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# Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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*The Olympia Genealogical Society (OGS) was founded in 1974 to promote the study, interest and research of family and local histories, and to encourage assistance, cooperation and guidance in those efforts to members, friends, and the community.*

### Spring Seminar - Peggy Cooley

Our Virtual Spring Seminar will be on Saturday, April 24th!



Registration is simple and starts with the Homepage of our Website.  
The Speaker is Rick Sayre, who will concentrate on Military and Land Records.  
If you have any questions, please contact me at [jerseymouse@comcast.net](mailto:jerseymouse@comcast.net)

### April General Meeting

National Society United States Daughters of 1812  
Presented by OGS Member Judi Hine who is also the President of the  
Washington State U.S. Daughters of the war of 1812

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## *President's Musings - Kathy Erlandson*

Happy Spring! Of course, around here, Spring means rain, snow, hail, wind, fog, and sometimes even a little sunshine, but I am content with the sunny teasers and the promise of warmth to come. The sunshine sure gives my moods a boost! Today is one of those cooler gray days though. So, it's a good time to be inside and doing genealogy things.

This morning, I joined in on the Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group (SIG). I had so much fun meeting with those folks. There were 10 of us, and being a relatively small gathering, it was easier to chat among ourselves and get to know each other better. Socialization and education, what more could you ask during this long time of isolation?

I've been using Family Tree Maker for over 20 years. One might think that after that much time I would know the program inside and out. Not so! When it comes to digital technology, I am a slow learner. I tend to stick to the basics, often wary about trying a new feature for fear of messing something up. As a result, I've missed out on a lot of benefits of the program. However, SIG group leader, David Abernathy has lots of experience with the program and has aggressively learned how to use it, and is eager to share what he knows, answer questions, and help others to use the program effectively. I learned a lot today, and with information and encouragement from other members, I now have the nerve to try some new features.

Have you attended one of our SIGs? If so, you know what I'm talking about. If not, I heartily encourage you to do so. Our society currently offers 5 different Special Interest Groups on the following topics: Ancestry.com, DNA, FamilySearch.org, Family Tree Maker, and Writing [your story]. Pick one, or two, or FIVE! You might learn something. You might be able to help someone else learn something. And you'll have opportunities to build friendships with other members, even though we can't meet in person. I'm not going to stop with one. SIGS, here I come!

## *ZOOM Coordinator - Nancy Cordell*

If you are having problems logging into the monthly Olympia Genealogical Society general meetings on Zoom be sure to download updates for the Zoom App on a regular basis at <http://zoom.us/download> so you will have all the functionality that Zoom has to offer. This applies to your computer and any other devices you use for Zoom. There are updates every couple of weeks

### Sunshine - Gayle Strom

As the Olympia Genealogical Society Sunshine person I like to bring a bit of "sunshine" when needed. I would like for you all to let me know, when you know, that someone is ill or needs a thoughtful note. You may contact me at [ggnpoppa@comcast.net](mailto:ggnpoppa@comcast.net)

### Membership - Bob Monn

Please welcome the following new OGS members who joined last month:  
Sandra Johnson                      Bobbi Klippert                      Loretta Reich Rippee

### Upcoming Events

#### **2021 Heartland Family History Conference**

Friday May 7 & Saturday May 8

Two days of live: programming offering more than 30 breakout sessions presented by regional, national & international speakers; followed by 90 days of on-demand access to recorded content, virtual exhibit hall & participant networking opportunities.

Featured Speaker is Billie Stone Fogarty

For more details and registration: <https://heartlandfhc.org>



#### **Southern California Genealogical Society**

Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12

Learn from 51 speakers from the USA, Canada, Ireland, Israel & the UK  
Standard Registration includes 6 live lectures and 20 recorded lectures of your choice.

If you add PLUS Registration you can access all 50 recorded lectures.

