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UPCOMING DATES

- **Thurs, Feb 9th, virtual** General membership meeting begins at 7:00pm (Meet & Greet at 6:30pm)
- **SIGs meeting throughout February**
- **Feb 15th deadline to submit stories for Dec newsletter**
- **Spring seminar—April 2023 “Judy Russell—*The Legal Genealogist*”**

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President’s musings

2023 started off strong, with our recent Immigration and naturalization presentation by Janice Sellers. Janice is very passionate about this area of expertise. She took us through steps to research these topics starting with researching your ancestor in the U.S., looking for name variations, and establishing the approximate year of immigration, before studying migration records such as ship passenger lists. Janice recommends the website SteveMorse.org

for research, which includes search forms for [Castle Garden](#), Ellis Island, and other ports of entry. I was fortunate

February Discoveries

to identify a second cousin via DNA, another potential route for immigration research. My cousin still lives in the country of my great-grandfather’s immigration, Denmark. We are going to

Denmark and Germany later this spring, and we will be visiting my Danish family! When I originally wrote my cousin Gerner, he sent me a family tree from their family genealogist (but he did not send documentation). I learned to conduct basic Danish research and found my ancestor’s christening record and family census records using the excellent Danish website, Arkivalieronline. I am looking forward to using Janice Seller’s guidance to identify migration records.

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February Presentation: “Faith of our Fathers”

[Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG, FOGS](#), has an amazing ability to bring laughter into the lives of her audience members. One of her favorite photos is a picture of her mother on her way to a church picnic, then on to an afternoon of cemetery transcribing. It was taken just four days before Peggy

was born! Having grown up with parents that were deeply involved in genealogy takes her love of family history to a new level. Some people are amazed that she knew people that were actually born in the 1800’s, her own grandparents. Listening to the stories from bygone years,

touching the fabrics from quilts, dresses, blessing gowns, and bonnets all have added to the admiration of previous generations. Peggy is a frequent lecturer at many local societies in Ohio, as well as Family History seminars.

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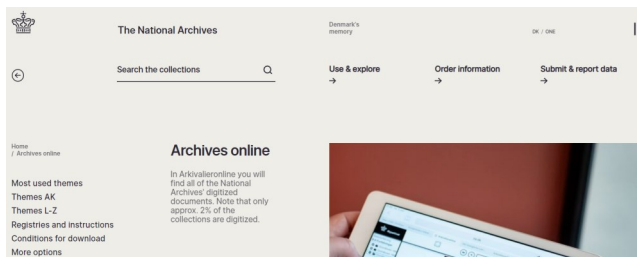
President's musings continued...

I recently saw another very helpful webinar from Legacy Family Tree webinars, "[Proving Identity: Not Matching Names](#)" presented by Robyn Smith. Robyn presented methods to use identity markers to differentiate between same/similar named people. Her method is to identify as many identity markers as possible, using a spreadsheet or similar tool,

including age/family/place of birth, literacy, occupation, military service, middle/nickname, religious beliefs, handwriting, and date of

death/burial place. Here's to starting off the new year with new research skills!

-Laurel Haas



Home page of Danish National Archives translated using Google Translate

February Presentation continued...

She has presented at Brigham Young University, and ICAPGen, and taught Continuing Education classes at several community colleges and The Ohio State University. One of her proudest moments was achieving the credentials that qualified her to be an Accredited Genealogist, for it polished her research skills.

She is a featured columnist in *Reminisce* magazine, has written several Legacy Quick-Guides, and has filmed as an instructor for Ancestry Academy, and worked as a researcher for Ancestry ProGenealogists. She was recognized for her work by being awarded the title of Fellow of the Ohio Genealogical Society in 2018, as well as receiving the Laura G.

Prescott Award for Exemplary Service in Genealogy.



"Ancestor Trouble, A Reckoning and A Reconciliation" - Book Review

Diane Bargman brought this book to my attention recently as a book that I might want to review. "[Ancestor Trouble](#)" is a memoir written by Maud Newton, not the author's actual name but a name of one of her ancestors, clev-

er! She has always been troubled and at the same time fascinated by her family stories. She is a product of two people who came together to create the perfect child, her father's quest. Not a great starting point for someone who is

descendant from a cast of characters as we learn about through her desire to know who her ancestors were. She weaves her genealogy research with the "why" of our need to know the past.

