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UPCOMING DATES

- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Thursday, Sept 12th, 7-8:30pm
- **SIG MEETINGS** - throughout Sept
- **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER STORIES:** Sept 15th
- **OGS Board Meeting** Sept 17th, 6:30-8:30pm

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WELCOME BACK!

As we begin our 51 st year I wanted to thank everyone who contributed and/or attended our 50 th Anniversary Party! It was a smashing success, and the article in the [Jolt](#) really nailed it. Our next General Meeting will be on Thursday, September 12 th at the Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC), [1925 Boulevard Rd SE, Olympia](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 for social time with the business meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting, with some members attending in-person and some via Zoom. Many Board and Tech Team members did a test-run of the location earlier this month, and everything should run smoothly. WPC has ample wheelchair-accessible parking spots and is easily accessible. We have an excellent speaker lined up and look forward to seeing everyone! As we continue to celebrate our Anniversary

year we are really interested in growing member involvement in OGS activities. If you are not already doing so, take advantage of OGS by joining a SIG or volunteering for one of the many Teams. We are still looking for someone to handle Publicity and would really like to promote OGS to expand our membership. See you in September!

- Andy Carter

Hybrid Meeting for September!

This will be our first in-person meeting since Covid! We will be "hybrid" so we will continue to use Zoom as well. Choose the one that works best for you each month. Want to see your friends in person? Meet us at the church. Bad weather or don't like driving at night? Join us via Zoom.

Karen Wallace Steely will present "Using Photographs In Your Research" at our September general meeting.

Learn advanced research methods and techniques for identifying the subject and setting, occasion, location,

and the stories behind your photographs. Strategies for locating photographs of your family and the places they lived will also be discussed, along with copyright guidelines for using photographs in your research. Case studies are included that provide examples of photos found and researched using the recommended techniques.

Karen is a professional genealogist who has specialized in dating and researching photographs for more than twenty years. She has served on the board of directors for the Association of Professional Ge-

nealogists (APG) and is a member of the Daguerreian Society. Karen is the principal researcher for The Past Matters® (www.ThePastMatters.com) and lives in Vancouver, Washington with her husband and three cats.



OGS Program Year at-a-glance

Look at all of the interesting programs we have lined up for the OGS year of 2024 –2025! Some speakers will be in person, others on Zoom but all will be entertaining and helpful in your research.

Below are the dates of the presentations as well as the names of the speakers. If the speaker is in person (designated with a P) at our meeting place on Zoom (Z) which can be viewed at the church or from your home. Happy viewing, courtesy of the OGS Programs Team!

September 12th (P) - "Using Photographs in Your Research" with Ka-

ren Steeley.

October 10th (P) - "Find A Grave User's Guide" with Karen Steeley.

November 14th (P) - "The Witches of Salem" with Jerri McCoy.

December (TBD) (P) - Holiday Party.

January 9th (TBD) - "Finding a Professional Genealogist" with Nancy Cordell.

February 13th (Z) - "Digging into Finding Aids: The Roadmap to Any Manuscript Collection" with Melissa Barker.

March 13th (Z) - "Was my William Smith in the Civil War?" with Brian Rhinehart.

April 10th (Z) - "Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor" with Craig R. Scott.

May 8th (Z) - "From Research to Draft: Rapidly Writing Your Ancestor's Story" with Devon Lee.

June 12th (TBD) - Family Search.org – Working with the Family Search Center and What it has to Offer" - John Anderson.

- Diana Bargmann of the Program Committee

Check out the article about OGS's 50th anniversary celebration in The Jolt written by Shirley Stirling titled "Olympia Genealogical Society, Digging up Ancestors for 50 years". Here is the [link](#) to the article. Enjoy!

In Memoriam: Bill Greenwood OGS Founding Member

Republished from [The Olympian](#) July 28, 2024.

William F Greenwood

April 25, 1927 - July 20, 2024

Tumwater, Washington - Devoted, loving husband, and father, dedicated teacher and always a proud Marine. William (Bill) F. Greenwood passed peacefully on July 20th surrounded by his wife of 68 years, Alma, and their four children.

Born April 25, 1927, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where he lived until he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1945. Following the war, he returned home and enrolled at the University of Idaho.

Recalled in 1950, Bill served during the Korean War until he was medically discharged. He returned home

and to the University of Idaho, where he met and married Alma in 1956.

After graduation, Bill taught in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for a year before moving to Tenino, Washington where he taught for 3 years. He finished his teaching career at Tumwater before retiring in 1980.

Following his retirement, Bill purchased and operated a precast concrete plant. When that was sold, they moved to Anderson Island and RVed throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico finally purchasing a winter home in Desert Hot Springs, CA.

In 2003, they returned to Tumwater where Bill continued to spend time with family and partici-

pated in the Marine Corps League, the 1st Marine Division Association, and Kiwanis.