To register go to <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/>

#### **2021 Virtual Family History Conference**

Monday 17 July – Friday 21 July

Presented By: National Genealogical Society

Supporting Host: Virginia Genealogical Society

For Details and Registration: <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

#### **Skagit Valley Genealogical Society**

Many Nations – An Introduction to Native Research

Presented by Robbie Johnson, CG

Saturday, April 10, 2021

To receive your ZOOM reservation contact: [rootsproject1@gmail.com](mailto:rootsproject1@gmail.com)

## ***OGS Website - Kerry Upton***

There's a new link in town! Or at least on our website!

As a member benefit we have added a new page to our website. You'll now be able to view a past general membership meeting recording of the main presentation. Simply log onto our website through the "Members Only\*" link on the left hand navigation menu. Once logged in, click on Community Events, drop down menu has a new feature "Recordings." Click here to see the recordings available to members. Some recordings will be for a limited time, others will remain in perpetuity.

Log on and Enjoy!!

## ***Special Interest Groups (SIGS) - Kerry Upton***

Two years ago we started up small groups to focus on various genealogy subjects relating to data management programs and "How-to" groups. Each group met in person on a monthly basis, learning and sharing about the focus topic. The best part of each of these groups was getting to know each other beyond our monthly general membership meetings! Last spring we suspended all in person gatherings. An Ad-Hoc group was formed to determine how we could move forward as the Olympia Genealogical Society under the current environment. The Zoom online platform was adopted as our platform for holding our meetings. Although not the same, it gives us the opportunity to continue our meetings. This is exciting to be able to offer this, especially for snowbird members, those unable to attend due to time of day or transportation issues. You will be able to log in and attend the meetings no matter where you are!

You'll need to be a current member of OGS. Once logged onto the website you'll be able to access the different Zoom log ons for each SIG meeting. The SIG Groups will be listed on the left hand border once you have logged onto the Members Only section found on the left hand border.

### **Special Interest Groups and Facilitators:**

- ANCESTRY - Greg Nordlund • DNA - Kerry McHugh Upton
- FAMILY HISTORY WRITING - Cindy Neff • FAMILY SEARCH - Carolyn Gibbons
- FAMILY TREE MAKER - David Abernathy

Special Interest Groups are open to all members. Feel free to contact the facilitator to learn more about the group. More information is shared on the Forum page once you have logged onto the OGS website, Members Only section. Access to the Forums is a benefit of membership; if you aren't a member yet, join up and start taking in all that membership offers!

If you have a subject that you feel would be of benefit to other members please contact Kerry McHugh Upton to share your idea. We'll send out a notice to the membership to see if there are other members interested in a SIG group on that topic. These groups can be a cultural group, other genealogical database groups, etc

## Washington State Digital Archives - Volunteers Needed

Death certificates are now available for transcription in Scribe. Scribe has long been without death/certificates, but our volunteers need not wait anymore. Tens of thousands of records from the Department of Health have been uploaded and are now available for transcription.

If you aren't familiar with Scribe, it's an online digital application that enables users to become "honorary archivists" by transcribing and indexing records that are historically important to Washington. By using Scribe, volunteers are able to add information to the images, making them searchable on the Washington State Archives Digital Archives.

Scribe users are volunteers from around the globe who have access to the ever-growing collection of digital images ready to be transcribed and indexed, from home, on their own time.

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please go to <https://scribe.digitalarchives.wa.gov/> to create an account. You can view a short tutorial there. Happy Scribing!

## Genealogy Web Sites

### Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (JGSWS)

To view the website use this Url: [jgsws.org](http://jgsws.org)

### Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter:

To read the most recent Online Newsletter go to: [blog.eogncom](http://blog.eogncom)

### Monthly Newsletter Of Claudia C. Breland:

Claudia is a Professional Genealogist and author living in the Key Peninsula in Western Washington. To read the most recent Online Newsletter go to [www.ccbreland.com](http://www.ccbreland.com)

### The Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS):

To access their very informative web page: [wasgs.org/](http://wasgs.org/)

### Washington State Archives

To access their monthly and back issues of their Newsletter:  
[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/newsletter-archive.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/newsletter-archive.aspx)

### Thomas MacEntee Genealogy Bargains

To access his website for genealogy bargains, genealogy do-over, and subscribe to his newsletter: [genealogybargains.com/thomas-macentee/](http://genealogybargains.com/thomas-macentee/)

