



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
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**President's
Letter
February 2023**



I can tell that 2023 is going to go by just as fast as 2022 did. But welcome to February at WAGS anyway! Wishing you lots of all the things you love—especially genealogy.



Dana Palmer

**February Meeting for Members and Guests:
“Get It Together: Organizing Your Family Research”
with Dana Palmer**

Lately we've heard that a number of you are wondering where to start when a relative unloads a big box of pictures and documents on your front porch. Actually, WAGS Library has experienced that same thing. So we thought we'd bring in an expert to give us a framework on what to keep and how to pull it all together into something current and usable. This will be the third time we've had Dana as our presenter. She hails from southwest Ohio, and is a very busy genealogist, helping others with lineage society applications, publishing family books, teaching at the local

college, and doing Midwestern research. She has lectured at RootsTech and National Genealogical Society conferences.

**WAGS Meeting for Members and Guests
Monday afternoon, February 13, 2023 2:00 p.m.**

In person at the Douglas PUD Auditorium, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee
and via Zoom:

Topic: WAGS Feb General Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 13, 2023 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 899 1116 2603

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Our March meeting . . .

We'll round out this little mini-series on organizing with our new friend Annette Burke Lyttle, giving us "Get Organized to Write Your Family Stories." (She spoke to us last fall on "Turn Family History Facts into Stories You Can Share".) Save **March 13, at 2:00 p.m.**—both in-person and via Zoom.



Annette Burke Lyttle



Come watch with us . . .

The 2023 RootsTech conference is coming up on **March 2 through 4**. We'd like to put it on the big screen in the WAGS Library and watch some of the presentations together. Register for the FREE RootsTech Virtual conference [here](#). Then you can pre-pick your topics by looking at the available sessions

on the RootsTech website. Let us know at Library@wags-web.org which block of time you'd like to attend and what you really want to see! We'll put together a schedule and keep you posted.

Then in April . . .

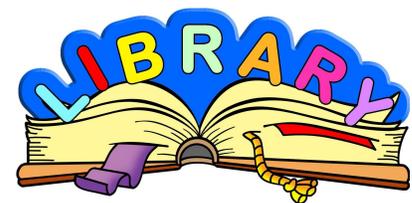
We'll step back in time and have a TOTALLY IN-PERSON MEETING! If you watched the RootsTech conference—whether at WAGS or at home, come to this meeting and let's talk about what you saw and how it helped or changed your research techniques. Maybe we'll call it "**What I Learned at RootsTech.**" Let's relive the good old days on **Monday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m.** with an in-person only meeting.



Mystery Presenters

Library news . . .

Now that winter is over (??) the library is open again for members and the public to come in on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. This is a great space to come in and work with a friend or fellow researcher. You might even get some tips from your friendly librarian. We had a few Norwegian researchers who were comparing notes and looking at maps last week.



Help wanted!

One of our members picked up some family letters written in **Italian** that need to be translated. Contact WAGSLibrarian@gmail.com if you can help out.



Everybody loves a discount . . .

Be sure that you're taking your WAGS Member Discount when you order records from our website. Log in, go to Members Only, and click on Discount Codes and Passwords to get your special code.

Don't let those pioneers evade your pursuit . . .

By now, you've heard that the Washington State Gen. Society is sponsoring the **Pioneer Pursuit**. They invite all genealogical societies, historical societies and individuals to research and document every pioneer who resided here on or before November 11, 1889, and two subsequent generations of their descendants. Go [HERE](#) for all the details.



One of our members already has a list of 15 Washington pioneer ancestors. It would be great to find other WAGS people who would like to get together and work on this worthy project. Dash off an email to Library@wags-web.org and we'll keep you updated on Pioneer Pursuit meetings.



New hours at the FamilySearch Center . . .

667 10th Street Northeast, East Wenatchee

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Second Sunday of each month 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Third Saturday of each month 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Need an appointment? Call 508-241-8580.

Everybody's got stories!

This is the place to share the interesting things you've run into as you do your research, or trips you've taken, or things that defy categorizing . . . Things that only another genealogist would appreciate!

Here is a research tip for you:



Nothing is written in stone, and even if it is, it could still be incorrect . . .

Our library has books from every state that were purchased or donated by members. I was in the library the other day, and thought I'd just browse through *The Kentucky Land Grants 1782-1924*. I had looked through that book early on in my research, looking for my Cudd family, and back then, had come up with nothing. The names are listed alphabetically, not by book, page number, county or survey date. Except that they're alphabetized very poorly! The Cu's started with Daniel Curd—no Cudd there—and there were more Curds than you could shake a stick at. I kept looking down the listed names from Curd to Crum, and then a switch to Cumstock, then to Crutchers, and then, low and behold, below "Clutter" were my Cudds, Jonathon and Michael.

If you looked through a book early on in your research, you may want to revisit that book and look again with your more experienced eyes, and a more patient, painstaking mind-set. You might get lucky like I did.

Kris McGregor

Welcome

to our newest members—**Sherrie Ebenal** from Spokane Valley; and **Cyndi Ingle** (yes, that name ought to be quite familiar!) of Edgewood, Washington. We're happy to have both of you on board!

Awaiting spring,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President

