



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Finding ancestors since 1971

President's Letter
May 2024

Welcome to May at WAGS. Another Apple Blossom Festival will go into the history books. Why not check our website's Digital Archives (which includes the Scrapbooks) and Historic Photos for pictures and records of festivals past?



May Meeting for Members and Guests:



Mary Kircher Roddy

“Not Who He Once Was: Tips for Finding Your Name-Changing Ancestor”
by Mary Kircher Roddy

Do you have an ancestor or relative who just disappeared? Or one who seems to have been deposited by aliens, with no background here on earth? Perhaps his story involved a complete change of name. Using case studies of identity shifts, Mary will give us strategies to discover who the young man became in later life, or who great-grandpa was before you got to know him!

WAGS Meeting for Members and Guests
“Not Who He Once Was: Tips for Finding Your Name-Changing Ancestor”
Monday afternoon, May 13, 2024 2:00 p.m.

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

Topic: WAGs May General Meeting Zoom Link
Time: May 13, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89987693577?pwd=dmt2V1NVYzA5REc3N2UvMUUpqdFFIUT09>

Meeting ID: 899 8769 3577 Passcode: MayWAGs



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.

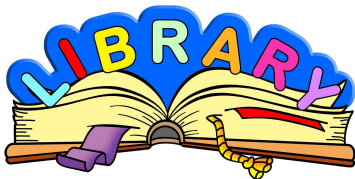
Memorial funds . . .

For our May and June webinars, we will be using funds given to WAGS in memory of Lynda Pheasant, Bob Berkley, Joanne Calhoun, Fred Pflugrath, Anne Livingston, and Dan Barnett. They would all heartily approve of us obtaining world class speakers to educate our membership and community, and further our family research!



Elections

At this coming membership meeting (May 13), the Nominating Committee will present their slate of officers for 2024-25. Please let us know if you would like to be included on the board by emailing library@wags-web.org. Shortly after the May 13th meeting, we'll email ballots for you to fill out and return. At the June 10 meeting, the results will be revealed, and the new slate of officers will be installed.



The WAGS Library will be closed on Saturday, May 4 for Apple Blossom, opening again on Tuesday the 7th from 1 to 4 p.m.

Diane had the opportunity to visit the Yakima Valley Society's library soon, and look for ideas that will help us plan our possible move. What should be in our library? What's the best way to organize and present our research tools to the community? We're looking forward to getting her impressions.

Come on in to the WAGS Library for a visit and give us your ideas, too!

A treasure trove . . .

We have recently been given an abundance of local family information compiled by Marilyn Briskey Thysell of Cashmere. Thanks to Marilyn's family for allowing WAGS to be the keeper of her local family's history!



Have a great Apple Blossom,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President
and the WAGS Board



P.S.: Hank's **Genealogy 101 class** will meet Wednesday, May 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee.

P.P.S.: The May **WAGS board meeting** will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Topic: WAGs May Board Zoom Meeting

Time: May 8, 2024 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86706703648?pwd=cINrSUVVNWUxWDM2bUxueDYwc2YxUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 0670 3648

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)

Thursdays 1-4 pm

667 10th Street, NE in East Wenatchee