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UPCOMING:

- **MEMBER MEETING:**
Thursday, Oct 8, 7–8:30
(hybrid)
- **SIG MEETINGS** –
throughout October
- **Newsletter articles due
October 19**
- **OGS Board Meeting** Oct
20, 6:30–7:45 pm

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community.

Musings: John Grenham Found My Irish Families' Farms

In 2009 I was planning a trip to Ireland to find out about the Irish family in my mother's maternal line, who came to America in 1849 during the Great Hunger. I presumed they were poor potato farmers and came over on a "Coffin Ship," ships that transported poor immigrants with inadequate supplies of food, water, sanitary conditions and were overcrowded as well. I sat with OGS members Steven Morrison and the late Ed Swan at our annual dinner, and they impressed on me that I needed to find my family's *townland*. I was able to find the *county* (Waterford) and on Ancestry, I found a post that contained the Marriage Contract for my 3rd Great-Grandparents, Pierce Kirwan and Margaret Power. I had the townlands! I looked at Irish professional

genealogists I might hire, and John Grenham had an impressive set of qualifications. He sent me maps, records and GPS coordinates of the exact locations of my 3rd Great-Grandfather and grandmother's birth farm and the farm they worked on together after their marriage. I found all three without difficulty; then I found my great-great grandmother's birth record and those of her siblings when I visited the Archives where the records were stored. I also visited the three farms and spent some time with the current owners of the Kilrossanty farm called Ballygoula, "the land of the foreign ones." None of this would have been possible without Mr. Grenham's research. Since then, I have taken my sisters to visit Ireland and that far –Peggy Cooley

October Program: "Mapping Ireland's Records"

John Grenham, author of the classic *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*, is one of Ireland's leading genealogists. He began his career in 1981 as a researcher in the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland and has since developed genealogical software and contributed widely to Irish genealogy resources. Maps come from original sources, list name variants, and include Griffith's maps. Records include General Register Office indexes, Poor Law Unions, censuses, and Roman

Catholic registers. Note that some maps and records use different geographic boundaries.



John Grenham

Your newsletter needs your help!

The Newsletter team is looking for members who want to help collect stories and put together the monthly publication. Time commitment is a few hours each month. The newsletter also

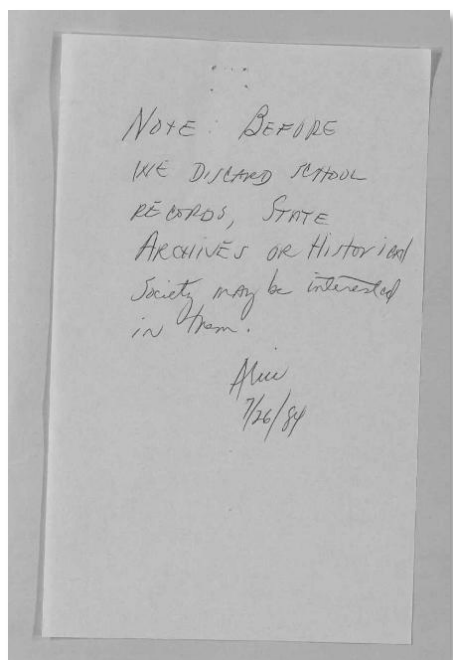
needs some ideas on the format moving forward as we have been using MS Publisher, which is being discontinued this year. Additionally, Mandy Stahre is stepping away from helping with

the newsletter and it truly takes a team effort to put it together each month. If you are interested, please send an email to newsletter@olygensoc.org.

September Program: "School Censuses: What, When, and Where?"

Last month, Speaker Billie Stone Fogarty discussed one of genealogy's most overlooked resources—the school census. These records, often taken long before vital records existed, can fill critical gaps in family research, reveal the answers to family mysteries, confirm family migrations, and give a rare glimpse into daily family life and local history. Billie discussed what they covered, when they were made, and where to find those that still exist. She is the founder and principal of the family history research firm, HeritageTrackers, based in Oklahoma City, OK.

Early Thurston County School Records



Billie's presentation inspired a search for early school records available for Thurston County. The "Census of children between the ages of 5 and 21 years, residing in School District No. 1, Thurston County, Washington, on the 1st day of June 1899" is available from both the Washington State Digital Archives and FamilySearch. Both are searchable by name, and FamilySearch also lets you browse page by page.

