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UPCOMING DATES

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

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President's musings

Happy New Year!

As I think about all the goals I'd like to set for genealogy for this year, what has occurred to me before is that I would like to live a few lifetimes, just to get all my research done. I imagine many of you feel the same way!

Thank you to all the members who shared at our December Holiday Social. The handwriting comparison Karin shared to help identify similarly named individuals, could come in handy in one of my research goals for this year, which is to identify the correct William Brown in my family. For one of my Genealogy New Year's Res-

olutions, I'd like to tackle at least three brick walls, including William H. Brown. So many people to research and so many new things to learn!

I am looking forward to our Spring Seminar and meeting Judy Russell in person (virtually).

RootsTech continuation of their free virtual event makes it a must for my list as well. Have you looked at the On Demand and Library lately on the Roots Tech website? There are currently 3,811 videos in the collection.

On the family side,

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January Presentation: Immigration and Naturalization Research

When researching an immigrant ancestor, finding information here in the U.S. is the necessary first step. This class identifies immigration and naturalization resources and provides tools and strategies to help you make the leap to the "old country" as accurately as possible.

Ancestral Discoveries
Janice M. Sellers
Professional Genealogist

Janice M. Sellers is a professional genealogist specializing in black, Jewish, dual citizenship, forensic, and newspaper research. She is also related to actor Peter Sellers and to John of Gaunt, son of a king and father of a king. At least that's what her grandparents told her. Unfortunately, they were wrong, but that's why she has researched her family for 47 years and now helps others find the right pieces to fit their genealogy puzzles. Her site is Ancestraldiscoveries. She is the

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President's musings continued...

we have a spring trip planned which includes meeting a second cousin in Southern Denmark and visiting my great-grandfather's homeland. I need to cram as many DuoLingo Danish lessons as I can in before my trip.

On a light note, have you had a chance to check out the MyHeritage Historical

Laurel Haas using MyHeritage AI Time Machine

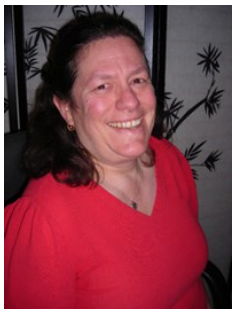
AI photos (MyHeritage AI Time Machine)? You can create images of yourself as a Viking, an American Pioneer, a World Explorer, and many other kinds of historical figures or occupations.

-**Laurel Haas**

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.

January Presentation continued...

editor of ZichronNote, the quarterly journal of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society (SFBAJGS), and has previously edited four other genealogy publications. She is the publicity director, programming director, and a board member of SFBAJGS and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy, Genealogical Speakers Guild, and Genealogical Forum of Oregon. She has volunteered at Family History Centers since 2000 and gives presentations on many genealogical topics at the local, regional, state, and national/international levels. Before becoming a professional genealogist, she worked in publishing for many years as an editor, indexer, translator, and compositor.



Don't forget to add "Olympia Genealogical Society" to your Amazon smiles account. OGS earns earn 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchase. No cost to

Book Review "A Malignant House"

Second in Fay Sampson's Suzie Fewings Genealogical Mystery's is "A Malignant House" published in 2010. We follow Suzie as she delves into the workings of a run down manor house desperate to stay solvent. She visits weekly to retrieve and transcribe documents dating as far back as the Norman era of England as she discovers some of her family surnames in the documents, on both sides of the sheets so to speak. Imagine living within a few miles of all of your ancestral grounds

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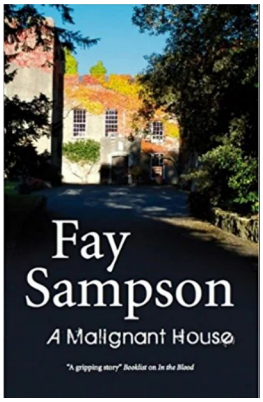

Book review continued...

searching in old chests to find that you are a descendant of the lord of the manor as well as a tenant working the land. That's Suzie Fewing's history, no matter which lane she travels down you can bet her ancestors travelled the road 400 years prior! An enjoyable escape. Check it out and her other books at the Timberland Regional Library!

If you know of any books that you think should be on the list found on our website:

Log onto olygensoc.org;

Click on Publications / Downloadable Files ;

Click on "Genealogy Mysteries & Other" button for the complete listing to date!

Accessible through PDF or Excel spreadsheet. Let me know if you have books that should be included and if you would be willing to lend them out. Email me and let me know any updates! Enjoy!

- 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, Genealogy chat, Italian heritage, and Legacy Family Tree. 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. Meeting format is currently virtual using GoogleMeet, 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.

- 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

Genealogy tip—city directories

Anyone who read Dashiell Hammett or Raymond Chandler is familiar with city directories, the forerunner of phone books, because any detective in the 1920s and 1930s immediately ran to one to find a suspect or witness. They hold a lot more. City directories will list residents by street and/or surname. When listed by street, you will often find all members of the household and can see their neighbors. When listed by surname, you can find their address and what type of work they do, often with work address given. City directories will often list a history of the community, description of

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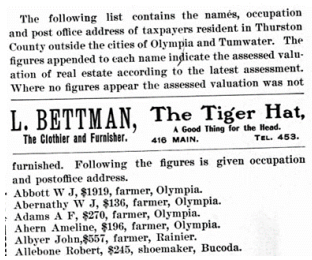
City directories continued...

the layout of the streets, a list of city/county/state officers, have a great amount of ads (to keep the publishers in business), and sometimes things to make you laugh as in the Fayetteville (NC) directory of 1924 when it had a list of "Secret Societies." Studying the ads will give an idea of the person's prosperity. To the **right** is the index to the first Olympia/Thurston County Directory, 1902. This will give a good visual of what is in one. To the **left** is a snapshot of part of p226. You can find city directories on online at Ancestry or Family Search, or you can contact local libraries, archives or genealogical societies for help.

