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UPCOMING DATES

- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** OGS Holiday Party, Saturday, Dec 9th 1-3pm
- **SIG MEETINGS** - contact SIG leader about Dec meetings
- **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER STORIES:** December 20th

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# Board member musings

*The OGS Board would like members to know who the people are volunteering their time to keep this organization running. Across the country, genealogical societies are closing their doors because of a lack of members and participation. We know we have lost some of the connection to our members since going completely virtual. It is our hope that by featuring a different board member each month, you will recognize a friendly face at the OGS membership meetings and we can help build and foster new friendships. We hope to*

*make this organization last another 50 years!*

I grew up in the Washington, D.C., area, far from relatives other than my immediate family. Our annual week-long visit to my mother's tiny Missouri hometown transported me into a world of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins of all sorts — an in-person family tree. Because of my mother's patient explanations, I had first-cousin, second-cousin, and once-removed stuff

mastered by the time I was ten. Before moving to Olympia, I worked as a professional geographer for several universities, a federal agency, and a remote sensing firm. Although my research specialty was human impacts on climate, preparation as a geographer led to familiarity with many essential genealogical resources, including historical maps, land ownership records, census enumerations, city directories, and newspaper  
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## OGS Holiday Party

This December, instead of our usual Zoom meeting, OGS members (and their spouses/partners) are invited to attend an in-person **Holiday Party** on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 1pm - 3pm at the **Capital Vision Church** in east Olympia. Here is the opportunity to greet friends of old and meet newer members you've only seen at Zoom. In keeping with our past party tradition, we ask for contributions of snack foods/light refreshments for our table (please, no items that require

refrigeration). OGS will provide plates, napkins and something to drink. The address of Capital Vision Church is 1775 Yew Ave NE - it is located not far from Ralph's Thriftway market, on the other side of State Ave NE. From State (a one-way street), make a right onto Puget St NE, go uphill, right onto Yew Ave NE, continue for several blocks and the church will be on the right side. The church has a large gravel parking lot, cement walkway into the

building and wide hallway ramps to the auditorium. For those willing to volunteer, we will be setting up tables and chairs at 12:30pm and could use some extra help at that time - also, from 3pm to 3:30pm when we take down and put away everything. Hope to see everyone there! **We will be voting on the new President of OGS at the beginning of the Party! Andy Carter is the nominee, and other nominations will be open at the same time. Please Vote.**

## Board member musings continued...

archives.

I discovered genealogical literature at the Washington State Library, spending many lunch hours taking advantage of the library's excellent resources. In 2010, I completed the University of Washington's year-long certificate program in Genealogy & Family History. Since then, I've attended several National Genea-



Photo: Carol Jenner

logical Society conferences and week-long genealogical institutes. Cur-

rently, I'm preparing several items for publication and starting some focused colonial Maryland and Virginia research. I am in a continuous learning mode as a genealogist. I appreciate the educational opportunities OGS offers through the excellent monthly programs and the annual seminar. I look forward to seeing many of you at our December meeting and holiday party.

-Carol Jenner—Secretary

## “Immigration and Naturalization” 2024 Virtual Seminar Olympia Genealogical Society

Register for 2024 OGS  
Virtual Seminar:

Members—log into  
your [OGS account](#).

Nonmembers—  
register [here](#).

In case you have noticed, the 2024 Seminar is earlier this year! It is Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 9am to 3pm (PST). Rich Venezia will do four presentations on immigration and naturalization. You can learn more details on the OGS [website](#) (in the left hand banner select Community Events > 2024 Seminar). The seminar will be virtual and the recordings will be available to registrants for 30 days after the seminar! Rich Venezia is a New Jersey native who now calls Philadelphia home. He

founded [Rich Roots Genealogy](#) in 2013. He was a member of the research team of Genealogy Roadshow (PBS) for two seasons, and also consulted on Follow Your Past (Travel Channel). He is an expert in the research of 20th-century immigrant ancestors, especially underutilized record sources and federal records. He also specializes in Italian and Irish research. Additionally, he assists clients with dual citizenship applications for Ireland and Italy and is a proud Italian dual citizen.

He holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. He lectures nationwide and spoke about "[How to Grow Empathy From Uncovering Your Roots](#)" at TEDx Pittsburgh 2017.

**Please register today at <http://OlyGenSoc.org> . If you are an OGS member, be sure to login to get your member discount! As always, there will be door prizes.**

- by Nancy Neville Cordell,  
Seminar Coordinator

## Reminder Membership Dues Increase and a New Student Membership Option

After no changes in our annual membership dues in the past 20 years, the OGS Board at its September meeting decided to increase dues to \$30 for an individual membership and \$35 for a family membership *effective Nov. 1*. If you renew your dues, you will be paying the new rate. Current members will see the increase for the 2024-2025 membership year beginning next Sep. 1. Anyone joining

OGS after Nov. 1 this year will pay the new dues amount. Over time, this increase will help sustain our ability to deliver quality service to our members.

In addition to the above action, the OGS Board also decided to create a new [Student membership plan](#) for anyone currently enrolled as a student (e.g., high school, trade school, community college, or universi-

ty). The annual dues will be \$15 and those joining as Student members will be requested to provide a copy of their current registration. This plan provides its participants with access to the same benefits as other OGS members at an affordable cost, and it is hoped that it will help develop a younger age cohort in our membership. This plan is now available for current students to join OGS.

-Bob Monn

## DNA Learning Opportunity with OGS Part 2

Last month I announced a **DNA Course** that OGS will offer in Spring 2024 and suggested you take advantage of the sales that might still be available through [AncestryDNA](#) or [MyHeritage](#). Did you order your kit(s) already? Did you take advantage of the sales to get a subscription to those services? After you submit your DNA sample for analysis, you will have to wait a while for the results. Not to worry-there is plenty to do while you wait! What do you need to do? Start your family tree! DNA is utterly useless with-

out genealogy. Use holiday gatherings to ask other family members what family papers, bibles, photos, memorabilia, or stories they will share with you. If you can, borrow those materials from them (perhaps give them a heads-up before you get together so they will bring them along). Write down what they tell you. Before you go to that family gathering, go to <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/charts/> to find free family charts to take along. You can download them to a tablet,

iPad, or laptop to fill them out on the computer or print out

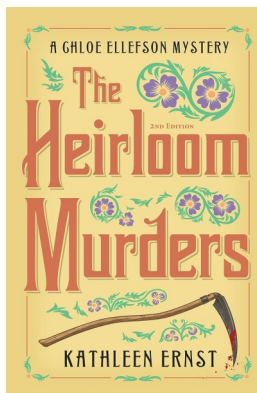


copies for folks to fill out by hand. In doing genealogy, start with what you know (or your family knows). Once you have gathered that information, start building your family tree online. **Look for next steps in the January 2024 OGS Newsletter.**

- Nancy Cordell

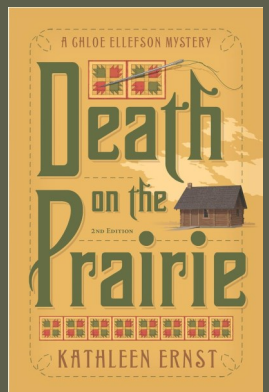
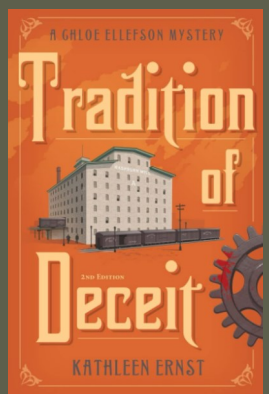
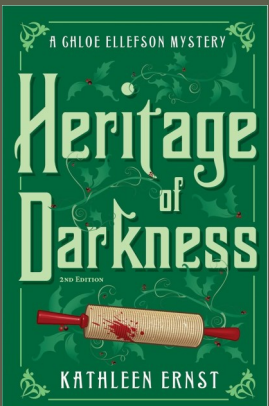
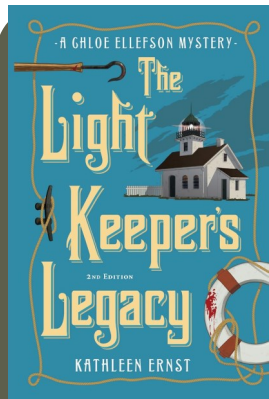
## Kathleen Ernst Book Series Review