Even after you locate a record for your person of interest, it pays to examine the volume's introductory pages for details that can help your search. In the *FamilySearch* images, these pages include a list of all the school districts in the county and letters from people requesting information about individuals who might appear in the records. The first item in the series is a 1984 note from "Alice": "Before we discard school records, State Archives or Historical Society may be interested in them."

Thank you, Alice!

Sources:

Thurston County Historical School Districts, Registers and Censuses, 1899–1932, Washington State Archives, *Digital Archives* (<http://digitalarchives.wa.gov> : 27 Sep 2026).

"Census of children between the ages of 5 and 21 years, residing in School District No 1, Thurston County, Washington, on the 1st day of June 1899," imaged, "Thurston, Washington, United States records," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9JQ-1KYP> : 27 Sep 2026), Image Group Number 100396234, images 1 (volume cover), 2 (Alice's note), 8 (data collected), and 11 (table title).

Remembering Carolyn Gibbons

Carolyn Nora Watkins Gibbons, 84, passed away Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, in Olympia, WA.

Carolyn was born September 4, 1942, in Denver, Colorado, the only daughter and oldest child of Thomas Jefferson and Gertrude Alma (Dougherty) Watkins. She moved frequently with her parents until her father retired in 1956 in California, when the family moved to Stockton. Carolyn graduated from Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Stockton, California, attended 1 year at UCLA, and many years later, through the Army, received a B.Sc. from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She worked several jobs in her youth, finally joining the US Army in 1974 at age 32. Carolyn served in the Army as a tactical air traffic controller until medically discharged as a staff sergeant in 1985. Subsequently, Carolyn worked at Ft. Bragg Range Control, again as an air traffic controller, until retirement in 1995. She then worked as a medical transcriptionist at Cumberland County Mental Health and at Behavioral Health Care. Carolyn finally retired completely in 2003 and has since continued working with her passion, genealogy. She had been a genealogist since 1966, volunteered at the Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints between 1983 and 2008, and did volunteer genealogical work over the Internet. She was a member of the Mayflower Society (South

Dakota Chapter) and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Carolyn has written a monthly column for the Olympia Genealogical Society newsletter since Aug 2022, written a bi-monthly newsletter for the Mason County (WA) Genealogical Society also since Aug 2022, and has written a newsletter for the Cumberland County (NC) Genealogical Society from Mar 2012 until the Society closed Dec 2024. Since then, she has written a newsletter called "The Scribe" covering Cumberland County, and free to all who request it.

Carolyn was also a member of The Fairy Godmothers, a group which knitted and crocheted items for preemies which were then donated to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center NICU.

Though a longtime Christian, after high school Carolyn didn't formally belong to a church until she joined Peace Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, NC, in December 2007. She remained a member there until her husband Charles Gibbons' death in 2018. She then moved to Elma, Washington, to live with her son, K.C. Watkins, and there joined Faith Lutheran Church. After the death of her son in 2022, Carolyn could no longer live alone and moved to Woodland Retirement Community in Lacey, Washington, where she remained until her death. While in Lacey, she joined the Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd in

Carolyn was first married to Carroll Hamilton Hoagland III, with whom she had a son, Carroll Hamilton Hoagland IV, born 9 June 1963. He changed his name to K. C. Watkins when he was 13. She married Orlin Earl Dailey, with whom she had a daughter, Sheila Kathleen, born 3 Apr 1965. In 1971, she married Laurence Edward Space (no children). On September 15, 1991, she married Charles William Gibbons, to whom she was devoted until his death in 2018.

Carolyn is survived by a daughter, Sheila Kathleen (Mrs. Larry) Owens of Claremore, Oklahoma; two grandchildren, Kristal Dawn Anderson-Banks and Shon Michael Anderson of Claremore, two step-grandchildren, Charles Owens and Amaiya Owens of Claremore a brother, Michael Thomas Watkins and wife Suzanne Martha (Kelly) Watkins of Seattle; two nieces, Dawn Michelle Cunningham and Heather Christine (Mrs. David Alexander) Forte, both of Camano Island, Washington; a great-granddaughter, four great-grandsons, several cousins and numerous friends. Both parents preceded her in death.

