

Washington State Genealogical Society
posthumously recognizes

Evelyn (Garrison) Steinmasel

(1915 - 1999)

for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society and outstanding assistance to its members and patrons.



Evelyn Steinmasel was president 3 terms, from 1975 through 1978), and held that position when the Articles of Incorporation were filed for the Genealogical Society of North Central Washington, the predecessor of Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society. She worked for over 20 years helping members and patrons in their research and furthering the goals of the Society.

Evelyn started, and for more than 20 years, compiled and edited materials for the Society's Pictorial Past Scrapbooks, totaling more than 1600 pages, and started the Anniversaries & Celebrations Scrapbooks indexing in 1980. Many articles have been written and contributed by her, including the "History of Hospitals in Wenatchee." Evelyn contributed articles for the Appleland Bulletin and gave educational presentations at the general membership meetings. She did a lot of compiling and indexing of records from the Evergreen Cemetery and Cashmere Cemetery. She extracted surnames for the first Appleland Bulletin Index. She co-chaired the original project of copying the Chelan County marriage records, served on nominating committees and as liaison with the North Central Washington Museum.

Evelyn was especially good at getting people started in genealogy. Her friendliness and warmth, as well as her experience, encouraged people return to receive additional help. She had exceptional expertise in using court and land records of the southern U.S. Evelyn had a wealth of knowledge about Native American research in the southern tribes and would spend hours in the rolls of the Five Tribes helping people locate their missing ancestors. She was always generous with her time and seemed as enthused about other people's research as she was with her own.

Throughout her years of volunteer service Evelyn worked for the good of the Genealogical Society of North Central Washington and Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society in providing and preserving genealogical and historical records; thereby safeguarding important research materials for the community, patrons and members. An extraordinary leader and gracious individual, Evelyn's legacy of accomplishments continues to be remembered and appreciated.

Given this 19th day of September in the year 2009, at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Spokane, Washington.


Sue Semenza Ericksen
President

