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UPCOMING DATES

- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Thursday, June 13th, 7-8pm
- **SIG MEETINGS** - throughout June
- **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER STORIES:** Aug 15th
- **OGS Board Meeting** June 18th, 6:30-8:30pm

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OGS 50th Anniversary Party!

On Saturday, May 18th, OGS celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a party at Capital Vision Christian Church. 49 people were in attendance with hugs and smiles all around. Ann Olson and Alma Greenwood gave an entertaining, thoughtful and amusing

program on the origins of OGS. Eleven Past Presidents were there as well as snacks, punch and a cake, but most of all, there was conversation. Thanks to all who came and visited, and special thanks to the OGS 50th Anniversary Party Committee: Diana

Bargmann; Andy Carter; Laurie Ducatt; Cindy Stalnaker; and Cindy Stevens Neff. The recording of Ann and Alma's program and the Scrapbook PowerPoint will be up on the OGS Website soon.
- Peggy Cooley



Photo: Ann Olson and Alma Greenwood



Photo: OGS Past Presidents

After the June Speaker OGS will be taking the summer off. See you again in September!

Summer Break! We take a short break over the summer and resume all OGS activities in September. We will be looking for articles for

our September issue in August so send us your stories from your summer research. Refresh and Research! **PLEASE NOTE: ALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES FOR THE**

SEPTEMBER ISSUE MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 15. WE WILL PUBLISH THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE ON AUGUST 29TH.

June speaker Apprentices, Indentured Servants, and Redemptioners in America

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. Please join us for our June lecture by [Peggy Clemens Lauritzen](#), AG, FOGS

as she examines the many different forms of servitude and indentureship in early America. Peggy's bio: The love of her family's history has never left her. 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. Some of those would include The Ohio Genealogical Society, The Ohio State University, Brigham Young University, and many other state and local genealogy societies. She has recently completed sever-

al Legacy QuickGuides on Appalachia and is a well-known webinar presenter. In 2018, she was awarded the title of Fellow of the Ohio Genealogical Society and received the Laura G. Prescott Award for Exemplary Service in Genealogy. 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."

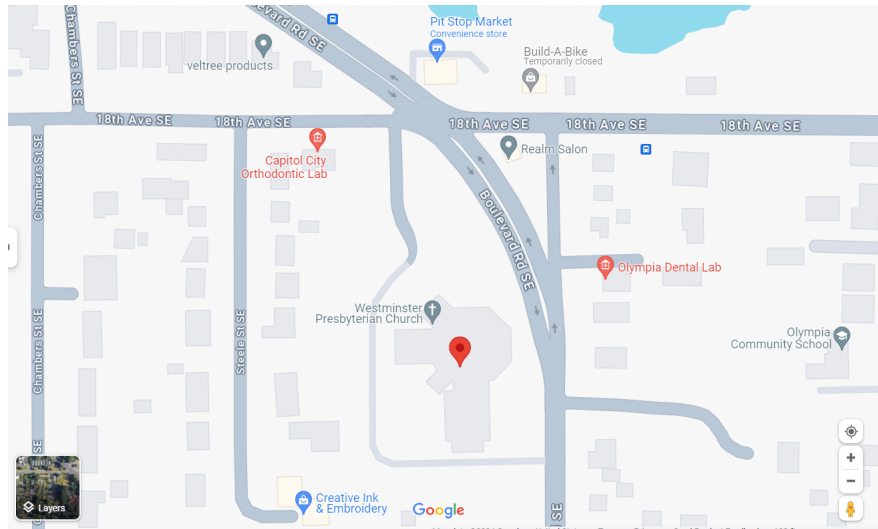


OGS News

Monthly General Meetings: All OGS members receive an email from OGS the day before a general meeting (the 2nd Thursday of each month, September through June). The DAY OF the meeting, a live link will be put on the home page of our website at olygensoc.org.

Hybrid Meetings: OGS has entered into an agreement with Westminster Presbyterian Church (1925 Boulevard Rd SE, Olympia, WA 98501) to host hybrid and in-person meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month (our normal general membership meeting dates), September through June. Speakers may still be on Zoom, but those at home will be able to view the business and speaker portion of the meeting. There will be more information in the September Newsletter. Recordings will still be made available after the meeting.