Carolyn was a loving wife and a good friend. She enjoyed life tremendously. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Member Contributions: Identifying An Old Family Photo - Tracie Clawson



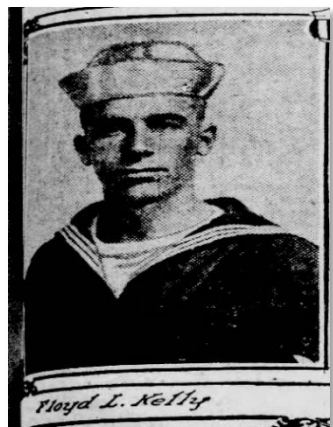
Francis Floyd Gibbs, who went by Floyd, was my grandfather's older cousin. After my grandfather's passing, I inherited a treasure trove of old family albums. Included in those was an album of Floyd's containing amazing pictures from 1914–1920. Unfortunately, most of the pictures were unlabeled or labeled only with initials. One picture in particular tested my genealogical search skills.

Floyd lived in Hood River, Oregon, and was heavily involved in the early amateur radio community. He had many friends who were fellow operators, and several photos in his album were labeled with their call signs, allowing me to identify them. This picture, however, was labeled only with initials that were partially hidden under an adjacent photo.¹

After carefully peeling up the corner of the overlapping image, I uncovered the initials "F.L.K." My first thought was to search local newspapers of the era for an associate of Floyd's with the initials "F.L.K." or "F.K." While that initial search yielded no direct matches, I found an article noting that Floyd had radio friends in nearby The Dalles, Oregon.² Keeping that clue in mind, I first focused my search on Hood River.

Knowing the album covered 1914–1920, my next logical step was to examine World War I draft registration cards. Hood River records showed no promising candidates, so I expanded my search to Wasco County and The Dalles. There I found a registration card for a young man named Floyd Lucern Kelly.³ A search on Ancestry revealed that his family lived in Maupin, south of The Dalles. Using that information, I searched the University of Oregon's Historic Oregon Newspapers site, specifically *The Maupin Times*, where I discovered a social mention that Floyd Kelly had been visited by a friend, Lloyd H. Simson.⁴ Because Lloyd H. Simson also appears in Floyd Gibbs's photo album, this network of

relationships strongly signaled a connection.



Hoping to find a photograph to confirm my hypothesis, I searched Newspapers.com and located a feature in *The Sunday Oregonian* from May 26, 1918 (p. 71), showing Floyd L. Kelly upon his enlistment in the U.S. Navy.⁵

A close visual comparison of the two images reinforces the identification. Beyond sharing the same straight nose, narrow jawline, and slender build, both portraits feature distinctively large ears with a prominent outer rim—a key identifying marker. Taken together—the shared initials "F.L.K.," the social network involving Lloyd Simson, the geographical ties to Wasco County, and the matching physical features—I am confident that "F.L.K." is indeed Floyd Lucern Kelly.

1. Private photo album of Francis Floyd Gibbs (c. 1914–1920), in the personal possession of the author. Includes candid photograph labeled "F.L.K."

2. *The Hood River Glacier* (Hood River, Oregon), early 1900s local news items regarding Francis Floyd Gibbs's amateur radio activities.

3. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918," database with images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com>); entry for Floyd Lucern Kelly, Wasco County, Oregon; citing NARA microfilm publication M1509.

4. "Local News," *The Maupin Times* (Maupin, Oregon), mentions of Floyd Kelly and visitor Lloyd H. Simson; digitized images, *Historic Oregon Newspapers* (<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu>).

5. "Oregon Boys in Service," *The Sunday Oregonian* (Portland, Oregon), 26 May 1918, sec. 5, p. 71, col. 2; digitized image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>)

Joe Brookshier Receives WSGS President's Award

WSGS President Kathleen Sizer is pleased to announce the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award: Joe Brookshier from the **Olympia Genealogical Society**. The announcement was made at the WSGS Annual Meeting on 27 Aug 2026.

Created in 2015, the President's Award for Outstanding Achievement is designed to single out that rare individual, society or organization who has demonstrated exemplary service above and beyond expectations. The award is not given every year as it is based on merit and accomplishments. As you'll see from reading about Joe's technological assistance, he is worthy of this recognition.