Bill is survived by his wife, Alma, and their children and spouses: Kathy and Ken Thompson, Christy and Terry Munro, Bill and Aimee Greenwood, and Holly and Jeff Austin; grandsons: Adam and Brad Thompson; Robert and Bryan Edwards; and Alex and Nicholas Detzler, and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Marine Corps League Olympia Detachment.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

Membership update

The new OGS membership year begins Sep 1. Thanks to those who already have renewed your membership. As a reminder the membership years goes from September 1st through August 31st the following year.

Annual dues:

- Individual - \$30.00
- Family - \$35.00
- Student - \$15.00

Dues-paying members who log in to the OGS website (except those

who joined after June 1 or who already have renewed) will see a notice in a red banner regarding the need to renew their membership. To renew, go to your Member Profile (see link in left nav menu under [Members Login](#)), click on the "Renew Membership" button, and follow the directions to renew. You may pay via either a PayPal account or a credit card. Tip: To checkout, you must click the check box above "Confirm & Checkout" and then

enter the numeric code in the adjacent text box. If you wish to change your membership plan (e.g. from an individual membership to a family membership), please contact us first at membership@olygensoc.org. If you have any trouble logging in or have any questions about the membership renewal process, please contact us at the above email address.

- **Bob Monn**

OGS Beginning Genealogy Class

We have a small team of dedicated OGS genealogists who have been working through the Spring and Summer to bring a beginner class to our community. Joe Brookshier, Jerri McCoy and Peggy Cooley, with help from Judy Artley and Kathy Erlandson, have put together a 3- hour, in-person class at [Tumwater Library's](#) Meeting Room (7023 New Market Street, Tumwater, WA 98501).

The class will meet **October 19th from 10 AM-1 PM** and will include topics such as Forms, Research, DNA, and Documentation and Organization. We will talk about OGS and its' many programs and benefits for all genealogists.

On that day, we need a few OGS members to help with questions and such, for we all know budding genealogists want to know



everything! Cindy Stalnaker has already raised her hand to help. Contact Joe, Jerri or Peggy if you would like to help.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Change to upcoming schedule: The *Family History Writing SIG* will meet on **September 9** from 7-8:30 pm (due to Labor Day Holiday). They will resume on the first Monday of the month in October.

Special Interest Groups and Facilitators:

- ANCESTRY - Greg Nordlund; meets 4th Saturday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- DNA - Nancy Cordell; meets 2nd Tuesday 6:30 pm
- FAMILY HISTORY WRITING - Laura Carroll meets 1st Monday 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- FAMILY TREE MAKER - David Abernathy; meets 3rd Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm Via Zoom
- FAMILY SEARCH.org – Carolyn Gibbons; meets 4th Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- GENEALOGY CHAT - Peggy Cooley; meets 3rd Wednesday 1:00 - 2:30 pm, in person at Peggy's home!
- LEGACY FAMILY TREE - Jerri McCoy; meets 3rd Saturday 1:00 pm

Genealogy 101

Newspapers, Your Best Friend

One of the most useful, though sometimes time-consuming things one can use in genealogy are newspapers. I have just recently found several marriages, obituaries and items of general interest for a part of my family for whom I often had only a name and approximate date. The easy part was using [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). It is an expensive site, but it does make connections for one easily (sometimes far wrong; watch out). Ancestry also will find many obituaries or marriages for a search.



Another very useful and fairly easy to use site is www.newspapers.com. I realize that Ancestry has connections to it, but sometimes I like to use it myself, sometimes just for



browsing. Another website is www.newspaperarchive.com. I have not used it as much as newspapers.com, but each has some different newspapers or dates. For newspapers before the copyright date another very useful site is Chronicling America found at

CHRONICLING AMERICA
Historic American Newspapers

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
This is part of the Library of Con-

gress website. You can use it to search and read newspapers (it will not let you put in a name and find someone).

Once you open the website, click on "All Digitized Newspapers 1756-1963" and that will take you to a search box where you can click on the state; also has boxes for Ethnicity and Language. I have always left those alone, but you could experiment with them and see what it gets you.

If I click, for example, the state of Washington, another page opens with newspapers listed, followed by a series of boxes (one for each newspaper) titled Browse Issues; the next columns have Number of Issues, Earliest Issue, Latest Issue and More Info. That will take you to another page with a lot of data about the history of the newspaper, "Related Links" and "Holdings." There is also a search box that I have not yet figured out how to use, but maybe one of you can find it useful. Someone sometime thought it was a good idea.