Publicity Team Lead: The publicity team lead is still open. As a Society, letting the public know about us



Map showing location of OGS fall hybrid meetings

and our activities, especially now that we are celebrating our 50th year, is important. We have all of the contacts and emails that should be notified every month of meetings and events. Please contact Andy Carter at president@olygensoc.org. This job takes approximately 1 hour per month.

Elections: Our current slate of officers, Andy Carter, President; Terry Church, Vice President; Secretary, Carol Jenner; and Karin Coppernoll, Treasurer, have agreed to run again for office at the June 13th General Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that meeting.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

FAMILY TREE MAKER - 2024:

FTM SIG

Meets 3rd Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm Via Zoom platform

Open to all OGS members, beginners to experienced users.

The Family Tree Maker (FTM) SIG is for user-to-user support, but NOT limited to FTM. We also discuss most any question relating to family research.

Family Tree Maker website: <https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>

David will follow up each meeting with a PDF of what was discussed, this is for those who cannot attend due to a real life. One can always email David your question before hand and it will be discussed and included in the follow up email (PDF).

Email David at davidabernathy1@comcast.net to be

included on the email list or with your questions.

Currently we are continuing to discuss how each of the members input different data about the people and Facts. There are many ways that data can be compiled, some are based on how things were handled when it was done by hand, now with computers and different software programs, things can just be different.

— David Abernathy

Summer Reading Fun

Typically my articles are for a single book review. All of the books that I have read have already been reviewed in past newsletters.

Remember summer reading programs when you had a list of books to read through? Well, we have a list of genealogy mystery and memoir books on our website to check out for your summer reading selection. You might want to check the series of books by Kathleen Ernst where stories are based from the Old World Wisconsin historical site. Follow along and learn about midwest settlers with Chloe Ellefson in

eleven book series.

You may be interested in the genealogical crime mysteries of Morton Farrier written by Nathan Dylan Goodwin. His stories are historically based in during the WWI and WWII eras, based in England.

Another great series to spend summer days are mysteries by MJ Lee. - Jayne Sinclair genealogical mysteries. Mysteries are based in England primarily during the WWI & WWII area. Some other books take place during other areas.

Other great series to check out are from authors Steve Robinson

and Fay Sampson.

Log onto Olympia Genealogical Society website: OlyGen-Soc.org; logon and scroll down left hand side Publications / Files > click on Downloadable Files > Genealogy Mysteries & Other > click on the Excel or the PDF options to download a current list.

Books are noted for the location on where to access the books. I have books noted that can be leant out. Please contact me if you wish to borrow any that I have.

- Kerri McHugh Upton

Member story by Carol Jenner Who Were the Hohnerleins? (Part 1)

This story began about 35 years ago when I discovered an old, black-and-white photo of a grave marker among family papers. Tall trees and Spanish Moss were the backdrop for the blocky monument displaying the name "Keilbach." I knew of no ancestors who lived in the Spanish Moss regions of the Southeast, and I knew of no one named Keilbach. I had little hope of linking the photo to anyone in my family.

The Keilbachs Demystified
The Internet changed all that.

While exploring records for my great-grandmother's family in the [Little Germany \(Klein Deutschland\)](#) section of New York City, I discovered a [marriage record](#), dated 4 December 1864, for 33-year-old widower Franz J. Keilbach and 18-year-old A. Schimmelpfennig. The age of A. Schimmelpfennig meshed with the birth year (1846) of Anna Martha Schimmelpfennig, my great-grandmother's older sister.

Census records allowed me to track the Franz and Anna Keilbach family, including son

Frank, from [New York City in 1870](#) to [Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, in 1880](#). Additional information supported the connection between Anna Keilbach and my great-grandmother Margaret (Schimmelpfennig) Jenner. For example, the December 19, 1901, edition of *The Indianola [Iowa] Herald* reported Margaret (Mrs. Alex) Jenner's trip "[to visit with her sister Mrs. Keilbach](#)" in Savannah. The Keilbach family in Savannah is shown (Figure 1) in a

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portrait by the [Launey & Goebel studio](#), which operated in Savannah through 1894.



Figure 1: The Keilbachs, circa 1894. Jenner collection.

