



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Finding ancestors since 1971

President's Letter
April 2024



This may be a shorter letter, what with Easter coming up so soon. We're happy to present a program this month on the Quakers—another group on which we have never had a presentation that I can recall.

April Meeting for Members and Guests:



Annette Lyttle

***“Our Quaker Ancestors: Their History
and the Records They Left”***
with Annette Burke Lyttle

Quakers always seemed to be the earliest settlers in newly-opened territory. They were master record-keepers. Not only the usual birth, marriage and death records—they kept extensive records on people who attended their meetings, those who left and why, various community transgressions, and anti-slavery opinions. What a gold mine for family researchers!

WAGS Meeting for Members and Guests
***“Our Quaker Ancestors: Their History
and the Records They Left”***

Monday afternoon, April 8, 2024 2:00 p.m.

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

Topic: WAGS April General Zoom Meeting
Time: Apr 8, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89141746016?pwd=bEtGSWYxS0N5TIVTY2JzRDZsZlFDZz09>

Meeting ID: 891 4174 6016 Passcode: 122460



Mary Roddy

Our May 13 meeting . . .

Mary Kircher Roddy of the Seattle area will present ***“Not Who He Once Was: Tips for finding Your Name-Changing Ancestor.”*** Perhaps your brick wall contains an ancestor who completely changed his/her name. Mary will give us strategies to discover who the young person became in later life, or who great-grandpa was before anyone got to know him.



Cyndi Ingle

Our June 10 meeting . . .

We'll finish our year strong with Cyndi Ingle presenting ***“How the Homestead Act Shaped My Family . . . and Maybe Yours.”*** Our western states were populated through this program that allowed the common farmer/rancher to own large parcels of land as long as they could meet the requirements of the act. You can build a vivid picture of the hard but fruitful life that your homestead ancestor lived.



News from the museum . . .

Did you know that the museum is planning a grand remodeling project? They recently received the architect's preliminary sketches. Diane and Susan arranged a meeting with Executive Director Marriah Thornock, and she assured us that, first, everything is preliminary at this stage, and secondly, WAGS is definitely in their plans. The only thing we know for sure is that we'll be moving from our current space during the remodel and build-out, and we'll land in a different location at the end of the build. They are suggesting that we be relocated to their research and library wing in one of the basement areas. Or, we could become part of a museum storage area in another location.

Everything is up in the air right now, but it's clear that we will be facing a move sometime in the not-too-distant future. Suddenly, there is so much preparation and organizing to do! Our strategic planning this year will take on an urgency not seen in the past! Really, it's a great opportunity to take stock of who we have been, and who we can be in the future.

The board will review all the information the museum shares with us and work to make the best decision for the WAGS organization that we can. **Board openings are available if you'd like to assist with these decisions. Or let us know if you'd like to be present at these planning meetings.** We'd appreciate your thoughts—email us at info@wags-web.org.

Volunteering for a board position . . .

As our meetings have become more virtual, it has become more difficult to know our members and their skills and desires. So in addition to following the bylaws regarding nominating new officers, we need you to reach out to us if you've thought of being more involved with WAGS.

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. Lest you think we are locked into our positions, please be assured that none of us would mind having someone run against us! And remember, two people can share an office.

President – OPEN – currently filled by **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 – OPEN – currently filled by **Lisa Vollrath**

Corresponding Secretary – OPEN – currently filled by **Patty Ostendorff**

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

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

Member at-Large – OPEN – currently filled by **Hazel Thornton** (also works as our membership specialist and as a librarian)

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

The board currently meets the second Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 5:00 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.

How to find stuff:

Chelan County Marriages

1. Go to <http://co.chelan.wa.us/auditor/pages/genealogy>
2. In the upper right, click/hover on **Online Services**
3. Choose **Recording: Document Search**
4. Choose **Name Search**
5. Enter last and first names
6. Under Document Type, choose **Marriage Application**
7. **Search**
8. Select the name you're searching from the drop-down list and click **Done**
9. Click on the person's name to see the image



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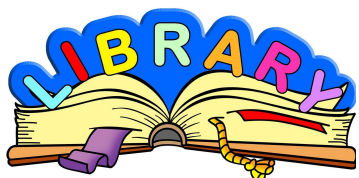
Marriages in the State Digital Archive

Go to digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:1

Choose a county and follow the prompts.

Anyone have a 20-inch screen?

Is there an unused 20-inch computer screen at your house? WAGS could use it for some better visibility on two of the computers in Fred's Room. Contact info@wags-web.org.



The WAGS Library will be closed on Saturday, March 30 for Easter.

Welcome

No new members to report this month, but thank you to all who have renewed their membership this winter and spring!

Have a lovely Easter,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President
and the WAGS Board



P.S.: Hank's **Genealogy 101 class** will meet Wednesday, April 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee.

P.P.S.: The April **WAGS board meeting** will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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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)

Thursdays 1-4 pm

667 10th Street, NE in East Wenatchee