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MARCH GENERAL MEETING - GREG NORDLUND

The 11 March 2021 General Meeting LIVE WEBINAR will feature Thomas MacEntee presenting Genealogy Tech Talk. During the LIVE WEBINAR Thomas will answer your tech questions with easy-to-use solutions!

You can use the link below to submit questions about genealogy tech issues, which might be answered during the presentation (via Zoom).

Please be as concise as possible...focus on the specific issue and any solutions you may have tried. Not all issues will be covered during the line webinar, but Thomas will attempt to provide solutions and guidance for all issues submitted.

Submit your questions here <https://forms.gle/sRldycHQP6jP5q4w9> no later than Friday, 5 March 2021!

SPRING SEMINAR - PEGGY COOLEY

Our Spring Seminar is just two months away! Registration is simple; see article and link on the OGS homepage. The Speaker will be Rick Sayre, who will concentrate on Military and Land Records. If you have any questions, please contact me at jerseymouse@comcast.net

EDITOR'S NOTE - Be sure to share the information about our seminar with your friends and family. Since the seminar is being offered virtually, anyone in can join in regardless of where in the world they reside.

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PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS - KATHY ERLANDSON

Important OGS business is in the works, and you are an important part of it. Those who attended the February General Meeting know that we formed the 2021 Nominating Committee. At our June General Meeting, you will help elect new officers to the Executive Board. So, between now and then, our Nominating Committee will canvass our membership to identify willing candidates for that election.

I can imagine some members running away, shaking their heads. "No, no, no! Not me! I don't have time for a job!" If you have never served on a volunteer board, you may think it is too difficult, too burdensome, too scary. It is none of those. Neither is it a huge time commitment; generally, just a few hours per month, August through June. In reality, it is a pretty informal and social experience that allows us to network and really get to know and enjoy each other, while supporting the organization and work that we love.

Our Board of Directors actually enjoys meeting together. Yes, we make decisions and plans for OGS. Yes, we sometimes have to do some creative problem solving, but it is all done in the spirit of friendship and working together. Each person has an area of responsibility, but each is also free to ask help of other OGS members. Can't attend every meeting? Get a substitute. Run dry of ideas? Call some other members and ask them for ideas.

OGS Board Meetings are open to the membership. If you'd like to help OGS, but are insecure about serving on the Board, why not come to the next meeting, (Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 pm) just to see how we operate? If you'd like to do so, just contact a board member to be included in the Zoom invitation.

When a member of the Nominating Committee calls you, please consider his or her request with an open mind. Olympia Genealogical Society needs willing volunteers to continue its work and play.

WASHINGTON STATE BIRTH & DEATH CERTIFICATES

Important changes to the ordering of birth and death certificates became effective 1 Jan 2021 as a result of a new vital records law. See [WA Dept. of Health FAQ web page](#), [birth certificate handout](#), and [death certificate handout](#) for more information.

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.

MEMBERSHIP - BOB MONN

Please welcome our new members who joined in February:
Eric & Ramona Olsen Bob Thomas Waverly Williams
Sadly, we lost long-time OGS member, Ed Swan, who passed away Friday, Feb
19; see article below.

IN MEMORY

Edward W. Swan - 2 Aug 1934 -19 Feb 2021
Ed was an OGS Charter member
also with his wife Shirley, an OGS Special Life Member.

Peggy Cooley remembers: I'll never forget Ed's advice when I was planning my first trip to Ireland. He was sitting across from me at our table at the OGS Dinner and said. "You've got to find the Townland!" I went home and searched on the Ancestry Message Boards for my Irish 3rd Great Grandfather; he was mentioned in a 7-year-old message and the information contained the Townland. Three years later, I stepped on the farm in Kilrossanty, Co. Waterford, Ireland.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Southern California Genealogical Society Presents Jamboree 2021

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.scgsgenealogy.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/>

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Virtual Spring Seminar

24 April 2021

Genealogical Journeys

Speakers: Jill Morelli and Linda Harma Okazaki

To register: <https://www.tpcgs.org/seminar.html>

ZOOM COORDINATOR - NANCY CORDELL

If you are having problems logging into the monthly Olympia Genealogical Society general meetings on Zoom. Here are several suggestions:

- 1). Make sure you have the most up-to-date version of Zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/download> and download the updated version. It gets updated often, so check back frequently.
- 2). The link is emailed out the day before every general meeting. The link is also posted at <http://OlyGenSoc.org> and on the Olympia Genealogical Society Facebook pages.
- 3). If clicking on the link does not work, try to copy and paste the link into your browser.
- 4). Try logging out of Zoom and then log back in. You will need to go to <http://zoom.us> and find your username in the upper right hand corner. When you click on that, a dropdown menu will appear and you can select log out. Then log back in.
- 5). Try a different browser.
- 6). Send an email to me at Nancy.cordell@gmail.com or a text to 360.451.1059; I might be able to help you. If you are new to Zoom, please continue reading below for information on getting started on Zoom or how to connect to OGS Special Interest Groups and OGS Board Meetings

As you all know, OGS will continue to have General meetings, Board meetings, Special Interest Groups, and the 2021 OGS Seminar via Zoom. You will be able to enter the Zoom meeting at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time of any meeting. Below is some information for each sort of event:

General meetings: Links (and passcodes) will be posted on <http://OlyGenSoc.org> on the calendar (found in the right column of the home page). As always, the general meetings are open to the public, members and guests are welcome to attend.

Special Interest Groups: Links (and passcodes) are posted in the Members Only section of the website. At present, there are 5 SIGs offered through OGS: Ancestry, DNA, FamilySearch, Family Tree Maker, and Writing. Participation in the SIGs is a benefit of membership. See Kerry Upton's message for more information about SIGs.

Board meetings: Olympia Genealogical Society Board meetings are open to the public. If you care to attend an OGS Board meeting, please send an email to events@OlyGenSoc.org and we will gladly share the link with you. If you use an electronic calendar of any kind, you can copy and paste the relevant meeting link onto your calendar. Be sure to include the accompanying passcode, as all Zoom meetings will require that passcode.

If you are new to Zoom, please give a try! You can learn how to participate in a Zoom meeting by viewing: [Joining a Zoom Call for the First Time at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E)

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 (SIG) - 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

GENEALOGY WEB SITES

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (JGSWS)

To view the website use this Url: jgsws.org

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter:

To read the most recent Online Newsletter go to: 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

The Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS):

To access their very informative web page: wasgs.org/

Washington State Archives

To access their monthly and back issues of their Newsletter: 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/

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!

From the Refreshment Table - Diana Bargmann

Last September, when it was deemed that OGS would not be able to resume physical meetings, two new features were added to our newsletter - recipes and stories. The recipes were to be substitutes for the actual refreshments we would have had, and the stories were in lieu of those we might have exchanged in person while socializing there, and to add depth to the newsletter. It was a rocky beginning for both features as admittedly there were other events claiming our attention so we are continuing these ideas into the new year to give them a fair shake.

The recipes are starting to take off though we have several more months ahead left to cover but the stories are not as forthcoming as we'd hoped. We know they're out there among our members and that all of us enjoy reading them, and getting to know a little more about the people who authored them. Please remember that this is not a literary contest and there is no critiquing, no standard by which the stories are held accountable. They don't have to be a certain length or on certain subjects, they don't have to be unusual, quirky or funny - they can be serious, sad or thoughtful, too - like life itself. Just the story you might share with the rest of us at a meeting - something you uncovered during your research about an ancestor or an experience you had while doing that research; and written in the same words you would use to tell it verbally. The same with the recipes - they don't have to be one that's been passed down through the generations or even holiday-related, just one you think worth sharing, any type of food.

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> 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 - BY KATHY ERLANDSON

My family, perhaps like yours, survived in great part, by what they could grow or hunt. I have photos of my mother's parents with great armloads of geese and hundreds of pounds of salmon. My father told stories of poaching deer and other game to feed the extended family. One time he told me he had shot out the porch light of the game warden's house so that he could poach deer from his yard! In later years, Dad no longer poached game, but he remained a hunter to the end of his life. When I was young, if we had meat, it was usually venison of one kind or another.

I had hoped to share with you a recipe handed down, and adapted, in my father's family for generations, for Mince Meat Pie. Alas, when I went to the recipe box to get it, it was not there. I've asked my kids if they have it, but they do not. I hope you have guarded your family traditions better than I did this one. What family recipe can you share?