It is hard to put into words the impact that Joe has had on a number of local societies as their technology needs have increased, particularly those that were transitioning from the EasyNetSites Classic (ENS-C) platform to ENS-R (Responsive).

Back in 2025, Joe offered his time, expertise and skills to a number of societies that were changing platforms. Initially, he brought numerous society webmasters together so they could be a community and support each other under his guidance.

According to Dave Storla, **Kittitas County Genealogical Society**, "As I began the process of building an updated website for KCGS, I emailed several webmasters for advice. Joe was quick to respond with aid. His help with my many questions, his



technical assistance and most of all his encouragement made a daunting task bearable. He has helped me at times when I 'couldn't see the forest for the trees' with patience and understanding, along with the needed solutions."

LeAnne Koliha from the **Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society** adds "To many of us who have worked with Joe, he was more than just a mentor; he was willing to step in and take on the technical tasks that we found difficult. He took the time to listen and understand what was needed in our individual website. He even suggested additional items that will make our website a better experience for society members."

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society's Tim Ward and Jane Nelson Irish received emails with tips and instructions that Joe had already shared with other societies and helped them via Zoom to step through the process and show them how to solve some of the problems they had with the conversion to the responsive version.

But no society has benefited from Joe's talents more than **WSGS**. Roxanne Lowe, WSGS webmaster, was quick to add, "It wasn't long in the process before I realized I was stymied about how to get started – especially with a looming deadline approaching. Joe walked me (as webmaster) through the entire development process – from choosing a color palette and "playing" in the sandbox to entering data and finetuning each page."

One particular issue stands out as critical to the development of the WSGS site. Joe, a retired principal software engineer at a major aerospace and defense corporation, was critical in trouble-shooting a tricky Pioneer Pursuit database of almost 4,500 names into the UDM (Unified Data Module). His ability to communicate with the Blue Crab CEO and interpret our desires was central to the new, improved database.

And as if helping societies with their ENS-R transition wasn't enough, Joe has stepped in to help the **Seattle Genealogical Society's** IT team by agreeing to take on the oversight of the society's Google Workspace account. This will entail working with SGS members who have sub-accounts on the main Google account to be used in the execution of their SGS jobs by helping them with Gmail and with finding their way around the shared SGS Google Drive. Joe has already identified things that SGS should change to improve their use of Google Workspace and is moving to make necessary changes. **Way to Go, Joe!**

OGS Outstanding Team Award: Robert (Bob) Monn and Joe Brookshier

Bob, Joe and the Technology and Website Team were honored by WSGS as recipients of the OGS Outstanding Team Award. Bob served as our membership coordinator from 2017 through this year and helped develop our OGS website in 2018. He was teamed up and mentored Joe as our Technology Team ever since. Together, they worked tirelessly through the Covid pandemic to transition OGS from in-person to web-based meetings, and helped us all master Zoom and Google Meet for general and Board meetings. They quietly handled website duties for years, ensuring the systems worked smoothly and members' needs and concerns were met. Most recently, they worked together to transfer our website to a newer version of our website software. The Team was nominated for this award by a number of our general and Board members.

Community News

A big **Thank You** to Jon Halvorson and the Lacey Historical Society for inviting OGS to the America 250! and Lacey 60th Anniversary Celebration at the Lacey Community Center on September 8. DIG was set up and ready to help community members.

Membership Survey Results

The results from the Membership Survey on preferred meeting time are in and as follows:

Saturday morning	20
Saturday afternoon	19
Thursday evening	31

46 members responded, some with more than one choice. Thanks for your input.

SIGs are going strong. Check out the groups that we have and join in!

SIG	Facilitator	Meeting Information	Location
Ancestry.com	Greg Nordlund	4th Saturday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Google Meet
DNA	Nancy Cordell	2nd Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm	Google Meet
Family History Writing	Laura Carroll	1st Monday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Google Meet
Family Tree Maker (FTM)	David Abernathy	1st Tuesday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Zoom
FamilySearch		On break	Google Meet
Genealogy Chat	Peggy Cooley	3rd Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, no Oct mtg	Peggy's House

For Your Calendar

Reminder: OGS will move to Zoom-only meetings in November, January and February. Our Holiday Party is December 5 at Capital Vision Church.

