



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Finding ancestors since 1971

President's Letter
March 2024



Last month's virtual visit to the Northwest Railway Museum was a lot of fun. Just about everyone had a railroad story to share. Our knowledgeable and enthusiastic presenter, Mary Horabik, would like us to know the museum has special group rates. Is anyone up for a field trip this summer to the Northwest Railway Museum?

March Meeting for Members and Guests:



Erin Fonville

“Historic Documents in Chelan County”

with Erin Fonville

*Assessment Administrative Manager
Chelan County Assessor*

Erin will show us where to look for historic documents in Chelan County. There's a lot of information waiting for us, when we're familiar with the virtual territory. Bring your Chelan County ancestors' parcel numbers or addresses for her to use to demonstrate.

WAGS Meeting for Members and Guests

“Historic Documents in Chelan County”

Monday afternoon, March 11, 2024 2:00 p.m.

In person at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee
and via Zoom:

Topic: WAGs General Meeting Zoom Link

Time: Mar 11, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84811742592?pwd=R3dCL1IRK01UY1RZQVg5eGY5TGFsUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 1174 2592

Passcode: March



Sorry for the wrong date in your previous email! Of course it's Saturday, March 2! We knew you'd deduce the right date, so didn't bother you with a correction . . .

Come watch with us . . .

. . . at the WAGS Library Big Screen for a 2024

RootsTech viewing party! We will begin on Thursday, **February 29** at noon (first session starting at 12:30) and will continue through Saturday, **March 2**. Here are the sessions we've picked out, but flexibility is the best thing about this special gathering—if a lecture is not panning out, we are totally free to switch to another topic. (It would be helpful if you to RSVP'd at library@wags-web.org.)

Thursday, February 29

12:30 p.m. What's New at Ancestry.com in 2024 by Crista Cowan

2:00 p.m. Around the World in 60 Minutes: What's New in FamilySearch Collections

3:30 p.m. Brick Wall Ancestors Need a Search Party

Friday, March 1

12:30 p.m. Beyond Parish Registers by Nicholas Dixon OR Where in the World

2:00 p.m. Brick Walls--Real or Created? OR Church Records in Archives

3:30 p.m. Artificial Intelligence and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead by Thomas MacEntee

Saturday, March 2

12:30 p.m. Unexpected Treasures: Family History in American State Papers

2:00 p.m. What's in a Name? DNA, Surnames and 1-Name Studies

Other choices if those don't please us:

Who is my Ancestor? Tracing Individuals with Similar Names

Seven Essential Tips for Starting German Researchers

Fixing Sticky Problems in FamilySearch Family Trees

Why You Need to Come to the FamilySearch Library

Immigration mini-topic

Ethnic and religious mini-topic (Jonathon Fairchild)

(On YouTube) Getting Organized Using Technology (Kelli Bergheimer)

Go to the RootsTech schedule to see if there's something you'd like to add or for more information on these presentations. We're happy to add your requests to the schedule.

Our April meeting . . .

One of our favorite speakers, Annette Lyttle, will present ***“Our Quaker Ancestors: Their History and the Records They Left.”*** Besides English research, here's another topic we have never used in a program! Quakers were amazing record-keepers. If you don't have Quakers in your tree, you'll be jealous of those who do after this presentation!

Nominating Committee: Two facets to this little gem!

The first facet is the legal requirement: To give a broader representation, and to prevent any sort of “hostile takeover” (heaven forbid!), our bylaws were written to require a nominating committee made up of

- one person picked by the membership
- one picked by the board and
- one picked by the president

This nominating committee is tasked to talk to other members about becoming part of the WAGS board and puts together a slate of members willing to serve for one year.

Would you be willing to spend a couple hours on the nominating committee as one of these representatives? A few phone calls to our members could be a fun afternoon project. This is a very short commitment, but valuable to our organization. If you're up to the task, reply at info@wags-web.org with your name and contact information.

The second facet: Volunteering

Through the years, and especially since Covid, times have changed, and it's become more difficult to know our members and their skills and desires. So in addition to following the bylaws, we need you to reach out to us if you've thought of being more involved with WAGS, and make the nominating committee's job a lot easier.

Being on the WAGS Board can be a fun way to get to know your fellow WAGS members, and you can have direct input on our discussions and decisions. We meet once a month for a couple of hours. You'll see the inner workings of our organization and help us improve the benefits to our members and community. Remember, it's only a one-year commitment, so if it's not for you, you can step back at the end of the year. Most of our board members also have tasks that take a few hours outside the meeting.

If you're interested in becoming a board member or even just attending our meetings to see if it's for you, here are the board positions you could apply for:

President – **Susan Rumble**

Vice President – OPEN – currently filled by **Diane Gundersen**

Treasurer – OPEN – presently, tasks shared by **Susan** and **Diane** and a paid bookkeeper

Recording Secretary – **Lisa Vollrath**

Corresponding Secretary – **Patty Ostendorff**

Librarian – OPEN – presently, tasks shared by **Kris** and **Diane**

Member at-Large – **Hank LuBean** (also works as our technology specialist)

Member at-Large – **Hazel Thornton** (also works as our membership specialist)

Member at-Large – **Kris McGregor** (also works on publicity and as a librarian)

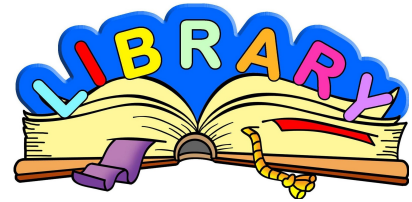
We currently meet the first or second Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Join us and see if there's a position you'd like to fill. Contact us at info@wags-web.org and let us know of your interest.

Library news . . .



Make your copies at WAGS!

Will you need copies of your tax documents? Why go to places that charge you 60 cents and up for your copies, when you can come to the WAGS Library and copy for just 25 cents a page for black and white or 50 cents a page for color copies?! Our hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays 1:00 to 4:00.



Welcome

to our newest member—**Ann Sharley-Hubbard** of Spokane Valley. Welcome and happy searching!

Early spring is traditionally **membership renewal** time, altho our new computer system will let you join any month of the year. There is a generous grace period, for those who might forget ;-)
Find out the status of your membership by logging in at wags-web.org, clicking on Members Only, and then going down to Membership Account.

Happy Spring!
Susan Rumble
WAGS President
and the WAGS Board



March 11: the day after Daylight Savings starts :-)

P.S.: Hank's **Genealogy 101 class** will meet Wednesday, March 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee.

P.P.S.: The March **WAGS board meeting** will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Topic: WAGS Board Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 6, 2024 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84444815431?
pwd=czkwRVVvdTVwMnNNTeG9tQWU3SWIBUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84444815431?pwd=czkwRVVvdTVwMnNNTeG9tQWU3SWIBUT09)

Meeting ID: 844 4481 5431

Passcode: Board

And finally,

WAGS Library hours

Tuesday and Saturday, 1-4 pm

Wednesday afternoons, digitizing by appt.

127 South Mission, Wenatchee

(corner of Yakima and Mission)

FamilySearch Center hours:

Tuesdays 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm

Wednesdays 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm

(Hank's night, and Spanish-speaking available)

Thursdays 1-4 pm

667 10th Street, NE in East Wenatchee