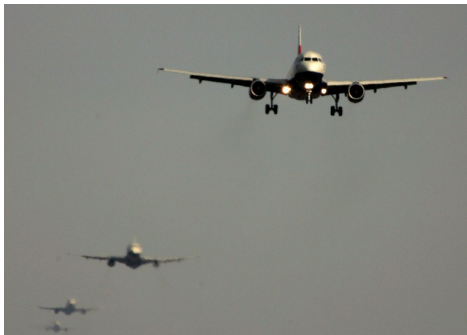




Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Finding ancestors since 1971

President's Letter August 2024



In a holding pattern . . .

This summer we've been feeling like an airplane in a holding pattern, with no clear instructions on where and when to land! Of course, I'm referring to our situation with the museum. We're waiting for any news about their plans, and their plans for us. Happily, that's about to change! We're negotiating a time for Museum Director Marriah Thornock to attend one of our

member meetings this fall to share what she knows and to answer our questions. Watch your email for more information.

The July planning meeting . . .

You know, it's always difficult to know how to structure a planning session—should it be more theoretical, making new, big plans that might not be do-able? Or should it be more down-to-earth, yielding bite-sized improvements that could be done with the present crop of volunteers? This year, we opted for the second choice!

Just some of the things we touched on:

- Continue the mix of programs we have had, but possibly adding a second screening at the WAGS Library so that members who work can attend and interact more with other members.
- Many good suggestions for programs were offered: Member presentations on recent genealogy travel, and one on deeds and mapping; Douglas County historic records; find a local historian or writer to speak to us
- Find a website assistant for Hank
- Much talk about what we could/should do regarding the museum situation and other possible locations for us

Diane's PowerPoint, which includes some good data on our space requirements and statistics on library use, plus listing the resources we offer, is available on our website on "Membership Meeting Highlights" which is under the "Members Only" tab.

The discussion is only beginning! Thanks to those of you who have followed up with more ideas and suggestions. We're still open to hearing any concerns, strategies or plans that you may like us to pursue. We'd also like to hear from potential volunteers! Send a note to WAGSlibrarian@gmail.com.

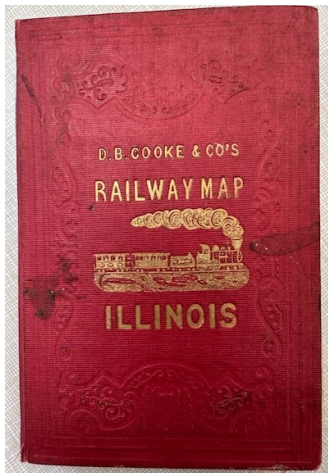


On the website . . .

It's back! You once knew it as “Places to go, things to do” and “Lisa's Genealogy Community Page.” Now it's simply **Out-of-Area Events**, and you can find it on the “Latest News and Events” orange tab on the home page (no sign-in necessary) and on the Members Landing Page. WAGS Secretary Lisa searches for events throughout the state, zoom events all over the country, and some interesting and important links just for you. Make it one of your regular internet stops!

Our “mystery donor” has paid us another visit . . .

From time to time we've had books and other



resources left in our vault with no name or donor information. We have never found out whom to thank! The latest gift is a real gem: A railway map of Illinois and vicinity. Inside the front cover we learn that the map once belonged to E. A. Collins of Galena, Illinois, dated September 18, 1855!



So stop by again, mystery donor. We're excited to see what you'll bring next!

Welcome

to new member **Deb Nystrom** of Aloha, Oregon.
We wish you productive searching at WAGS!

WAGS Board Meeting . . .

We're meeting to further discuss our future plans, and the all-important question: "Who exactly is going to do that?!" Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00 p.m. Zoom only.

Topic: WAGS August Board Zoom Meeting

Time: Aug 14, 2024 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210591511?pwd=2gt0rM80Ge6J6544ttWkD0LIXaepzt.1>

Meeting ID: 892 1059 1511 Passcode: Board



Taking the summer off . . .

WAGS won't have a meeting in August, but be ready to start up again in September—the second Monday at 2:00 p.m.—September 9 to be exact. We will either have Museum Director Marriah, or we may start our year with a program on organization—but this time with a twist! We'll be in touch with you when we know. Do you have other program suggestions? Email info@wags-web.org.

Stay cool out there,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President
along with the Board

