



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

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President's Letter March 2022

No, I'm not going to wish you the “luck of the Irish” this month. Instead, I'll wish you all the things that go into excellent researching all the time—clear thinking, attention to detail, accurate documentation, perseverance, and yes, even some serendipity!



Thomas MacEntee

Are you ready for the 1950 census?

Our March membership meeting . . .

Did you ever think you'd be old enough to find yourself in a census? Well, baby boomers, your time is now! We've invited a good friend of WAGS, Thomas MacEntee, to give us all the details. Why is the 1950 form so different from previous forms? How soon can we access the data? We'll have lots of questions for this energetic, Chicago-based genealogy professional who wears many hats: educator, blogger, author, social media connector, marketer, network builder and more. Here is the Zoom information:

Topic: WAGS General Meeting - March

Time: Mar 14, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85110664643?pwd=Q3kxNmFsR2pCWWtsL2g3TUgvNDlpUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 1066 4643 Passcode: Census

C'mon in, the water's fine . . .

Reluctant to stick your toe into volunteering—but curious about how it all works?? Join our Librarians and Volunteers meeting via Zoom on **March 15th at 10 am** at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89045481003?
pwd=cTlZQUFIN0tBQXNRZHVwK3FhY3g1dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89045481003?pwd=cTlZQUFIN0tBQXNRZHVwK3FhY3g1dz09)

(Meeting ID: 890 4548 1003 Passcode: Volunteer)





Which states are you researching?

The WAGS Library has many genealogical bulletins from societies in other states dating back to the 1970s. Could you benefit from some of this information? Come into the library on **March 15th** from **1 to 4 p.m.** to review the periodicals from the following states:

Alaska

Arizona

Connecticut

Iowa

Alabama

California

Florida

Idaho

Arkansas

Colorado

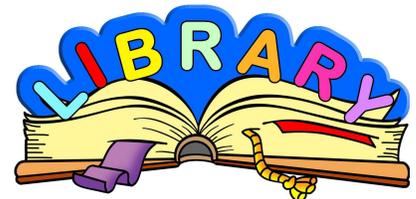
Georgia

Illinois/Indiana

WAGS members can take any of these home and study them at your leisure. Can't come in on that day but want to know more? Send a note to Library@wags-web.org and we'll send you a listing of what's available. Don't wait—this opportunity may be gone soon!

Your WAGS Library . . .

. . . continues to change physically and electronically to better accommodate the needs of our members and patrons. What's different?



- 1.** We're updating the **furniture** a little at a time to create a more versatile space that's conducive to today's research tools (making space for your notebook AND your laptop).
- 2.** We're moving the **books/periodicals** around to make it easier to focus on the NCW region we represent. And we're **weeding out** some of the books that have been replaced by electronic research. Don't panic—many of our paper friends are still on the shelves and ready for your touch—come on in and see!
- 3.** We're updating the website to identify some of the **local resources** we have (like our yearbooks, Polk directories, phone books, etc.) so our distant members and patrons can make more focused requests for research.

Please come in and take a look around—we're just getting started, but we'd love your input while we're working.

Library@wags-web.org

We get fan mail . . .

“You guys are awesome! So glad that I found you. I sent in about eight requests for obits and death information and got way more than my money's worth. Thanks!”



“I would score you guys an 11 on a 1-10 scale. These were GREAT documents.”

“I really enjoy the Zoom meetings and I am constantly learning more about genealogy. Thank you for this learning experience!”



Another query . . .

In January, we put out a request for any information on **Norm Danielson**, who grew up on an orchard in Sunnyslope in the 1940s and 1950s.

This month, we have received a query for information on the **Hayden family**. Two families of Haydens moved to the Wenatchee area from New York in the early 1900s. They may have had a business together. Does anyone local have any information to share on either the Haydens or the Danielsons? If so, email Library@wags-web.org and we'll contact the queriers.

Vignette from WAGS' past . . .

The first mention of computers in the WAGS scrapbook was a Computer User's Workshop in 1992. Later that year, it was reported the a “computerized shelf list is replacing the old card files.” In October of 1994 we were excited about a “newly-acquired computer capable of reading compact disks loaded with genealogy data.” Not long after, Allen Ferguson created our first website. In 2014 we subscribed to EasyNet Sites, and in 2020, Hank Lubean engineered our current site.



Got memories?

We're collecting more WAGS memories all the time. Log onto our website—go to Members Only and click on WAGS 50th Anniversary—Member Comments. Be sure to submit your own recollections at info@wags-web.org.

Welcome

Our new members are from the local area this month: We're glad to welcome **Leon** and **Jerri Willis**, and **Rebecca Britt**, all from East Wenatchee. Wishing you good sleuthing!



It's March . . .

. . . and time for the Nominating Committee to be formed and activated. This is the process for doing that:

1. At the March 14 membership meeting, **the membership is required to select one member to the Nominating Committee.**

2. Within seven days the WAGS Board selects a second member;

3. and the WAGS President selects a third member.

4. Then one/both of our members at-large will call this newly-formed Nominating Committee together (Zoom or email?), and guide them through the process of locating nominees for our vacant offices.

5. The Nominating Committee will present its slate of officers at the **May** meeting, and the membership will vote at the **June** meeting and new officers will be installed.

The Nominating Committee can contact people either via email or on the phone. Hopefully this will be relatively painless, and many of you will come forward at the business meeting portion on March 14 to be the membership's representative on the "NomCom" and take part in selecting your slate of officers for 2022/3.

Spring is almost here,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President



Taking the census in 1950