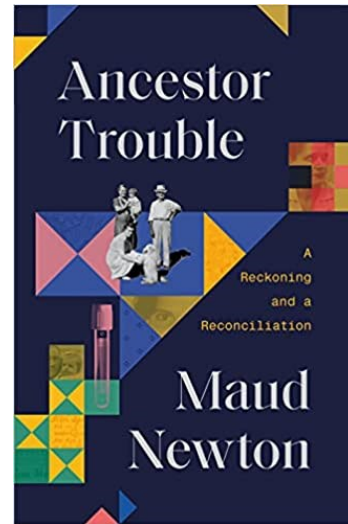
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Unfortunately, Amazon has ended the Amazon smiles program. You can still support OGS through direct donation when you renew your membership at olygensoc.org.

Book review continued...

She has researched back into the ancient of times to discover the philosophy behind our need to be connected to the past. Through her research she has come to reckon with who she is and has reconciled her place in her crazy family's past. The respect of other cultures for their ancestors past is strong throughout the world, something the west has lost a connection to. The reviews are

great for this book! This book is available through Timberland Library. Check it out for yourself! Check out other genealogy related books, mysteries and memoirs on our website by logging into our website and clicking on Publications / Files. If you wish to share a review of a book you read or add one to our list, please submit to me for publication in our newsletter or posting. - Kerri Upton



Know any local heroes or living legends? Send their stories to newsletter@olygensoc.org.

Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are a perk of membership in OGS. Free and open to all members, these groups meet monthly around a variety of topics related to genealogy. Current SIGs include: ancestry.com, familysearch.org, DNA, family history writing, [Family Tree Maker](http://FamilyTreeMaker.com), Genealogy chat, Italian heritage, and [Legacy Family Tree](http://LegacyFamilyTree.com). These groups offer a small group setting to dive deeper into topics.

OGS is always interested in starting new SIGs so if you have a topic you would like to lead, please contact [Kerry Upton](mailto:Kerry.Upton@olygensoc.org). Meeting format is currently virtual using [GoogleMeet](https://www.google.com/meet/), a platform very similar to Zoom. If you would like to be on the SIG list please send an email to the facilitator to be included on their list of

members. You'll find their email contact on the Membership List (accessible only to current OGS members). A list of days, times, and facilitators for current SIGs is listed on the [OGS website](http://olygensoc.org).

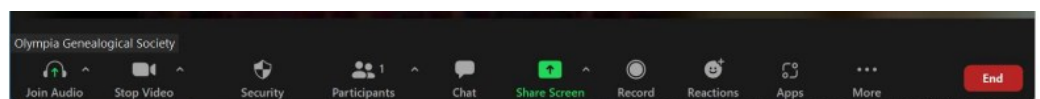
- ANCESTRY - Greg Nordlund; meets 4th Saturday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- DNA - Nancy Cordell; meets 2nd Tuesday 6:30 pm
- FAMILY HISTORY WRITING - Laura Carroll meets 1st Monday 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Note change in start time!)
- FAMILY TREE MAKER - David Abernathy; meets 4th Thursday 10:00 am
- FAMILY SEARCH.org – Carolyn Gibbons; meets 4th Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- GENEALOGY CHAT - Peggy Cooley; meets 3rd Wednesday 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- ITALIAN - Greg Nordlund; meets quarterly (Nov, Feb, May, Aug) 1st Saturday 11:00 am.
- LEGACY FAMILY TREE - Jerri McCoy; meets 3rd Saturday 1:00 pm

Share your story at the February OGS meeting

OGS Member, here's a chance to get to know more about fellow members! Do you have a favorite photograph, artifact, or story of one of your ancestors? Dig it out, brush it off and bring it to share at the OGS meeting,

February 9. Meetings are held on the Zoom platform. You will be asked to share your screen during the meeting. Questions about how to share your

screen? Detailed [instructions](#) are included on the [OGS website](http://olygensoc.org) after the description of the February presentation. Hint: there is a "share Screen" icon in the Zoom platform.



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Upcoming community events

“History Talks!” through the Lacey Museum and Cultural Center (**free and virtual**)

- February 8th “Revealing Records in the Washington State Archives” [Register online.](#)

- March 8th, “Germans in the South Puget Sound Region in the late 19th Century”
- April 12th, “History of the Northwest Passage in Five Maps”

Free genealogy workshop designed for individuals with African American ancestry at the [Tacoma Family History Center](#) February 25th from 9am until 2pm. Visit their website for more details:
www.tacomaaafhe.com

Do you have any tips about doing genealogical research? Send them to newsletter@olygensoc.org.