OGS MEMBER CONTRIBUTION - JOYCE OGDEN

SPINSTER No. 3, MARJORIE MANN, PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER

Spinsters are supposed to be older maiden aunts who sit in a rocking chair in the corner, sew quilts, or maybe rock a baby (or two). However there were two spinster aunts in my mother's family, one in my husband's, and another in my father's who didn't exactly meet these particular expectations.

The third spinster is my husband's great-aunt Marjorie Mann. She was born on October 30, 1888 in the family home in Brockport NY.¹ She was the youngest child of town physician William Barrow Mann and Eveline (Clark) Mann. Her father had arrived there after the Civil War, married the daughter of the town's previous doctor, and set up doctoring with a horse-and-buggy. It's said that after a late-night rural call he would tell the horse "Home!", and he could then take a nap while the horse knew the way back. Marjorie's eldest brother grew up and took over their father's medical practice. The second brother (my husband's grandfather) became a lawyer. Brother no. 3 became a pharmacist, and brother no. 4 was a dentist. Her elder sister became a stenographer before her marriage. So what was left for Marjorie?

While everybody else in the Mann family attended "upper church" Episcopalian St. Luke's, next door to their house, family legend says that Marjorie fell in love with a Roman Catholic priest (Oh, My!). The priest was promptly moved elsewhere, and Marjorie became both devotedly single and devotedly Catholic. After attending Brockport's village elementary and high schools, she stayed on at Brockport Normal School for teacher training, where she graduated in 1912.² After sixteen or so years teaching school,³ she went on to Smith College for special coursework in social psychiatry. In 1929 she began her 25-year-long career as a Psychiatric social worker in Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital.⁴ In 1943 she purchased her own house in Rochester⁵ and lived independently there for the rest of her life. (Double Oh, My!)

She lived to be 91 years old. I am struck by the fact that her obituary tells more about the male members of the family than about Marjorie's life, but shouldn't it be HER obit, not theirs?

Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, 26 Jan 1980:

MARJORIE MANN, 91, FORMER SOCIAL WORKER Marjorie Mann, a psychiatric social worker who worked for 25 years at Strong Memorial Hospital, died yesterday at St. Ann's Home. She was 91. A native of Brockport, Miss Mann was a graduate of the Brockport Normal School and Smith College. "She comes from nine generations of medical doctors," said Sallie Jackson of Brighton, her grandniece. Her father was William Barrow Mann, one of Monroe County's first physicians. Her brother, Dr. Horace Mann, founded the Rochester Academy of Medicine.

Miss Mann is survived by a niece, nephew and several grandnieces and nephews.

Her funeral was attended by THREE grand-nieces all named "Marjorie Mann."⁶ So while she never married and had children of her own, her name lives on.

Here ends the tale of the first three spinsters. One saved enough money from teaching school to enable her family to build a house. One helped raise her niece's seven children. And one had a long career in teaching and advanced psychiatric social work. Yet their obituaries are silent about their real contributions to society!

- by Joyce Ogden September 2020

1 NY State Birth Index. Mann, Marjorie / 30 Oct 1888 / Brockport

2 Brockport Republic, 13 Jun 1912: candidates for graduation in the professional course of the Normal Department of the Brockport State Normal School on June 25, 1912... Marjorie Mann

3 NY State Censuses, 1915 and 1925, Brockport, Monroe County NY "School teaching"; "Teacher"

4 Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 8 Sep 1929:

Miss Marjorie Mann... who has just finished a course of study at Smith College in its school of psychiatry, has been assigned a position in the social service department of Strong Memorial Hospital.

5 Rochester Daily Record, 24 Sep 1943: DEEDS Toschrist Builders, Inc. to Marjorie Mann, 741 Melville ST, lot 38, University Heights tr, s s Edgemont RD

6 Personal communication, daughter Marjorie Faith Mann

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OGS Board of Directors 2020-2021

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Refreshments - Diana Bargmann

Research - Jerri McCoy

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Sunshine - Gayle Strom

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Timberland Library: Agatha Burstein

FEBRUARY REGUAR MEETING MINUTES

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 25-27th.