One more site to look for newspapers is <https://www.smalltownpapers.com> or Small Town Newspapers (for searching if you forget the URL). Seems you can browse and search from 1846 to the current edition. I have just read (I have not accessed this site before) the terms of use – and they are lengthy. First, anyone can look. For Free. This is called "Informational Free Account" and has these restrictions: *This User License does not grant you any*

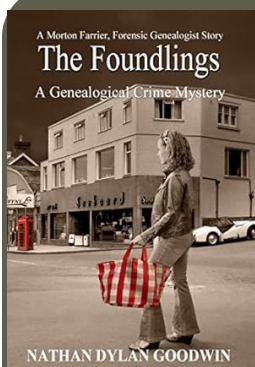


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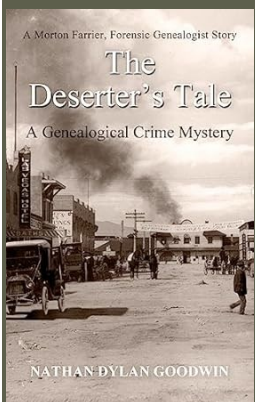
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The Free Account does not include highlighting, nor can you increase the size of display for easier searching. I did find (but could not copy) several mentions to Silva that I did not find in Ancestry nor newspapers.com. I think I will do a month and see how that works out. I expect to find quite a bit of information.

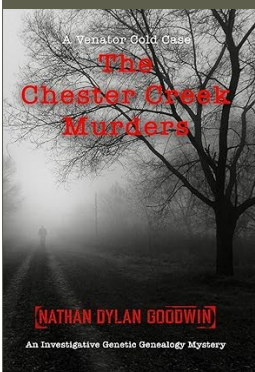
- Carolyn Gibbons



The last two books in the Morton Farrier, Forensic Genealogist Story series, at least written to date by Nathan Dylan Goodwin is "[The Foundlings](#)" and "[The Deserter's Tale](#)". These books are standalone stories that are best read in sequence to the twelve individual stories in this series. Nathan is a great storyteller weaving historical events of characters whose descendants are part of the story in modern times. As you read his stories you learn different genealogical techniques as the mystery is being solved. In "The Foundling's", Morton researches who the mother is to three women who were left as newborns in various locations. One of the women shows up in his DNA match list as a cousin or aunt, but it's no one that he has met. He learns more about his grandfather and his secret past life. Enjoy the mystery as Morton's own story unfolds.



The final book in this series is "The Deserter's Tale" which is a shorter story that wraps up the mystery of his grandfather's time in Reno, NV on one of his business trips where a woman is found dead. She is finally identified in 2022 through Morton's old girlfriend's company "Venator" in Salt Lake City. Venator is a DNA research company which seeks to solve Cold Cases which is how Morton's grandfa-



Book reviews

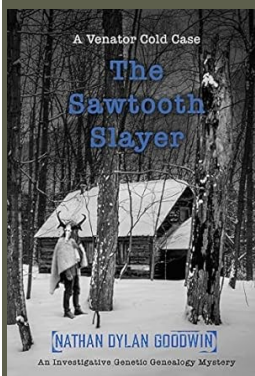
ther was determined as the killer of a prostitute in Reno, NV. Morton has been asked to speak at RootsTech. While he is in Nevada and Utah, he seeks to learn more about his grandfather's entanglement in the 1970's. Meanwhile Morton learns of his wife's grandfather's disappearance in the late 1910's, he took up the challenge to see what he could uncover about Juliette's great grandfather. His last known contact was from Nevada. For a short story, Nathan has worked his magic in storytelling and genealogical research. I really enjoyed this series especially as the family characters got strong in their personalities. I encourage you all to start with the first story "The Asylum" and read through all twelve books. I have them to loan out. They are available at booksellers to purchase as well as to download on Kindle.

The next series Nathan has started is "A Venator Cold Case, An Investigative Genetic Genealogy Mystery". This series takes us on a different tangent of genealogical mysteries starring Maddie, Morton's old girlfriend who runs a cold case company out of Salt Lake City. Currently there are two stories: "[The Chester Creek Murders](#)" and "[The Sawtooth Slayer](#)". The first story, "The

Chester Creek Murders" is about a cold case serial murder that a detective in Pennsylvania has requested their assistance. The murders take place during the 1980's but with recent DNA test databases we follow along in the story of how a team works to uncover the murderer. One thing I found interesting in this story as well as the second story, the researchers use WikiTree at [familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) first to learn about how to research an area during a certain timeframe. As typical with Nathan Dylan's storytelling, each of the characters of the research team have their own background story which is interwoven into the main story.

In the next book, "The Sawtooth Slayer" the team took on a new case that was a live case. There was an active serial killer loose in Twin Falls Idaho. During his first murder he left a DNA sample. Unfortunately, the closest match was an 87cm match, the team had their work cut out for them. They needed to identify the killer before there was another victim. I do need to share though that this story is set in time that was the beginning of the pandemic. I had a little bit of PTSD reading the beginning of this story. Even though these stories deal with the grimmer side of life, I have really enjoyed them. *Nathan Dylan Goodwin's 3rd Venator novel (The Hollywood Strangler) will be released on 28 September 2024.*

- Kerry McHugh Upton



Member story

Solving a Cold Case*

Approach applied to Genealogy

I read this article, and it hit me that it could be applied to conducting genealogy research, especially the “ABC” listed below.