The second book in the Chloe Ellefson mystery series by Kathleen Ernst is the "[The Heirloom Murders](#)" written in 2011. This story takes place at the Old World Wisconsin living exhibits where she gets involved in an heirloom seed company with her ex-boyfriend. The heirloom seeds tell the story of many of our ancestors who brought seed from



the old country as they immigrated to the US. Some of these seeds are the only known in existence as many strains have gone extinct. Enjoy the story as the

mystery unfolds and learn something about our ancestors and how they brought a bit of the old country with them to America. The third book in the series is "[The Light Keeper's Legacy](#)". In this story Chloe decides to take some time away to Rock Island Wisconsin State Park to work a special assignment for the  
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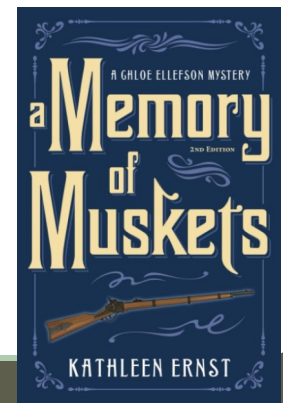
## ...Book Reviews continued

restoration of the island's 1857 lighthouse. She interweaves stories of the residents and the lightkeepers of the island in the past with the current murders on the island. As with all of her stories, this is a real place in Wisconsin that the story ends with her notes and photos about Rock Island Wisconsin. "Heritage of Darkness" is the fourth book in the series. Chloe Ellefson, her mother and her boyfriend decide to take a family bonding trip to Decorah, Iowa, for a Norwegian Heritage crafts event when a dead body is discovered at the opening event. Enjoy learning about rosemaling and wood carving crafts in Chloe's adventures. The end of the book has actual photos, credits and notes about the Vesterheim - Norwegian- American Museum in Decorah Iowa. "Tradition of Deceit" is set in Milwaukee Wisconsin at a flour mill. The mystery weaves current day events for the restoration and creation of a flour mill museum with the historical immigrant workers who worked in the flour mill under difficult and sometimes deadly situations

of the mill worker. Enjoy the story of the early Gold Medal Flour company. "Death on the Prairie" is the sixth book in the series where we find Chloe and her sister Kari taking a Laura Ingalls tour of the various homesteads that the Ingalls family lived in. Yes, it is a thing! If you grew up reading Laura Ingalls books or read them to your children and grandchildren this book will bring back memories as Chloe and Kari learn more about the lives of the Ingalls family and the places that they lived. During this trip Chloe is scheduled to speak at a conference and to meet with an expert on quilting to determine the authenticity of her aunt's quilt. The trip starts off with a death of one of the attendees which Chloe is trying to make sense of all the while trying to avoid the various mishaps along the way. As usual this story weaves a mystery and historical sites with a historical character. Sit back and enjoy a good story. This book can be found in the Timberland Library system.

"A Memory of Muskets" is the seventh book in the series where we find ourselves back at the Old World Wisconsin site. As Chloe and her team are putting together an exhibition for the time frame of the Civil War showing the immigrant experience as they find themselves in a new country that is at odds with itself. The mystery starts off with the mysterious death of a reenactor, trying to identify who he is and how he died. You'll learn about the various lives of the Norwegian immigrant along with the ins and outs of Civil War reenactor groups. This book can be found in the Timberland Library system as well as electronically and through booksellers.