Beginning Genealogy: Part 6

The 1920 census asks fewer questions though every one from 1880 on will give the relationship to the Head of Household. This does not ask about the marriages, neither number or years nor how many times. It does not ask about number of children born to the women. Each person is asked native tongue and native tongue of

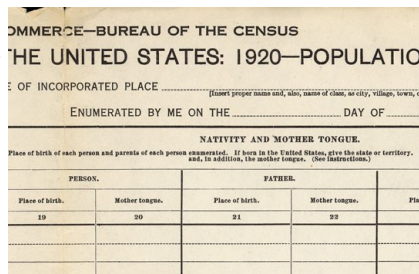


Photo: 1920 census section

each parent. They are asked if they speak English, if they

attended school, if they can read and write. It does not ask if they were unemployed any time nor anything about when they came to the US, if they are naturalized nor if they are veterans.

Ask me questions. SEfromNC@gmail.com

- Carolyn Gibbons

Roots Tech 2023

Roots Tech 2023 will be talking place March 2-4 in Salt Lake City, Utah. There is both an in-person and a virtual option this year. The virtual option is again free. OGS’s 2022 and 2023 spring seminar guest speakers will both be at this year’s Roots

Tech.

Registration is open and to find out more visit <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023>.

Roots Tech also has an on-demand library with over 1500 session in over 30



languages. Roots Tech is part of FamilySearch. If you have questions, visit the Roots Teach [website](#) for more information.

- Mandy Stahre

2023 Virtual Spring Seminar



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Spend a Day with The Legal Genealogist®

Spend the day with legal expert and genealogist Judy Russell as she helps us explore the legal sides of genealogy including:

- Wills and probate
- African-Americans and the courthouse
- Court and land records
- Women and the law



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The Legal Genealogist

Judy provides expert guidance through the murky territory where law and family history intersect. An award-winning writer, she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM from BCG. Her blog is at www.legalgenealogist.com.

2023
April 15

**Registration and full
details at OlyGenSoc.org**

Registration begins Jan 12, 2023

\$40 for members
\$50 for non-members

What's in a name?

Researching one of my grandmother's brothers, Frank, I found that like all of the brothers of that family, he had been a miner in West Virginia. It also seemed to be a pattern that they married later in life after years of bachelorhood. So Frank was already 33 years old when he married a divorcee, Estella, in 1927, when she was 31 years of age. It was not until 1933 that their only child, a son, was born.

Whether there had been previous babies who hadn't survived, or the couple was having difficulty starting their family, most likely I will never know. But when their child was born, the story goes that he was named Doris Gene. I was told this by an elderly family member but kind of wondered if she had her story a little mixed up, especially since I wasn't able to back it up with a birth document of any kind. Later another el-

derly relative was discussing that branch of the family and then mentioned out of the blue that boy, he had sure felt sorry for the son being saddled with that name. So that was another account of the same story. Had the mother Estella perhaps felt that she might only ever have this one child and therefore better bestow on him both her name preferences for a boy and a girl? I don't know if he was ever actually called Doris – this would have been a tough situation in school! - but definitely went by Gene as an adult. No surprise there! But here's the funny part: wouldn't you know he ends up marrying a woman named Doris!

I know of a couple of other situations where men ended up being given a more usually feminine first name, too. And you have to wonder why. When I was growing up, this man who worked for my father was named

Shirley. And he went by that name, too. He was this big strapping, lumberjack type of guy. I know that some names have started out being names of males and then gradually become used more for females – maybe this is one of them? Or maybe Shirley came from a family of all boys and the mother decided that by golly, she was going to have a child named Shirley, come H. or H.? Who knows? I was too young to think of asking him about his name and I doubt my father ever did.

My grandmother's second husband was called Harry but when he was born, he had been christened Hazel Harry. He said he didn't know why that was so as he'd come from a large family of both girls and boys. He went on to legally change his name to Harry Hazel.

- **Diana Bargmann**

Want to share a family story? All you need is 100-150 words and submit by the 15th for inclusion in the next newsletter. Email newsletter@olygensoc.org with your submission.

Where to Donate Genealogical Materials

By Laurel Haas, Contributors: Rebel Romero, Kathy Erlandson, and Nancy Cordell

We all want our research to be passed down to others when we are gone. To help you with this important work, we've compiled some information to help you plan for your genealogical legacy.