Savannah city death records are available for [Anna](#) (1907) and [Franz](#) (1905). Anna's death record indicates her burial in [Bonaventure Cemetery](#), now owned by the [City of Savannah](#). The city provides a gravesite search and a map for each section of the cemetery, such as this [map for Section A](#), where the Keilbachs occupy lot 131.

The [Find a Grave photograph of the marker](#), bearing little resemblance to the old photo in my files, shows inscriptions for Franz Joseph Keilbach (1830-1905), Anna Martha Keilbach (1849-1906), and "Our Beloved Son, Frank Edward Keilbach, 1865-1901." Young Frank [died at sea and is not buried in this cemetery](#).

Bonaventure Cemetery
One can see why Bonaventure Cemetery is a recommended

[tourist attraction!](#) It's beautiful!

Seeing the Keilbach grave plot in person resolved the apparent conflict between the old black-and-white and the more recent [Find a Grave](#) photos. The old photo showed the monument's base before the installation of the upper portion. The [Find a Grave](#) shot was taken from the back of the monument to show the inscriptions. Here are photos of the entire monument from the front (Figure 2) and back (Figure 3).



Figure 2: Face of the Keilbach monument, April 2024

Everything made sense — until we noticed four additional grave markers on the site (Figure 4) bearing the following inscriptions:
Sophie C. Hohnerlein Apr. 7, 1879-Sept. 8, 1933



Figure 3: The Keilbach monument, back, April 2024

Henry Hohnerlein Sept. 17, 1877 -Aug. 19, 1909
Father Martin Hohnerlein 1892-1955
Mother Leila C. Hohnerlein 1906 -1978

At the time of our visit, I had never heard of any family member named Hohnerlein.

Who were the Hohnerleins? — another mystery to solve!

(to be continued)

- Carol Jenner



Figure 4: Keilbach plot showing Hohnerlein markers

Genealogy 101

This month I will be talking about not-so-fun things – but necessary. First, and I think I mentioned this before, but you can never hear it too much: SOURCE your data. This will do a few important things:

- 1) You will be able to better decide what is correct when you come across differences in your information, such as birth dates and places. I just had this happen in my family (again!) My lady had 1865 on her tombstone and 1863 on the 1900 census. Not a big difference, but you do want it to be correct. Looking at the 1870 census, she was 7 and on the 1880 census she was 17. I have made my determination as 1863.
- 2) This will make it easier for someone else to follow your reasoning if and when you share/publish.
- 3) If you apply for any lineage society, they will require sourcing; if you already have it there, it will be easy-peasy.

An excellent source (excuse me for that) is *Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Fami-*

ly Historian by Elizabeth Shown Mills. This was her first one and was printed in 1997. There are updates: *Evidence Explained* released in 2015. *Evidence Explained; Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* by Elizabeth Shown Mills and Elizabeth S. Mills, 4th edition, released in 2024, which goes into the newer sources such as DNA and online databases. You do not have to use it, but she has worked very hard to make the sourcing clear and concise. She has explanations and has examples throughout. Most genealogists I know do use it, and many of the genealogical databases will use it, also. The second thing I am emphasizing this time is keeping research logs. I have to admit I have not done that, and have come to grief several times because of the omission. For example, when I first started in 1966, I found a set of wonderful books on Augusta County, Virginia and carefully copied pages and pages of information on my families there in the 1700s. A couple of years later I was in another

library, again came across Chalkley's *Annals of Augusta County, Virginia* and copied pages and pages on my families. About three years later...you guessed it! Copied the same information again. I am sure many of you have similar stories, though maybe not so depressing (hours and hours and hours wasted). Did you check the 1900 census for that person? Have you looked at this source book for that family? Did you find anything? Many more questions to be answered.

The solution to this problem is found at Family Search (among other places). The Wiki on www.familysearch.org has an article on just this, explaining why you need to use them, how to use them and blank ones you can download. https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Research_Logs For an example of a Research Log go to https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/5/50/Research_Log.pdf

I am afraid this issue is definitely do what I say, not what I do. I intend to...and plan to... and hope to use them.

—Carolyn Gibbons

“The history of relativity says that no matter what you do in life, your relatives will have a theory.”