- Kerri McHugh Upton



# IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

VIRTUAL SEMINAR



OLYMPIA  
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WITH **RICH VENEZIA**



Rich Venezia is an expert in the research of 20th-century immigrant ancestors, especially underutilized sources and federal records. He also specializes in Italian and Irish research.

Our day with Rich will include these topics:

- Irish ancestors
- Exhausting resources about your immigrant's origins
- Ship manifests
- Laws and records of U.S. citizenship

**SATURDAY  
FEB 3, 2024  
9AM - 3PM PST**

**\$ 35 MEMBERS  
\$ 45 NON-MEMBERS  
\$100 SPONSORS**

Registration and full details at [OlyGenSoc.org](https://OlyGenSoc.org)

### *Hidden And Unnoticed Census Data*

The census forms are for more than people's names and ages. There are hidden things one does not usually consider.

One can find out the relative wealth of many after 1790 until 1930 (discounting 1880) as pre-1850 the number of slaves is listed by age, 1850-1870 gives the value of real estate and 1860 and 1870 give the value of personal property. Later years ask if the head of household owns or rents and if the property is mortgaged along with other questions about value or rent.

The pre-1850 Census records are often ignored because they only give the names for heads of household, but there is quite a bit more. As the years progressed from 1790, the age groups were more finely distributed.

The 1820 Census has places

for foreign born who are naturalized.

The 1840 Census has a couple of gems hidden away where one often does not look. The second page has the name and age of pensioners of the Revolution or any military service; the number of persons in the household employed in several categories and the number of deaf, dumb, blind or insane white and the same for "colored".

The 1900 Census asks for month and year of birth; both 1900 Census and 1910 Census ask how many children each woman has had and how many are living. Finally, the 1930 Census is a wealth of information: it asks among other questions, age at first marriage, number of weeks worked, number of hours worked last week. It also asks if

a veteran and whether working. The 1940 Census asks what amount was earned; 1935 asks where the person lived and highest grade completed.

One more little tidbit. After 1850 the place of birth was requested; after 1880 the place of birth for parents was requested and finally in 1940 the question regarding birth specified that if the person was foreign born, to enter the name of the country as of 1 Jan 1937 (the effects of war).

There are more things hidden away that I do not have time nor space to enter, but you can explore yourself. The census forms are in several places, but the following link has both the census forms for each year and many forms to organize and compare, especially for the pre-1850 years: [www.cyndislist.com/charts/census/us/](http://www.cyndislist.com/charts/census/us/)

- Carolyn Gibbons

## Genealogy 101

## Member contributed Recipes

**Biscotti** From Cindy Stalnaker

6 Tbs butter, softened  
2/3 cup sugar  
1 ½ tsp baking powder  
¼ tsp salt  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
2 large eggs  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup pistachios, chopped  
1 cup dried cherries

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine first 5 ingredients in a medium bowl and beat with an electric

mixer at medium speed until smooth and creamy, Add eggs and beat until blended (batter may look slightly curdled). Add flour, beating on low speed until smooth. Dough will be soft and sticky but should hold its shape when dropped from a spoon. Stir in pistachios and cherries. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and form two logs from the dough, about 14 inches long, ½ inch wide and ¾ inch high.

Bake at 350° for 22 minutes. Remove sheet pan from the oven

and reduce oven temperature to 325°. Let dough stand out of the oven for 10 minutes. Biscotti is Italian for "twice bakes" and here's where that come in. Cut the logs into biscotti cookies and place on the baking sheet. Cook for 25 minutes more or until the cookies are the crunch you want.

You can sprinkle them with sugar immediately after they come out of the oven, so a slight sweet crust forms on them. You can change up the dried fruit and nuts or add chocolate chips. Enjoy!

# Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are calling

As OGS members you have access to many of our genealogical experts, software and online programs and genealogy projects. There are some SIG's that are well utilized and others not as well. Take some time to look over our list and see if something interests you. Call the SIG Leader and have a chat-you might benefit from joining that group! Make it a New Year's Resolution!

