



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .

April 2023
President's Letter

Congratulations for making it through the longest winter ever! Welcome to Spring at WAGS.



WAGS April program

What I Learned at RootsTech!

Featuring YOU in a roundtable discussion.

Early in March, we opened the WAGS Library for all to come and watch some of the RootsTech livestreaming from Salt Lake City on our big screen. We had a good time visiting, sharing and eating snacks. Perhaps others of you watched at home on your own computers. Now, let's gather in person and share our impressions and perhaps how we applied what we learned. This will be an old-fashioned, in-person-only meeting like we used to have before Covid! Make a list of errands to do in Wenatchee and plan to swing by the Douglas PUD Auditorium at 2:00!

Monday, April 10

What I Learned at RootsTech!

In-person-only at the Douglas PUD Auditorium
1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee

Our May meeting . . .

We'll be back to our usual hybrid meeting format in May. One of WAGS' newest members, and probably the most famous, is Cyndi Ingle. She will present ***Cyndi's List in Practice***. From her website: "Sometimes overwhelming to beginners and sometimes underused by veterans, **Cyndi's List** is a research tool that is robust with resources helpful in everyone's research." I think many of us will fall into the "underused by veterans" category! I'm looking forward to joining you in getting current with Cyndi's List.

Nominating Committee

At our March meeting, we were not able to get a nomination from the membership for the Nominating Committee, so your WAGS Board may turn into an “Appointing Committee!” We are looking for a Head Librarian and a Treasurer.



Now that we're doing so much Zooming, it's tough to have those one-on-one chats to learn what your skills are and which members are willing to help a little or a lot. You could help tremendously by contacting a board member and volunteering (see job descriptions below)—drop an email to Library@wags-web.org and we'll be in touch.

Head Librarian

From WAGS Bylaws:

The **Head Librarian** shall perform the duties usually associated with the operation of a genealogical library. The Head Librarian is an elected member of the board and has voting privileges.

The bylaws provide for a library committee (Part IV, Section 1, 1), to be headed by the Library Chair, to “meet at least quarterly to ensure the genealogical library continues to operate for the membership. This committee will report to the board after each quarterly meeting or as needed.”

Duties:

1. Coordinate and schedule librarians to cover the hours that the library is open to the public
2. Chair the Library Committee to help with the direction of the library and report to the board.

Committee tasks should include:

- Keep library acquisitions and accessions up to date (including family history donations)
- Budget concerns and suggestions for the library

3. Attend the board meetings and report monthly to the board.

Treasurer

From WAGS Bylaws:

The **Treasurer** shall receive all money of the Society, shall keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures, shall file any required forms, and shall pay out funds as authorized by the Board of Directors or by the Society, including payment of yearly nonprofit status fees.

A bit of WAGS trivia . . .

WAGS started out (52 years ago) as the Genealogical Society of North Central Washington (GSNCW). On May 15, 1995, the name was changed to the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS), since other nearby groups had started up, and we could no longer claim to be the only society in NCW.



At the library . . .

A couple of closures: The WAGS Library will be closed on Easter weekend Saturday, April 8. Also, we'll be closed May 6 because of the Apple Blossom parade.

We have purchased three books by WAGS member **Jim Tarbert**. They're local historical fiction, so we have put them in the check-out section so that you can take them home and enjoy some great summer reading!

Community rewards

Give WAGS' balance sheet a little boost by taking advantage of the Community Rewards programs offered by Fred Meyer and Target:
Fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards
Target.com/circle and look for **Community Support Votes**



Everyone's got stories . . .

Share stories about your research, or something interesting that you've found.

Focusing in: I was able to join my brothers and sisters and their spouses (16 of us total) in Pennsylvania recently for a mini-reunion. I gathered up the information I had about our family's Amish and Mennonite families and gave a short presentation on how they came to America through the county we were visiting. We are planning more get-togethers each year, and I was asked for another mini-presentation on our Michigan roots at the next one. Our recent programs at WAGS have taught me to narrow down my research to a single question—to stay focused! My research question will be, “How did my grandparents and great-grandparents decide to go to Huron County Michigan?”

Diane Gundersen

A genealogist's dream: I was contacted by a complete stranger who had found an old album at a thrift store in Puyallup/Sumner. Just one of the pictures in it had a last name, and this person was able to trace the album to me. It's in excellent shape for its age, and shows my paternal grandfather's family, with many pictures I had never seen before!



Hazel Thornton

(Everyone's got stories, continued)

Recording instead of writing: I am doing my family story in a different way—orally. I discussed it with my grandkids and they preferred to have the family history given to them verbally—to listen rather than read. I am using Apple's GarageBand program, but would be interested in other options. What are you using? **Jerry Gibbons**

Do you want to know more about the WSGS Pioneer Pursuit Contest?

You're invited to a roundtable presentation to learn more about the Washington Pioneer Pursuit Contest. The contest, sponsored by WSGS, is designed to document family histories for every man, woman and child who lived in Washington Territory on or before statehood was declared on November 11, 1889.

If you're interested in learning more about the contest, including what resources are available, how to complete the forms and the review process, join us. There'll also be plenty of time to get your questions answered. There is no pre-registration. Attendance is limited to 100 participants. The roundtable will be recorded and available on the WSGS website.

Monday, April 24, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82158112359?pwd=ZlJpak1pUjNjTDROcmFjckMxUlljdz09>

Meeting ID: 821 5811 2359 Passcode: 840493

Phone: (253) 215-8782,,82158112359#,,, *840493#

For more information, visit the [Pioneer Pursuit webpage](#) or email Info@wasgs.org.

Welcome

*. . . to new member **Brenda Brady** of Pateros, who is president of the local Kendrick Chapter of the DAR. We're glad to have you aboard!*

Sincerely,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President

