



## Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

*Finding ancestors since 1971*

### September 2022 President's Letter



It's September! I heard the old adage, "Time flies when you're having fun," and I replied, "Well, we must really, *really* be having fun [for it to be flying so fast]." Soon we'll be in the long, dark evenings with nothing else to do but work on our research.



*Christine Cohen*

#### **September meeting: [www.AmericanAncestors.com](http://www.AmericanAncestors.com)**

American Ancestors is the website of the **New England Historical and Genealogical Society**. We have the Library Edition at our WAGS Library. How should West Coast people approach something that's so New-England-y? **Christine Cohen**, of Southern California, will show us all the features and all the ways she teases results from this very northeastern website (but as we'll see, it does cover other regions and countries). Christine also belongs to WAGS—the Whittier Area Genealogical Society!

Here is the meeting information:

**Monday, September 12, 2022 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

**A hybrid meeting via Zoom, or in person at the Douglas PUD Auditorium,  
1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee**

Topic: WAGS September General Meeting

Time: Sep 12, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82919117736?pwd=SFV2dkp0ZlpxQ3l1cC9sQ04wNUVFQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 1911 7736

Passcode: September

### **Cheat sheet for WAGS subscriptions . . .**

We would never cheat, but sometimes it's hard to keep track of the intricacies of the three WAGS subscription sites that are available to our members.

#### **At home, on your own computer:**

**MyHeritage.com Library Edition** Find the password on the WAGS website—go to Members Only, then click on “Discounts and Passwords.”



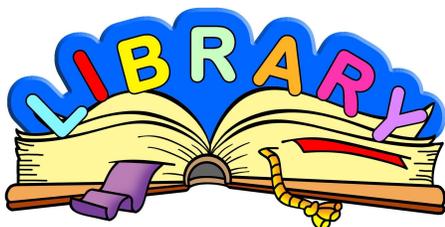
#### **At WAGS Library computers** (waiting for you too come in and use them):

##### **Ancestry Library Edition**

##### **AmericanAncestors.org**

(You can use **MyHeritage.com** at WAGS too.)

Also note that **HeritageQuest Online** is available to all on ncrl.org. You'll need a library card ID and your associated password.



### **Library news . . .**

Our recent library survey showed us that you're very happy with our goal of featuring NCW materials. So we went shopping and bought . . .

*A Handshake and a Thousand Dollars* by Betty (Sullivan) Wilsey

*Three Bags Full or Sheep Grazing in Eastern Washington* by Al C. Bright

*What They Found* by Robert Molzahn

*Place of Plenty: A History of Wenatchee in English and Spanish* by Chris Rader,  
translated by Kayla Garcia.

We've got our eye on some more titles. If you see a nice North Central Washington resource we should have, please let us know!

In the month of August we had 42 visits to the library by 18 people (13 volunteers and 5 patrons). The volunteers worked for 105 hours, and we filled 13 orders.

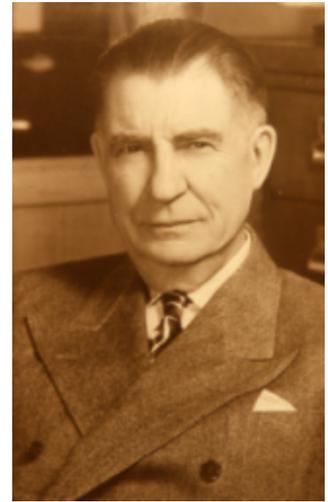


### **Your feedback was helpful . . .**

A while ago we asked you about our meeting times and whether to meet in the summer. Most respondents liked the meetings just fine the way they are (2:00 p.m. on second Mondays) but thought it would be good to take some time off in the summer.

### **A.Z. Wells—a best-kept secret no more!**

It seemed that **Alfred Z. Wells**, one of Wenatchee's prominent businessmen, wanted to keep his middle name a secret forever. But he was no match for WAGS' intrepid, indefatigable researchers! It happened this way: The museum people and the Wells House people were having a good-natured civil war as to whether it was **Zebulon** or **Zechariah**. So one of the museum folks came over and asked WAGS to please get to the bottom of it, and we did! The answer was found on FamilySearch.org, and the winning strategy was to find an older family member whose name was passed down. See if you can find the answer, too.