## Legacy Family Tree SIG by Jerri McCoy

We explore the many features of the Legacy Family Tree genealogy software. Attendees bring their "How do I do this in Legacy" questions for answers and suggestions from the group. We share our plans, ideas, and discoveries within

the software. We meet online so that we can share our screens for clarity of actions needed to accomplish each goal. Come to learn the basics, or to expand on your knowledge of this versatile software program. All members are welcome to attend.

### Special Interest Groups and Facilitators:

- ANCESTRY - Greg Nordlund; meets 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- DNA - Nancy Cordell; meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 pm
- FAMILY HISTORY WRITING - Laura Carroll meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 7:00 - 9:00 pm \*The September meeting will be on the 11th, same time.
- FAMILY TREE MAKER - David Abernathy; meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm Via Zoom platform
- FAMILY SEARCH.org – Carolyn Gibbons; meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- GENEALOGY CHAT - Peggy Cooley; meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- LEGACY FAMILY TREE - Jerri McCoy; ~~meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 1:00 pm~~ →

Not meeting  
in December

## OGS Needs You!

**1. 50th Anniversary** - This group will plan how we'll celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2024. Commitment would be for this year only. Ideas include event planning, helping with news media, scanning photos for Facebook and Instagram posts, etc. Please email [info@olygensoc.org](mailto:info@olygensoc.org) if you are able to help!

**2. DIG Virtually** - Help members in the community similar to our previous work at the Olympia Library, but virtually. Virtual meeting times and frequency will vary depending on the number of volunteers. Training will be

provided. Please email [info@olygensoc.org](mailto:info@olygensoc.org) if interested.

**3. Historian** - The historian keeps a record of our events and members in the news for the past 50 years. Position is currently open. Duties include posting our live history in our scrapbooks and attending and voting at board meetings. Being on the board, you'll be in a front row seat as our history is happening. Please contact Kathy Erlandson [pastpresident@olygensoc.org](mailto:pastpresident@olygensoc.org) if interested.

**4.Meeting Tech Team** - In order to

transition to hybrid general membership meetings, we need 1 or preferably 2 people who can help with the tech setup each meeting. Set up is simple—bring OGS laptop to each meeting and set up internet connection. If you are interested, contact Joe Brookshier [webmaster@olygensoc.org](mailto:webmaster@olygensoc.org) or Bob Monn [membership@olygensoc.org](mailto:membership@olygensoc.org)

**5. Speakers Bureau** - Available to speak to groups about genealogy and OGS. It would be great to have a few members who would like to speak for 30-45 minutes. Opportunities for this maybe once or twice a year depending on how many setup to represent OGS. Great outreach opportunities to grow our organization. Send an email to [Info@olygensoc.org](mailto:Info@olygensoc.org) if you have an interest!

## Member Story "Love 'em or Leave 'em"

**(My apologies to Joyce-her member story got lost in my emails months ago - Peggy Cooley)**

The Peregrinations of my Ancestor Willard Felts. Willard Samuel Felts (sometimes spelled Feltz) was born on November 1, 1876 to Civil War veteran John and Ella (Wheeler) Felts in Barton, Tioga County, New York, which is just north of the Pennsylvania state line. The family soon moved permanently to his father's home area of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where Willard was married in 1897 to Mamie Charles and worked as butcher. Soon after that he became an electrician and telephone lineman. Mamie bore his only

known child, daughter Dora, in 1899. A few years later she filed for divorce, claiming that he'd left her in 1908; the divorce was final in 1911. But while Mamie was divorcing him in Pennsylvania the 1910 census found Willard in Jersey City, New Jersey working as telephone lineman and living over a saloon with Sadie --?-. By his World War 1 Draft card in 1918 he had moved to Buffalo, New York, where he was working as an automobile repairman and re-married to Iva May Harder after an elopement to Detroit. She had been previously married (1897) to William E. Howard and (1908) to Robert Harland. In 1921 they moved to Iva May's home area of Jackson County, Michi-

