2008-2009

Items not claimed by March 15th will be recycled. Please call Humble House at 425-775-6267 on Thurs. or Sat. 11-3pm to request an item and arrange pick-up.

Membership



Membership Questions?

To pay online go to <https://snoislegen.org/shop/>.

If you'd prefer to mail a check please download the [Membership Form](#) to mail with your check.

If you have membership questions, email the membership chair at membership@snoislegen.org or stop by the Library.

Have a friend or family member who has discovered genealogy as a hobby? Encourage them to join the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society. Membership is \$25 per year. They can join [online](#) or using our mail-in [form](#). Better yet, give them the gift of membership and start them on a fun and fascinating hobby.



About the Library

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

Genealogy Research Tools

1950 Census

The 1950 Census is due to be released on April 1, 2022, and many of us genealogists can't wait!

In the United States, census records are made public 72 years after they are taken. Each census gathers similar, yet slightly different information. For the 1950 census the enumerated include the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, the Canal Zone, Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and some smaller island territories. 1950 also marks the first time that United States citizens abroad were included in the enumeration. This would include service members and family members living abroad.

The 1950 Census also included some supplementary questions that could provide some unique perspectives into the lives of your ancestors, if they were lucky enough to be asked the questions. On each census page, six people would be eligible to receive the supplemental questions. These supplemental questions could reveal the birthplaces of both parents and the highest grade of school attended. For those 14 and older, you may get an idea of the family's finances, including how much money that person earned in 1949 and how much money they and other members of the household each received from interest, dividends, veterans' allowances, pensions, rents, or other income.

With the [increased longevity](#) of people in the US there is a good chance that researchers will be able to find living people to whom they are related, or even themselves, on this census. Another exciting development with the 1950 Census is that it will be released as a digitized document. Using the Amazon Web Services (AWS) platform the 1950 Census will be searchable using their Artificial Intelligence and Optical Character Recognition Texttract tool, however with this technology comes some possibility for errors in translating the 1950's handwriting found on the records. To help address any of these errors, the National Archives is asking for volunteers to help with a [transcription project](#) aiming to increase the accuracy of the records.

Due to possible translation errors you'll also want to know the enumeration district for your ancestor. [Stephen P Morse's](#) site is a wonderful resource for finding the enumeration district of your ancestor. With as little as the State and County information you will be able to find the district in which your ancestor was living. Once you have the enumeration district you're ready to start good, old-fashion sleuthing to find them on the census.

One thing to remember with the 1950 Census is that college students will be enumerated where they are attending school versus with their families. So if that college student is out of state you'll need to determine where they are located to find them on the census. Once you find them, or more likely a youth in High School, you can check out the over 450,000 yearbooks on Ancestry and download of photo of your 1950's ancestor (or yourself). A subscription to Ancestry is required or you can stop by your local public library and use their computer. It's always fun to put some personality into the names in your research.

So, no matter if you know where all your ancestors where in 1950, if you are hoping to break down some walls, if you want to find yourself, or if this is your first foray into the census world, the 1950 Census promises to be an enjoyable and data rich resource.

*Fun fact - the 1950 census was taken 1 year before the first color television program was broadcast. Something to think about as you watch the linked videos on your computer or tablet.

[Archive.org](#) - a link to the census will be provided here on April 1, 2022

[Transcription Project](#)

[Ancestry.com Article](#)

[Census.gov 1950 Information](#)

[List of questions found on the 1950 Census](#)

[How the pandemic is affecting the 1950 Census release](#)

[Stephen P Morse's Website](#) - great resources for maps and information to help you find the correct area to look

[Tips to get ready for the 1950 Census](#) - From Family Search

[Getting Ready for the 1950 Census](#) - Stephen P Morse

[Information on how to use maps to find the enumeration district](#)

[Cyndi's List](#) - this has a large selection of links to resources on using the 1950 Census

[History Hub](#) - a blog series discussing the 1950 Census. Many of these cover unique or non-standard takes on the census.

Videos

[US National Archives 1950 Census Promo Video](#)

[Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems Video](#)

[What's Included in the 1950 Census Video](#)

[Decoding the Codes in US Census Records Video](#) - Amy Johnson Crow

Bonus Link - The full dataset for the 1940 Census is now available. You can find

information [here](#).



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