

"Powerful Legacy – Fort Nisqually and the American Settlement of South Puget Sound" is the title of our January meeting presentation.

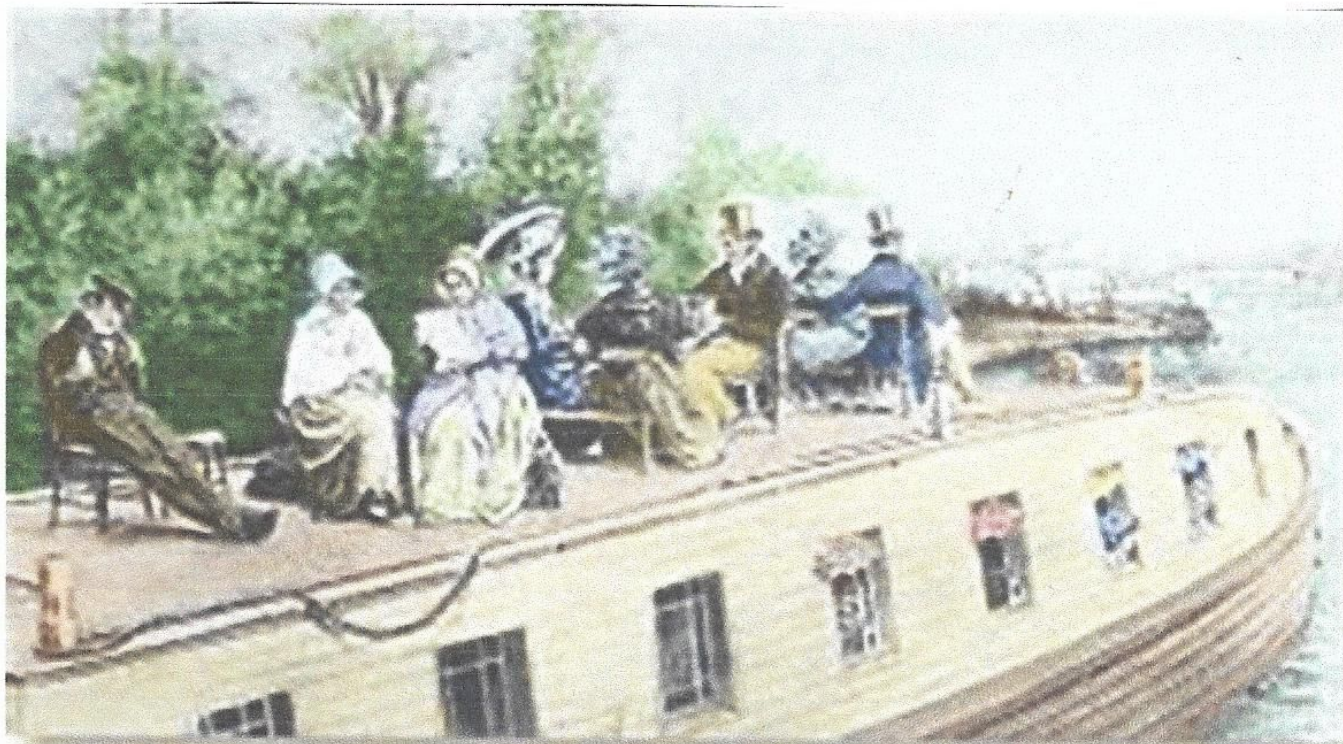
Local historian Drew W. Crooks will tell us the exciting story of Fort Nisqually (1833-1870), a Hudson's Bay Company post near the Nisqually River. Fur trading and farming were at the heart of the station's activities and it had a significant and complicated relationship with Native Americans and American settlers (including the pioneers of Olympia and Tumwater). Fort Nisqually left a powerful legacy, which continues to the present day.

Powerful Legacy

Fort Nisqually and the American
Settlement of South Puget Sound



Olympia Genealogical Society General Meeting
Jan. 14, 2021 7:00 pm. www.olygensoc.org



A Note from Vice President – Greg Nordlund

A VOYAGE ON THE ERIE CANAL

Olympia Genealogical Society member Joyce Ogden lived in a house in Brockport, NY for 20 years where the backyard ended at the Erie Canal, but she had no idea then that there was a personal family connection. As she later discovered, however, she had THREE ancestors who had died in the canal in different years and in different circumstances. This presentation will include color photos, black-and-white photos, genealogy charts, a map or two, and newspaper clippings. It may bore you with some spreadsheets, but it will send you out with historical Erie Canal music.

This virtual presentation via ZOOM will be given at Olympia Genealogical Society's monthly meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 7 pm. Access our website at <https://OlyGenSoc.org> to get the Zoom link to the meeting.



EDWARD WHITEFIELD SWAN

Edward Whitefield Swan was born on Aug. 2, 1934, to Audrey (Davis) Swan and W. Frank Swan. He grew up in Hoquiam and the Grass Creek neighborhood of rural Grays Harbor County, Washington.

Ed was a lifelong learner who read voraciously on any topic, could carry on a conversation with experts about any subject, and loved to strike up conversations with anyone he met. He graduated with a BA in education from Western Washington State College, now Western Washington University, and later returned to receive an MS in psychology. He became a certified counselor, served as a counselor and taught many subjects for the North Thurston School District. He retired from the school district after 35 years of service. He went on to volunteer at Garfield and Madison elementary schools in the Olympia School District for many years.