gan, where she died in December 1931 or January 1932. The 1930 census lists Willard as an unemployed butcher. In July 1935 he re-married Marcia Howard, widow of Oliver Richards; but by 1940 they were living separately, Willard as cook for a family of woman-less farmers and she as housekeeper on another farm in Jackson County. Willard is last heard from in the 1950 census for Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan where, at age 72, he is married (?) to Elizabeth --?-- and is Unable to work while she cooks in a restaurant. His death date and place are unknown. Whenever or wherever it was nobody bothered to notify the local newspaper or erect a stone in the cemetery. - **Joyce Ogden**

## Recipes

**Almond Roca Style Brittle** from Jerri McCoy  
 1 lb. butter (not margarine)  
 2 ½ cups sugar  
 1 tsp vanilla  
 1 ½ cup sliced almonds  
 8 10 oz chocolate bars

Combine butter and sugar in heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until hard crack stage. (About 30 minutes) Remove from heat and add vanilla and 1 cup of almonds. Pour onto cookie sheet with sides. Melt chocolate bars and spread over hot candy mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining almonds. Cool until chocolate is

cold and solid. Break into pieces. (I use a heavy chef knife.)

**Sour Cream Coffee Cake** from Peggy Cooley

We had this every Christmas morning for as long as I can remember.  
 ½ cup butter  
 1 cup sugar  
 2 cups flour  
 1 tsp baking powder  
 1 tsp baking soda  
 2 eggs  
 ¼ tsp salt  
 1 tsp vanilla extract  
 1 cup (1 pint) sour cream

Nut Mixture:

1 cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)  
 2 tsp vanilla  
 ½ cup sugar  
 ½ tsp cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Add well beaten eggs, then vanilla. Mix in dry ingredients, adding alternately sour cream. Butter 9 inch springform pan well. Pour ½ of the batter into pan, then sprinkle ½ of the nut mixture. Add the rest of the batter and the last of the nut mixture. Bake in a 350° oven for approximately 45 minutes.

## Member story “Childhood Traditions around Christmas”

### Tree

While growing up, the Saturday before Christmas (and if Christmas fell on a Sunday, it was the week before), we would go Christmas tree shopping. It was an all-day affair. We always ended up picking our tree in the dark. We'd get it home and let it set on the front porch to get rid of the loose needles. The next day, Dad would put it into the tree stand and bring it into the house and set it up in the living room corner. We would end up finding blank spots so the tree would be turned until those were hidden from view. Next came decorating. Dad would always put the lights on first. Then Mom would do the garlands. Next came the ornaments. Us kids got to put some of them up. The final touch was the icicles.

### Lights

Every Christmas Eve we would go driving around Centralia looking at the various Christmas Lights people did to their homes. We would stop at Grandma Lucy's house first (this was actually my Mom's Grandma,

her Dad's step-mom). We would give her some little gifts we made and our school photos. She would give us some goodies. Loved that time with her. Then it was driving around for an hour or two. Then it was home to get to bed for Christmas.

### Shopping

We would go to town on an evening and park the car in the town parking lot just off Pearl Street near the Masonic Hall. We would split up into two groups - Mom & I and Ed & Dad. We would go shopping in the various shops along Tower Avenue. After an hour, we would meet back at the car and trade off and go out again. I can remember Dad taking me into Rita's Hardware store to pick out appliances to give Mom for Christmas. One year it would be a toaster, another a waffle iron, and another year it would be a pancake griddle. She would always get new slippers every year. Mom would take us to a store (probably the same one) to pick out a train car

for Dad. We always got the gifts wrapped.

### Christmas Day

As kids, we weren't allowed down the stairs until Mom & Dad were up. We always ate breakfast first, then had to do the dishes.