### Whatcom Genealogical Society

To receive assistance with your Whitman County genealogy research go to Facebook and key in Whatcom County Genealogy Society

### ***Genealogy Mystery Books- Kerry Upton***

Who doesn't love a great mystery? After all we are genealogists and by the nature of what we do, we follow the clues to tell our family history. Along with enjoying the chase to find factual records of our family many of us enjoy a good fictional genealogical mystery. With that in mind, Kathy Erlandson created a list of genealogy mystery books and shared them with me. I've added a few more to her list. My hope is to create this list on one of our forum pages in the Members Only section of our website. My vision would be to show where you can find the books whether it be an ebook, available with the Timberland Library system or simply one that we may have in our own libraries. I typically will buy a used book or one on sale through Alibris.com. After I have read the books, I'm really not interested in keeping them since I don't plan on reading them a second time. I'd love to pass mine along to others who may be interested in reading the book. So with your help, once I have the forum page created, if you feel the same as I do, perhaps you'll update the list with books that you'd like to pass to others to read.

I'll start off with author Steve Robinson. His series features Jefferson Tayte, his genealogist hero. J.T. is a Washington DC based genealogist with his assignments taking him to the British Isles and Germany. Follow along in order or as a standalone read as his own brickwall comes crumbling down.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>TRL</b>	<b>Ebook/Kindle</b>	<b>Member</b>
2011	In The Blood: a Jefferson Tayte genealogical mystery		✓	Kerry Upton
2012	To The Grave: a Jefferson Tayte genealogical mystery	✓	✓	
2012	The Last Queen of England: a Jefferson Tayte genealogical mystery	✓	✓	
2014	The Lost Empress: a Jefferson Tayte genealogical mystery		✓	Kerry Upton
2016	Kindred: a Jefferson Tayte genealogical mystery		✓	Kerry Upton
2017	Dying Games: a Jefferson Tayte genealogical mystery	✓	✓	
2018	Letters From The Dead: a Jefferson Tayte genealogical mystery	✓	✓	

If you are interested in reading the three books that I have please contact me. We'll make arrangements for me to get the books to you. I'll update the list so as others are interested in reading the book(s) they know who to contact.

Next I am on to the series by M.J. Lee with his Jayne Sinclair genealogical mysteries!

***From the Refreshment Table - Diana Bargmann***

Please consider taking a few moments to jot down a recipe or a story to contribute to our newsletter. Send them to our editor Eileen Dodge <[edodge1946@comcast.net](mailto:edodge1946@comcast.net)> by the 25th of the month and she'll include them in an up coming month's publication. And thank you for your effort!

***OGS Member Recipe - Peggy Cooley***

**Mom and Apple Crisp**

I was born in the early 50's, and my Mom believed that all dinner meals were to consist of a meat, potato, veggie and a dessert. It was usually something like Jell-o or pudding, but sometimes she made a pie (lemon meringue, apple or cherry) or Apple Crisp. A single 9-inch pie plate of deliciousness for 8 people. I think she got the recipe from Betty Crocker, but why she couldn't double or even triple the recipe, I'll never know. I have 5 siblings, and after everyone was served their portion and ate it, we used to gather around the pie plate and scrape every last bit from it.

As a mom myself, I would make Apple Crisp for my family in a 9-inch pie plate. There were only 4 of us, but 2 of them were growing boys. And they complained that I didn't make enough and why couldn't I make more topping? I started doubling the topping and using a bigger pan. Eventually, I was tripling the topping and doubling the pan size. My boys and their families consider a pan of my Apple Crisp as a gift and it is dessert for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

I also put it in potpie pans and freeze it for an individual dessert. I use ¼ inch slices of peeled Granny Smith apples cut in half. My sisters do not peel their apples.