### **We'll be going out on the town . . .**

Save Sunday evening, **October 9**, for two special WAGS events.

**1.** Beginning at 4:00 p.m., the WAGS Library will be open for touring. If you haven't seen the new paint job or the new, airy look, you need to stop by and get reacquainted with your **WAGS research headquarters**. Bring your friends—we're looking forward to showing you

all the changes we've made!

**2.** Once you've been **wowed** by the new library look, don't leave! Stick around for the **GladSong Choir concert** at 6:00 next door at the Museum. Glad Song is a local choir (our own Hank LuBean is one of their basses) that rocks all styles of



*GladSong Choir can't wait to meet you!*

music in a most engaging way. They perform benefit concerts, donating any proceeds to the group that sponsors them—in this case, WAGS! They will help us celebrate our **belated 50th anniversary** while raising funds to add local history and resources to our library's North Central Washington section. This event will allow us to gather together in person, while replacing our **“no-work” fundraiser** with this free concert. Any donations made during the concert will go to WAGS. Bring your friends and family for an evening of delightful music!

## **October 9-15 is Family History Week!**

Our GladSong concert is the kick-off for **Family History Week**. We're teaming up with our friends at the Family History Center to celebrate in style.

- Monday, October 10      WAGS membership meeting—Zoom and in-person  
**Turn Family History Facts into Stories You Can Share**
- Wednesday, Oct. 12      FHC reception at 3:30, featuring our present mayors with  
four generations of their families!
- Saturday, Oct. 15      1:00—Community family history celebration and fair  
at East Wenatchee's Family History Center. Details tba

## **Family History Center hours . . .**

*The Family History Center will soon change its name to the FamilySearch Center, since FS is gaining so much name recognition.*

### **Hours:**

Tuesday 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm (Spanish-speaking available)  
Wednesday 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm (Hank's night)  
Thursday 1-4 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee  
*(entrance is located on the west side of the building)*



## **Everyone's got stories . . .**

*Let's share stories and reports from our research! You could share about a recent genealogy trip—or what you found on the 1950 census—or your quirky ancestor—or how you solved a knotty problem. This month some of us board members will prime the pump, and you, our members, can take it from there. Either **Reply** to this or other WAGS emails with your stories, or send to [info@wagsweb.org](mailto:info@wagsweb.org).*

**Mystery solved in SW Iowa:** A young sister of my grandfather had died in her teens/early 20s, but she was not buried with the rest of the family in the hometown. Of course, my mind jumped to all sorts of soap opera scenarios as to why she would have disappeared. Eventually I searched her on Findagrave—there she was in the next town over, buried in the plot of an older sister and her husband! So it must have been a space availability issue, or a financial issue (or both). **Principles:** 1. Never underestimate the importance of siblings; 2. Our ancestors were mostly upstanding people—give them the benefit of the doubt!

--Susan Rumble

**Take my birth certificate; I'm not using it:** My husband's grandfather was Harry R. Palmer, his mother was Lois Palmer and his uncle was Howard R. Palmer. But guess what? Harry R. Palmer was actually John Allen Caudle! Shortly after 1910, John decided to leave the dairy farm in Gates, Monroe County, NY, and his buddy, the real Harry Palmer, went with him. John Allen and Harry went to Rochester, MN. John was going to get on with the new Mayo clinic and he needed a birth certificate, which he didn't have. So, Harry R. Palmer said, "Here, take mine—I'm going to Canada." And, until the day he died, John Allen Caudle was Harry R. Palmer. As it turned out, the real Harry R. Palmer moved to Detroit, MI and worked at the Ford Motor Company. John Allen Caudle (the second Harry) also moved to Detroit and became a fireman. It required a lot of fact checking to keep them straight. --Kris McGregor

### **Thanks for shopping . . .**

We've made \$79.00 from our AmazonSmile purchases so far this year, and \$65.00 at Fred Meyer. Thank you for putting a little WAGS in your cart!

### ***Speaking of shopping . . .***

I thought we were modern when we got PayPal. Now look at us—with our very own QR Code! This will be available at WAGS Library, and also on the donation jar at our concert on October 9.



*This is an illustration, not the real thing!*

Happy Fall,  
Susan Rumble  
WAGS President