Then we got to go into the living room. Either my brother or I or both of us played "Santa" and handed out the gifts. I don't remember if we opened them all at once or if we took turns. The afternoon we would either go over to Papa's house or he & Auntie Lois would come to our house for dinner and more Christmas presents. (this was my Dad's family - sister & dad). We always used the good china for Christmas dinner and the good silverware.—**Marcy Kludt Belles**



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## Member story “New Traditions”

All of our family holiday traditions stem from the time of our parents' marriage in 1949. My father was an orphan, and my mother didn't ever mention her family traditions. It all started with a decorated tree that we can see in a photo of their first apartment. We put ours up on Christmas Eve and decorated it in the afternoon and evening before going to Midnight Mass. On Christmas morning, we weren't allowed to go downstairs until our photo was taken. Then it was a free-for-all. Of course, I was the one who snuck downstairs before my parents woke up to

check out the gifts and report back to my siblings. When I was six, there was a beautiful blue Rollfast bike with my name on it. Best gift ever. My mother baked a Sour Cream Coffee Cake for breakfast. Christmas dinner was always turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, followed by pumpkin and mince-meat pies. Even now, we have this at Cooley holiday dinners.

Hamlin Kids at Christmas around 1962. Their Aunt Marion sewed

each of them mumus and PJ's for my brother.

- **Peggy Hamlin Cooley**



Peggy is back row, 2nd from the right

### OGS Elected Officers

**President** — Vacant

**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 — Vacant

Publicity — Mandy Stahre

Research — Jerri McCoy

Spring Seminar — Nancy Cordell

SIGs—Kerry McHugh-Upton

Sunshine—Gayle Strom

Technology—Joe Brookshier

### Cyndi's List in Practice—Nov 9th Meeting

Cyndi Ingle gave a presentation about doing research using her website CyndisList.com. Cyndi's List is a robust research tool with resources helpful in everyone's research. She reviewed the contents of the site and pointed out how to make the most of the categories and the links found within. Cyndi is an expert in using technology for genealogy, research in the United States and bringing together traditional methodology with organization, computers, software, and the Internet. She is an internationally-known guest lecturer, and she has authored numerous articles and three books. Cyndi is the Executive Director for the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. She is a columnist for the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly.

### Community Partners

City of Lacey — Erin Quinn Valcho

Timberland Library — Agatha Burstein

# November Meeting Minutes

**Vice President** Terry Church called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed new members and visitors.

**Secretary:** The October 2023 general meeting minutes were approved as published in the November newsletter.

### Team/Committee/SIG Reports:

- *Program Team* member Diana Bargmann announced that December's meeting will be a holiday party on 9 December, from 1–3 p.m. at the Capitol Vision Church. The December newsletter will include directions. The team requests that members bring snack food for sharing. OGS will provide beverages, plates, napkins, and cups. Volunteers are requested for set

up (12:30–1) and take-down (3–3:30).

- Our *Seminar Team* lead, Nancy Cordell, reported that the OGS Annual Seminar is scheduled for 3 February 2024. Rich Venezia will present sessions on immigration, naturalization, and Irish research at this virtual event. Seminar registrants will have access to the recordings for 30 days after the seminar. Nancy thanked Cyndi Ingle for making our 2020 seminar possible by sharing her Zoom account and expertise.

Our *Newsletter Team* lead, Peggy Cooley, requested submissions for the December edition by November 15th. The team is particularly interested in holiday memories, with a suggested 100-word limit.

**Old Business:** Andy Carter has accepted the nomination for OGS pres-

ident. Andy introduced himself and described his long-time interest in genealogy. No nominations for this position were made from the floor. A formal vote for this position will take place at our December meeting.

**Announcement:** Eric Olsen reminded members of the formation of a new Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which will serve southwest Washington, including Thurston County. A meeting is planned for 2 December.

**Program:** Terry Church introduced our speaker, Cyndi Ingle, who presented "Cyndi's List in Practice."

**Adjournment:** Vice President Terry Church adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.