Drop In Genealogy (DIG): occurs the *last* Monday of the month at the Tumwater Library, from 1-3 PM. Cindy Stalnaker(stalnakercindy7@gmail.com) and Michael Harter (michael.harter@comcast.net) are co-leads. Contact them if you would like to help!

SIGs: See page 5 for the full list with meeting times and contact information. Genealogy Chat will not meet in October but will resume in November.

OGS Seminar: Our 6 February 2027 seminar speaker is Paul Milner, presenting "English and Scottish Church Records." Registration will open at the end of October.

RootsTech 2027: Registration is open for this 4–6 March event. Both in-person (Salt Lake City) and online attendance available. See www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/registration

National Genealogical Society 2027 Family History Conference: 19–22 May in Madison, WI. Both in-person and online attendance available. See conference.ngsgenealogy.org/.

Community News

From Kerry Upton: Hi All! I have been watching Who Do You Think You Are - UK on YouTube lately. I just recently watched an episode featuring Emma Willis, I don't really know who she is, but in this episode, she is researching her roots in Ireland. John Grenham is featured in this episode helping Emma research her 3x Great grandfather. [WDYTYA S14/E5](#) Check it out and other episodes on YouTube. These are found through the Ancestry page on YouTube.

From Diahan Southard: Overwhelmed by your DNA match list? You're not alone. With hundreds or thousands of matches, the hard part was never finding them — it's knowing which one to work first. Before your next research session, sort your matches by amount of shared DNA, skip anyone you've already identified, and open the first unidentified match who also has a family tree attached. That's your project for the day. A high match with a usable tree is almost always worth more of your time than ten low matches with no tree. Curious why match size matters so much? Watch: [Why Don't I Have DNA From All My Ancestors?](#)

Beta Test Opportunity: Try "Witness", a reading companion for your family tree. Witness reads the GEDCOM you already have and opens each morning on one line of your family, told as a story from the record. It never edits your tree. Available on the App Store and at <https://witnesslives.com/>, with a one-month free trial; \$19.99 a year after. A few OGS members can have a complimentary subscription in exchange for their honest feedback — write to rufus@witnesslives.com.

Genealogy 101 - Michael Harter

Personal Thoughts on Brick Wall Research Help (with a little help from AI)

Research Questions or What Do I Want to Know?

All research starts with a question. Developing that question into a focused objective will allow you to save time and be more productive by staying on track throughout the research project. A research objective generally falls under one of the following categories:

1. identify an individual,
2. prove a family relationship, and
3. discover ancestor actions.

First, analyze your pedigree and select a research question. What do you want to know?

Phased Approach

Breaking a long-term or challenging research project into phases can help you gain momentum. Professional researchers often divide complex projects into distinct phases with specific objectives, providing clarity and measuring progress even when final answers remain elusive. Such phases could include things like:

1. Phase one would involve documentary research in county records and newspapers.
2. Phase two might focus on land records, as property is often transferred within families.
3. Phase three would identify living descendants for DNA testing.
4. Phase four would analyze DNA results for matches with surnames found in documentary research.
5. Phase five could test a specific hypothesis, such as James being the son of Robert Johnson from an adjacent county.

Setting up research phases begins by defining your overarching research question, usually "who was the parent of [research subject]?" You won't always know all the necessary phases at the start, so remain flexible. As you complete each phase, the path forward often becomes clearer, with each new finding guiding subsequent research steps.

Why You Should Construct a Research Objective

- **Prevents "rabbit holes":** Family history archives contain endlessly fascinating details. An objective acts as an anchor so you do not get distracted by unrelated ancestors or dead-end clues.
- **Avoids duplication:** Writing down what you need stops you from searching records you have already checked.
- **Ensures accuracy:** A specific target ensures you connect the correct person to your tree rather than building out a line for a similarly named stranger.
- **Measures success:** A clear goal gives you a definitive finish line, so you know when you have successfully answered your question.

How to Construct a Research Objective

Follow these core steps to write a strong, usable research statement:

Start from the known: Review your current tree and anchor the objective with verified facts—such as a known name, birth year, marriage date, or residence.

Pick one single question: Limit your scope to one specific missing fact or relationship. For example, instead of "Find out everything about my great-grandfather," ask "Find the marriage record of John Smith and Mary Jones between 1880 and 1895 in Cook County, Illinois."