**Apple Crisp**

**7 cups of peeled and sliced Granny Smith apples**

**(1/4-inch slices cut in half so it can fit perfectly in your spoon!)**

**Topping:**

**4 cups uncooked oats**

**2 c. packed brown sugar**

**1 ½ t. salt**

**4 t. cinnamon**

**1 1/3 c. melted butter**

**Peel and slice apples into a bowl of cold water with lemon juice so the apples don't discolor.**

**Preheat oven to 375°**

**Mix together oats, brown sugar, salt and cinnamon. Added melted butter and mix thoroughly.**

**Pour the apples into a butter greased 13x9 inch pan. Using your hands, sprinkle the mix over the apples, covering completely.**

**Bake for 20 minutes until the apples are tender.**

## OGS Member Contribution - Joyce Ogden

### SPINSTER NO. 4: SPURNED BY FAMILY, BURIED IN ARLINGTON

"There once was a little girl named Rebecca Ann Turner, who was teased by her schoolmates for her initials, 'R-A-T, rat, means you're a Rat'" was my grandfather's opening statement one winter morning. "That little girl had a mind of her own, and changed her own name: 'I'm now Anna Rebecca Turner, and my initials are A-R-T, Art'".

"Joyce, Don't be like Aunt Annie!" was my mother's admonishment one day. "But who's Aunt Annie, and what did she do that I shouldn't be doing?" was my response. Mother's answer was something like "Well, Aunt Annie wore the same old hat every year when she could easily have afforded another." Clearly there was something going on here, more than just a choice of hats.

It wasn't until I began "doing genealogy" in 2003 that I put the pieces together. There she was in the 1870 U.S. Census for Clifford Twp, Susquehanna County, PA: Turner, Rebecca A. - age 6, older sister to my grandfather Ira S. Turner. By the 1880 U.S. Census the family had moved to Hughestown, Luzerne County, PA and there she was again: Turner, Annie - age 16...

My genealogy research in local Pennsylvania newspapers found that Anna's adult life started rather conventionally when she spent a few years in the 1880's teaching school in various nearby one-room schoolhouses. But then her career veered to the unconventional: in 1891 she graduated from Bellevue Nursing School in New York City. Since her father had deserted the family soon after the birth of his last child in 1883, I'm sure Anna had to put herself through nursing school alone. And with the Spanish-American War underway in 1898, what should she do but sign up with the Army Nurse Corps. Her letters home were reprinted in the local newspaper. Here's a sample:

Scranton Republican, 11 Feb 1899; 25 Mar 1899; 25 Apr 1899; 31 Aug 1899  
MISS ANNA TURNER OF HEART LAKE... WRITES HER MOTHER OF  
HER ARRIVAL IN HAVANA... Miss Anna Turner, who went to Cuba on  
January 12, has written home her first impressions of her new  
surroundings...United States S.S. Manitoba, Havana Harbor, Cuba,  
Jan.16, 1899 Dear Mother: We reached the docks this morning... after a  
three days' sail... [complete text in Newspapers.com]

While the war concluded soon thereafter, Anna stayed on in the Army Nurse Corps for the next 30 years in the Panama Canal Zone, retiring in 1928. After her retirement she bought her brother Ira's home-built telephone-pole house in Port Jervis, Orange County, New York. By all outward appearances she lived a quiet life as a simple spinster.

When Anna died in 1954, she was given a lengthy obituary that reflects just how amazing her career as an Army nurse had been:

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Scranton "Tribune", 26 May 1954:

**VETERAN NURSE DIES** Miss Anna R. Turner, a nurse, and a heroine of the American struggle to build the Panama Canal, died May 25, 1954 in Clark's Summit State Hospital.

She was 90 years old... At the time of her retirement in June 1928, M.L. Walker, Governor of the Canal Zone, wrote: "The official records show that you have the longest service with the Panama Canal of any female employee..." She was one of the heroes of the fight against yellow fever, serving in hospitals during experiments to learn the cause of the disease... Since the fever was first thought to be contagious, it required courage for the nurses, doctors, and volunteer human guinea-pigs to take part in the experiments... As a Canal Zone nurse, Miss Turner became acquainted with three national heroes... Maj. William Crawford Gorgas, later Surgeon-General; George Washington Goethals, Canal engineer; and President Theodore Roosevelt... Miss Turner was decorated by President Roosevelt for her Panama service, receiving from him one of the medals the President had made at his own expense for the Canal heroes... Despite her infirmity... from her pension she gave everything above her own expenses to various health and welfare organizations... Miss Turner is survived only by a niece, Mrs. Howard Holford... Miss Turner will be buried Thursday, May 27, 1954 in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington D.C.