HRH – the analysis of who was doing what, where, when, why, with whom and with what consequences.

H = removal of **Hindsight**

R = **Re-creating** the past as accurately and realistically as possible by drilling down into that moment

H = the introduction of the **Human** element in order to more

properly understand the intelligence gathered.

METHODS TIE AND ABC

TIE = Trace, Investigate, Eliminate

“As witnesses are [most likely] unavailable for interview, timelines and an extensive database would reference and cross-check movements and begin to trace and eliminate individuals from the investigation (identify individual’s movement throughout history).”

ABC = **A**ccept nothing, **B**elieve nobody, **C**hallenge everything

Occam’s Razor = a problem-solving device in which the simplest explanation is generally correct.

- Dennis McDonald

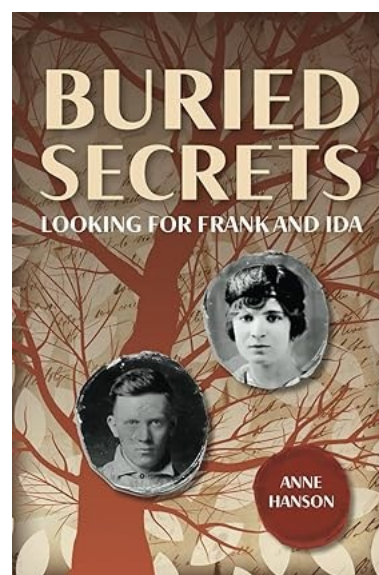
* Reference: Langley, Philippa, **Mystery Solved? Princes in the Tower**. National Geographic HISTORY magazine. July/August 2024.

More Book Reviews

“My ancestors don’t exist? My ancestors don’t exist!” In this real-life mystery, two generations of a family have spent decades trying to trace their Hanson/Howe family history, but at every turn they hit a brick wall. Not only can’t they find marriage, birth or death certificates, they have no luck with census records, city directories, schools or immigration records. Anne Hanson’s exciting personal memoir of her family’s genealogical odyssey, [Buried Secrets: Looking for Frank and Ida](#), is as compelling and intriguing as any fictional genealogy mystery. In the late 60s,

her father asked her to research his parents’ history. Twenty years later, after countless hours researching, interviewing, and traveling Anne knew no more than when she had begun. Her aunt had interviewed her grandparents in 1953, but no records could be found to corroborate the information she had gathered, and as it turned out, there was no break in the case until 2003.

- Kathy Erlandson



OGS Elected Officers

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SIGs—Kerry McHugh-Upton

Sunshine—Gayle Strom

Technology—Joe Brookshier

Community Partners

City of Lacey — Erin Quinn Valcho

Timberland Library — Agatha Burstein

June presentation

Peggy Clemens Lauritzen presented "Apprentices, Indentured Servants, and Redemptioners in America" at our June 13 general meeting. An estimated one-half of early immigrants came to America against their own will; some as indentured servants. Our ancestors arrived in many different ways as their lives touched the early colonies. Some voyages were planned, many were not. This lecture examined the many different forms of servitude and indentureship in early America. The love of her family's history has never left Peggy. With her experience serving as a former and current Family History Director, she frequently speaks at genealogical societies, workshops, seminars, and webinars where she loves bringing genealogy to life. She has recently completed several Legacy QuickGuides on Appalachia. Peggy is an instructor at Ancestry Academy, Family Tree University, a columnist for *Reminisce* magazine, and a former researcher for Ancestry ProGenealogists. She and her husband Kerry are Stake Family History Consultants in Mansfield, Ohio.

June General Meeting Minutes

President Andy Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Program: Cindy Neff introduced our speaker, Peggy Lauritzen, who presented "**Apprentices, Indentured Servants, and Redemptioners in America.**"

Election of 2024-2025 OGS Executive Board: Andy Carter introduced the proposed slate of officers for the upcoming year: Anthony (Andy) Carter – Presi-

dent, Terry Church – Vice President, Karin Coppernoll – Treasurer, and Carol Jenner – Secretary. Andy Carter called for additional nominations from the floor. No nominees were offered from the floor. The slate was approved as nominated.

Membership: Bob Monn reported that two new members joined since the last meeting. Both will take advantage of membership extension through next year.

Program Committee: Diana Bargmann noted that programs for September through January are lined up. Our December meeting will be a holiday party.

Adjournment: President Andy Carter adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

Thirty-nine members and guests were in attendance.