—Carolyn Gibbons



The following list contains the names, occupation and post office address of taxpayers resident in Thurston County outside the cities of Olympia and Tumwater. The figures appended to each name indicate the assessed valuation of real estate according to the latest assessment. Where no figures appear the assessed valuation was not furnished. Following the figures is given occupation and postoffice address.

L. BETTMAN, The Clothier and Furnisher. The Tiger Hat, A Good Thing for the Head. 416 MAIN. TEL. 453.

Abbott W J, $1919, farmer, Olympia.
Abernathy W J, $136, farmer, Olympia.
Adams A F, $270, farmer, Olympia.
Ahern Ameline, $196, farmer, Olympia.
Albyer John,$557, farmer, Rainier.
Allebone Robert, $245, shoemaker, Bucoda.

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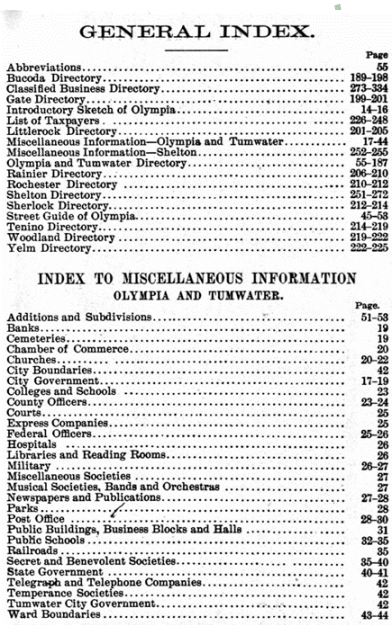

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Do you have any tips about doing genealogical research? Send them to newsletter@olygensoc.org.

Beginning Genealogy: Part 5

This month I will talk about the 1910 census. It is very similar to the 1900 except no birth month and year. One important addition has to do with marriages; although the form does not ask how many times the person has been, the census taker was supposed to and enter it with the symbol for married, such as M1 or M2 (married once, married twice). Occupation is expanded to Trade or Profession, General Nature of Industry and whether employer, employee or working on own account. If an employee, they were to answer if out of work on 15 Apr (the census date) and number of weeks out of work in 1909. The education and ownership of home questions are the same, but one really big thing was added – whether a veteran and which war. The census taker also asked whether blind and if deaf and dumb (i.e., mute).

We will continue with censuses next month.

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

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 Lecturer℠ from BCG. Her blog is at www.legalgenealogist.com.

2023
April 15

$40 for members
$50 for non-members

Registration and full details at OlyGenSoc.org

Registration begins Jan 12, 2023

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"Holiday social" - December 8th General Membership Meeting

Reliving the past tradition of our December meetings, members enjoyed a holiday social and shared stories.

The program began with a short presentation about the WSGS Pioneer Pursuit project concerning those Washington ancestors who lived in Washington when it was a territory. WSGS is hoping to raise interest and volunteers to work on the project.

December Meeting Minutes

OGS President Laurel Haas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The November 2022 general meeting minutes were approved as published in the December 2022 OGS Newsletter. Vice President William Kautz reported on upcoming programs. The January program will feature Janice Sellers presenting on immigration and naturalization. In February, a panel of OGS members will discuss their experiences with international research. Treasurer Karin Coppernoll reported balances of $15,089.09 in the checking account, $2,040.13 in the PayPal account, and $4,213.95 in the CD. Karin has submitted paperwork for a savings account. Nancy Cordell reminded members of the Spring Seminar on 9 April 2023 with Judy Russell. She also reminded DNA SIG members to complete their homework. Kerry McHugh-Upton encouraged members to participate in Special Interest Groups and pointed out the variety of topics available — software (Legacy, Family Tree Maker), Ancestry, FamilySearch, and Writing.

Meeting details are posted on the OGS website. If OGS returns to in-person meetings, many SIGs will remain virtual because of the ability to share screens. New SIGs can be started at any time.

Karin Coppernoll reminded members about participating in the Amazon smile program. Diana Bargmann introduced the program, which began with a presentation by Virginia Majewski representing the Washington State Genealogical Society. WSGS encourages societies and individuals to contribute to the WSGS Pioneer Pursuit project, which aims to document individuals who lived in Washington Territory before statehood.

The program continued with member presentations featuring accounts of research/reunion trips, photos, heirlooms/keepsakes, and stories. Diana Bargmann from the Program Committee introduced OGS speakers for the evening:

• Carol Jenner spoke about a 2019 research trip to courthouses in west central Missouri.

• Terry Church told of his recent research trip to Wilkes County, North Carolina, where he visited his uncle's grave and spent time viewing family photos with cousins still in the area. He prepared for the visit by joining the local genealogical society and finding relevant library materials.

• In her presentation "Thomas Lockwood," Karin Coppernoll started with a question of land ownership in Monroe, Snohomish County. She traced the life of this early Washington resident from his service in the Mexican War to his mining days in Snohomish County, uncovering a challenging name change along the way.

• Jon Halvorson offered "The Tale of Two Harrys," describing his recent trip to his mother's home in Glenwood City and Star Prairie, Wisconsin. He concluded his discussion by telling of a remarkable coincidental meeting at a local cemetery.

• In the 1970s, Eileen Dodge wore a POW bracelet inscribed with the name of Col. H. Scott Morgan. Eileen told of his service, which included years (2,871 days) as a POW in Viet Nam and her recent contact with him.

• At least two members will present their research trip experiences at future meetings.

There was no new business. President Laurel Haas adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Over thirty members were in attendance.