Include key identifiers: Add names, approximate dates, and geographic locations (town, county, state) to narrow down the search.

Write it down: Keep your objective where you can see it or at the top of a dedicated research log for your project.

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Create a clear research objective from the research question. Include enough information in the objective to clearly identify the research subject. **Useful identifiers are birth, marriage, and death dates and places, and known relationships like spouse, parents or children.** By providing key identifiers for your research subject, it can help to write clear objectives.

This last step should be done, not by simply copying information from your tree, but by looking at the information AND the sources. So many times, I have found discrepancies in my documentation, or information I gleaned from a Tree, but without a true source to authenticate. It is OK to include that information, but please physically note that it is maybe not solid.

My best example of this is my parents' wedding date. I know when they celebrated it, year after year. I went back to double check all my dates and sources, and I do not have confirmation of the date, nor do I have a Marriage Record. **NEVER ASSUME!**

For further guidance, consult the introductory methodology on [FamilySearch Wiki: Create an Objective](#).

My foundational ideas came from Diana Elder, Nicole Elder Dyer, and Robin Wirthline. *Research Like a Pro with DNA*. Family Locket Books, Highland, UT 2021 Pages 52-56

Membership News

New Members: Welcome to new members Jerry Barney and Judith Ann Sorensen! We look forward to meeting you.

Donations: Thank you to Rebel Romero and Barbara Ritchie for their generous donations.

Membership Renewals: Thank you to those who have already renewed your membership. The membership year goes from September 1st through August 31st of the following year.

Annual dues: Individual \$30.00; Family \$35.00; Student \$15.00

Dues-paying members who log in to the OGS website (except those who joined after June 1 or who already have renewed) will see a notice in a red banner regarding the need to renew their membership. To renew, please go to your Member Profile Page. Click on "Payments" in the left column of your Profile Page. Click the blue "Renewal" button below the red banner on the Payments page. This should take you to a PayPal page from where you can pay with either a PayPal account or pay with a credit or debit card (see the button toward the bottom of the page). If you wish to change your membership plan (e.g. from an individual membership to a family membership), please contact us at membership@olygensoc.org before renewing. If you have any trouble logging in or have any questions about the membership renewal process, please contact me at the above email address. If you don't wish to pay online, you may mail a check to:

Olympia Genealogical Society
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We greatly value your membership and support of OGS and look forward to your membership renewal.

Helga Warner, Membership Chair

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OGS Volunteer Needs:

OGS Historian to commemorate our activities;
 one hour a month.

Drop-In Genealogy Co-Coordinator; at least 5
 hours each month. Contact [Michael Harter](#).

Our **FamilySearch SIG** has lost its leader.
 Anyone who would like to take charge, please
 contact info@olygensoc.org.

Community Partners

City of Lacey — Erin Quinn Valcho
 Timberland Library — Agatha Burstein

SEPTEMBER OGS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Minutes, September 10, 2026

President Andy Carter called the meeting to order at 7 pm. **Washington State Genealogical Society** sent Certificates of Appreciation to Joe Brookshier and Bob Monn for their volunteer service. Congratulations to both.

WSGS is offering a free workshop on using AI in genealogy on October 22 from 6:30 to 7:30. Check their website for more information.

Beta Testing Opportunity: the designer of the app WitnessLives is looking for feedback. Please check the OGS Newsletter, page 6, for more information.

October Meeting: will be hybrid. November will be Zoom only, December is the Holiday Party, and in January the Membership Meetings will move to the Lacey Museum. A survey regarding meeting times was forwarded to OGS members. Please look for it and send in your response.

Speaker: Diana Bargmann introduced the speaker, Billie Stone Fogarty and her topic "School Censuses: What, When, and Where."

Business Meeting: Resumed at 8:15.

Newsletter: Peggy Cooley mentioned the article in the current newsletter that help is needed in several ways. Carolyn Gibbons is ill; assistance is needed to provide the articles she writes on Genealogy 101. Mandy Stahre is stepping away from her position, and a volunteer is needed with the production of the newsletter, and with obtaining articles. Publisher will no longer be available (back-up now if you use it). OGS is converting to Affinity Publisher. Please contact Peggy if you would like to help.

There were 38 members in attendance online and in person. The meeting adjourned at 8:22.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Retlin