- Mary Wenzel

Outreach Reaches Out again

Last month, in the OGS newsletter, I mentioned that OGS Outreach was present with a table of informational materials at the Tumwater Schmidt House from April 5 to April 17 while DAR was hosting a traveling exhibit about the Revolutionary War. DAR had invited us to participate, in part because we have a number of OGS members who are also members of DAR. We staffed our table on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and kept a number of brochures, etc., stocked on the table during the weekdays that Schmidt House was open. Volunteers on the weekends included me, Peggy Cooley, Rebel Romero, Andy Carter, Judy Artley, Cindy Stalnaker, Nancy Cordell, Kathy Erlandson and Jon Halvorson. Attendance at the free exhibit was somewhat spotty but that was mostly due to delayed publicity by The Olympian. Still, we probably distributed about 50 brochures and spoke to a number of people very interested in their family history. Our brochures contain information about our organization, the benefits of member-

ship and the meeting schedule. The DAR members were very friendly and gracious and made sure to include introducing the OGS table and our members as they gave their tours of the exhibit to the public.

I also mentioned last month that we then went to Norway Day at the Thurston County fairgrounds on April 20, just days after the DAR event. This was sponsored by the Sons of Norway and Daughters of Norway organizations. Our volunteers at Norway Day were me, Cindy Stalnaker, Andy Carter and Kathy Erlandson. At this event we had the good fortune to have a table in a prominent location by the front door and were absolutely inundated with people as we were one of the first groups they saw upon entering. We couldn't even keep count of how many visitors we had since most of the time during the 6 hours we were several people deep at our table. We started running out of our brochures and had to put out an SOS call for an emergency print up of some

business type cards with our information on them in lieu of the brochures! Lots and lots of interest there, in part due to Norway Day always being well-attended annually.

Outreach for OGS has in the past been sporadic, at least in recent years and of course, due to Covid, but now we're trying to showcase ourselves more regularly in community events, letting people know we exist to bring together like minded individuals in genealogy endeavors and are available to help. If you hear of upcoming local events where you think OGS might fit in, let me know. If you'd like to be part of Outreach, let me know. I think if you talk to those of us who have already participated, you'll find we had a lot of fun in the process.

- Diana Bargmann, Outreach Chairperson
<barbourgenealogist@yahoo.com>

OGS Elected Officers

President — Andy Carter

Vice President — Terry Church

Secretary — Carol Jenner

Treasurer — Karin Coppernoll

Past President—Kathy Erlandson

Team Leads

Book Management— Rebel Romero

Information Technology — Joe Brookshier

Membership — Bob Monn

Newsletter — Peggy Cooley

OGS Historian — Cindy Stalnaker

Publicity — vacant

Research — Jerri McCoy

Spring Seminar — Nancy Cordell

SIGs—Kerry McHugh-Upton

Sunshine—Gayle Strom

Technology—Joe Brookshier

May presentation

Janice M. Sellers presented “**Jewish Genealogy: How Is This Research Different from All Other Research?**” at our May general meeting. This talk told us what is unique about Jewish research, showed us what resources are available, and suggested what can be done with your research. Janice is a professional genealogist specializing in black, Jewish, dual citizenship, forensic, and newspaper research. She is the president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon and a board member of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society (SFBAJGS) and other genealogy publications. For more information, visit her [website](#).

Community Partners

City of Lacey — Erin Quinn Valcho

Timberland Library — Agatha Burstein

See you in September!

May General Meeting Minutes

Olympia Genealogical Society

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

Nominating Committee: The OGS Board is the nominating committee for the 2024-25 program year. The committee is still searching for a nominee for vice president.

Membership: Bob Monn reported that one new member joined OGS last month.

Treasurer Karin Coppernoll reported balances of \$4,259.35 in

the CD, \$3,146.76 in checking, \$2,170.99 in PayPal, and \$10,136.18 in savings.

Outreach: Diana Bargmann reported that OGS participated in two events in the past month — a DAR traveling revolutionary war exhibit (three days) and Norway Day. Andy represented OGS at a meeting of the South Sound Heritage Association. The association is a consortium of museums and heritage resources in Thurston and Lewis, Mason, and Pierce counties.

Volunteers needed: OGS needs a Publicity chair and volunteers to sup-

port hybrid meetings, which will start in September.

Program: Cindy Stalnaker introduced our speaker, Janice Sellers, who presented “**Jewish Genealogy: How Is This Research Different from All Other Research?**”

Adjournment: President Andy Carter adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Twenty-two members and guests were in attendance.