Contrary to the obituary, she was also survived by her brother (my grandfather Ira Turner); four nephews (Ira's sons Wayne, Warren, Clifford and Allan Turner); another nephew (Mrs. Holford's brother, Sam Moon); and two additional nieces (May Turner Brown and Mona Turner Cutrell).

With Anna's death just a month before my college graduation, she was alive during my entire childhood and young adulthood, yet I never met her. What was the family reason or reasons why all those additional relatives were not mentioned in her obituary? My mother was a prolific correspondent with cousins near and far, but why never with her husband's aunt? Why was her brother's, my grandfather Ira's, last wish that he outlive her 90-year-old family record? (She still beat him by one month and four days.) Clearly, there was a family estrangement in full force.

So here are some theories about this estrangement: 1) Anna defied the social conventions of the time that females were supposed to marry and have a family instead of independence and careers. 2) Anna's refusal to buy new hats implied that she was uninterested in social reputation or appearances. 3) Anna gave all her money to charity and never helped her family when they were in need. By contrast, in mother's family it was "family first," where each of the siblings were expected to use their income as soon as they graduated from school/college to help with education expenses for the next sibling in line. 4) Anna clearly had a determined personality, beginning with that name change in childhood, followed by putting herself through nursing school, and then living all those years in the jungles of Panama. She must have been difficult for many others to put up with. I had a wonderful mother, but maybe I was exhausting her patience at the moment when she uttered that statement, "Joyce, Don't be like Aunt Annie!"

Genealogy research has been fun for me every time I unlock a family secret. But there are some that resist easy, quick solution. My mother was a 'pro' at hiding family secrets.

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**OGS Board of Directors 2020-2021**

President – Kathy Erlandson  
Vice President – Greg Nordlund  
Treasurer - Judy Artley  
Secretary – Judi Hine  
Past President – Nancy Cordell

**Appointed Committees**

Beginners Workshop - Ann Olson  
Book Coordinators – Nancy Cordell & Rebel Romero  
FaceBook – Kerry McHugh-Upton  
Historian – Joyce Ogden  
Library Liaison – Agatha Burstein  
Membership – Bob Monn  
Newsletter – Eileen Dodge  
Publicity – Joyce Ogden  
Refreshments – Diana Bargmann  
Research – Jerri McCoy  
Spring Seminar – Peggy Cooley  
Sunshine – Gayle Strom  
Special Interest Groups – Kerry McHugh-Upton  
Webmasters – Bob Monn  
Zoom – Nancy Cordell

**Community Partners**

City of Lacey: Ms. Erin Quinn Valcho  
Timberland Library: Agatha Burstein

## *February General Meeting Minutes - Judi Hine*

### **MINUTES**

**OGS General Meeting (via Zoom) February 11, 2021**

**Board members in attendance: Kathy Erlandson, Greg Nordlund, Judy Artley, Judi Hine, Ann Olson, Nancy Cordell, Kerry McHugh Upton, Joyce Ogden, Eileen Dodge, Diana Bargmann, Jerri McCoy, Peggy Cooley.**

**Absent: Bob Monn, Gayle Strom.**

**Approximately a total of 45 joined the Zoom meeting.**

**1. PRESIDENT –Kathy Erlandson welcomed everyone and asked if there were new members or visitors. There were two visitors.**

**2. SECRETARY – Judi Hine had no report. Minutes from January were approved.**

**3. TREASURER –Judy Artley reported the Checking account has \$16,332.75 and the CD \$4,192.79.**

#### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Research – Jerri McCoy reported that she had two requests from the Coroner's office, which she was able to successfully conclude.**

**b. Seminar – Peggy Cooley reported that registration is up and running and asked people to please register.**

**c. SIGs – Kerry McHugh Upton reported that SIGs are going strong. She also reported that RootsTech is free this year. It will be held virtually on Feb 25-27<sup>th</sup>.**