Ed studied many topics and developed a wide range of interests throughout his life. He and his brother Jerry scientifically recorded their reloading methods for gun ammunition and its effects on their shooting. He qualified as marksman with a rifle.

He had many intellectual pursuits, taking on the genealogy of all parts of the family, tracing back to family arrivals in the 1600s, 1700s and 1800s, and further back to kings and queens and others of note in many countries. He often held us spell-bound with stories he unearthed of ancestors as pioneers in Maine, Massachusetts, Virginia and the road West. James G. Swan, the pioneer and sensitive student of Native American peoples, especially the Makah Nation, provided a key interest over decades. Ed's interest in history added many books to his library and led to him serving for many years on the Thurston County Historic Commission.

Ed was a member of the United Methodist Church for his whole life. He taught Bible school classes, helped with mission work with the homeless, and volunteered in many other ways for decades for the First United Methodist Church of Olympia.

Ed passed away Feb. 19, 2021, at age of 86. One of his last goals was to live until his 60th wedding anniversary. He attained that goal and is survived by his wife, Shirley (Van Buskirk) Swan; daughter, Caryn Swan-Jamero; son, Ed Swan II; grandchildren: Thaddeus, Jessica, Garnet and Leander; and five great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents; his brother, Gerald Swan and daughter, Cynthia Abbott.

Ultimately, many people will undoubtedly remember Ed as someone who would always lend a helping hand. He was ever ready to respond to any request.

Donations in his memory may be made to Madison Elementary School and the Education Fund of the First United Methodist Church of Olympia.

His presence is missed by many.

The 11 March 2021 General Meeting LIVE WEBINAR will feature Thomas MacEntee presenting Genealogy Tech Talk. During the LIVE WEBINAR Thomas will answer your tech questions with easy-to-use solutions!

You can use the link below to submit questions about genealogy tech issues, which might be answered during the presentation (via Zoom).

Please be as concise as possible...focus on the specific issue and any solutions you may have tried. Not all issues will be covered during the line webinar, but Thomas will attempt to provide solutions and guidance for all issues submitted.

Submit your questions here <https://forms.gle/sRJdycHQP6jP5q4w9> no later than Friday, 5 March 2021!



War of 1812

OGS member, Judi Hine,
will present on the War of 1812 and
the National Society U.S. Daughters of 1812
at our April General Membership meeting.
Guests are Welcome!

[Join Now](#)

Olympia Genealogical Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: OGS General Meeting

Time: Apr 8, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)





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Richard (Rick) G. Sayre is a Certified Genealogist.® He was first certified in 2007. Rick is a current trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and the immediate past president. He coordinates or co-coordinates a variety of genealogy courses at the national institutes (Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh and Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy) dealing with land records, researching in Washington, D.C., and the law and genealogy. His areas of expertise encompass records of the National Archives, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, including military records, land records, using maps in genealogy, urban research, Irish research, and government documents.

Rick received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from the University of Colorado in 1969 and his Master of Arts, Administrative Sciences (Business Information Systems) from George Washington University in 1984. He was commissioned in 1969 through ROTC. Rick is also a graduate of many Army schools to include the U.S. Army War College. He is a graduate of the “Senior Managers in Government” program at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. During his military career, Rick held a wide variety of command and staff positions in the United States, Korea, Vietnam, and Germany, including command of the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor at Fort Hood, Texas.

On the occasion of his retirement from active duty in the summer of 2000 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the Secretary of the Army. Following his retirement, Rick joined the staff of the Institute for Defense Analyses focusing his efforts on C4I systems, joint interoperability, and simulations.

In 2002, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service with duties in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army (Operations Research). Rick was appointed the Director of Live Fire Test & Evaluation, Office of the Director of Operational Test & Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, in January 2007. He established test procedures and exercised oversight of the testing of critical systems such as the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles and personal protection equipment, more commonly known as body armor. In 2011, he was awarded the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award recognizing these and other achievements in the field of lethality and survivability testing.

After 45 years of service to the Department of Defense in various military and civilian capacities he retired in 2014. He and his wife, Pamela Boyer Sayre, reside in Herriman, Utah. They are enjoying more time with their grandchildren and, as Certified Genealogists®, they help others research their family history. He may be contacted at ricksayre@gmail.com.

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2021 Virtual Spring Seminar

24 April 2021



Featuring
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Registration begins January 2021

<http://www.OlyGenSoc.org>



"Digitizing CCC Photos" - May 13 Monthly Meeting

Maggie Cogswell from the Washington State Archives shared her adventures completing the massive, 11-year project of digitizing and cataloging photos of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

A recording of this presentation is available for OGS members who are logged in to this site. After logging in, see Community Events / Recordings*.



Photo: "Mopping Up," 1931-1937, State Parks and Recreation Commission, Photographs of Park Development, 1933-1938, SP10, Washington State Archives, Digital Archives, <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov>, accessed 2 May 2021.

Member Stories - Jun 10 Monthly Meeting

Olympia Genealogical Society
OGS Member Stories

Thursday, June 10, 7p.m.
olygensoc.org



At our final meeting before the summer break, we spent the evening hearing members' stories from our own research and trees -- tales about unique research we've conducted, interesting characters from our families, crazy stories we've uncovered, brushes with greatness, black sheep, masterminds, saints and fools.

A recording of this meeting is expected to be available soon for OGS members who log in to this site.