You may be able to donate your genealogical materials to genealogical or historical societies or university libraries in the area where your ancestors made their home (City, County, or State).

As well as finding a home, organizing materials is key.

Amy Johnson Crow provides several tips in her [blog](#) regarding donating your genealogy, including organization, wills, and where to look for repositories.

Jane Roberts of Past to Present Genealogy wrote: "[Will Your Family History Research Die With You?](#)" She recommends contacting a researcher for a one-name study if you are not able to find a family member interested in the legacy. This article discusses contacting local repositories in advance, materials organization, and addressing the legacy in a will.

Cyndi's List provides [Cyndi's List Digital Data Inventory Template](#) that will be useful for tracking and organizing all

of your digital assets.

Thomas MacEntee's article "After You're Gone, Future Proofing Your Genealogical Research" discusses documenting both hard copy and digital materials as well as online profiles, including the website name and login information. The article in its entirety is published in this edition at the end of the Olympia Genealogical Society newsletter. In working with Societies, Archives, and Libraries, Mr. MacEntee suggests finding an organization in advance to provide you with the most input and also considering a monetary donation.

Here are some potential resources to research for your genealogical research donations:

1. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City accepts [donations](#) that add new material to the Family History Library's collections. Full details on donation guidelines and materials accepted are available in the wiki, under the Family Search Library Donations section.

2. The [Seattle Genealogical Society](#) is an affiliate library of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The library at the Good Sheperd Center in Wallingford includes Family Histories.

3. The Genealogy Center at the [Allen County Public Library](#) in

Indiana has one of the largest research collections in the world. The Library welcomes contributions of papers, books, and electronic information, including research articles, images of military veterans in your family history, completed books, indices to record groups large and small, or copies of family records pages in your family Bible.

4. USGenWeb sites archive genealogical resources, organized by State and County, such as the Thurston County WAGenWeb archives. If your county is currently being maintained, you can contact the volunteer Archive File Manager linked on the site to post donated research.

5. Organizations such as the [Daughters of the American Revolution](#), [Sons of the American Revolution](#), and the [Mayflower Society](#), accept materials with applications.

6. The Library of Congress selectively accepts scholarly and research materials that extend the breadth and depth of our collections.

Your family research is of great value. Take time to organize and make a plan and arrangements to provide your body of work to future generations and researchers.

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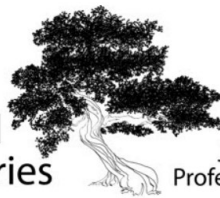
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Ancestral Discoveries



Janice M. Sellers
Professional Genealogist

“Immigration and Naturalization” - January 12th General Membership Meeting

Janice Sellers presented about identifying immigration and naturalization resources and provided tools and strategies to help you make the leap to the “old country” as accurately as possible. She specializes in Jewish, Black, forensic, and newspaper research and has taught at local to international levels.

January Meeting Minutes

OGS President Laurel Haas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The December 2022 general meeting minutes were approved as published in the January 2023 OGS Newsletter.

Vice President William Kautz reported that programs for the next three meetings are finalized. Peggy Lauritzen and Vicky Lambert will present in February and March. The April meeting will feature a panel of OGS members discussing their experiences with international genealogical research. The team is exploring topics including legacy and preservation of genealogical research.

On behalf of Treasurer Karin Coppernoll, Laurel reported bal-

ances of \$14,443.41 in the checking account, \$100.00 in the savings account, \$2,371.51 in the PayPal account, and \$4,217.49 in the CD, for a total of \$21,075.41. Karin will transfer to the savings account all but \$5,000 from the checking account and additional funds from the PayPal account.

Newsletter Lead, Peggy Cooley, announced that the newsletter team (Peggy, Mandy Stahre, and Carolyn Gibbons) are looking for submissions running 150-200 words per item. Family recipes and stories are welcome.

Kathy Erlandson expressed her delight that the team approach to OGS activities has been working well.

Nancy Cordell reported that the Spring Seminar committee is operating at such an efficient level that they did not need to meet in December. Registration for the April 15 seminar featuring the Legal Genealogist® (Judy Russell) opened today.

Program Committee member Cindy Neff introduced the speaker for the evening – Janice Sellers. Janice presented a comprehensive program on “Immigration and Naturalization Research.” A question and answer period followed.

President Laurel Haas adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Forty-eight members were in attendance.