



Olympia

Genealogical Society

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A Note From President – Nancy Cordell:

Serendipity has played an amazing role in my genealogical searches. Not long ago I decided to try a website called *Rootsfinder.com* because I'd heard it had some interesting tools for doing DNA analysis. To use it, you need to download your DNA raw data file from AncestryDNA, ftDNA or wherever you were tested then upload it to Rootsfinder. While I was waiting for things download and upload, I decided to watch the tutorial videos the website provides. I am terrible at watching such things. I get distracted. But this time I got interested because something caught my eye – the profile of the ancestor in the example was from Huntington, Utah. My mother was born in Huntington, Utah. The person's name was Thomas Hill. My mother was delivered by a Dr. Hill. Dr. Hill had a daughter named Anna Helen Hill. My mother's best friend, through her entire life, was Anna Helen Hill from Huntington, Utah. One of the founders of Rootsfinder turns out to be the granddaughter of Anna Helen Hill. It turns out that Dr. Hill's first name was not Doctor; it was Thomas. I met the granddaughter while I was in Salt Lake City in January. She has pictures of me with her grandparents, from 1965! She has photos of my mother and her sisters when they were young – my mother's family didn't take photos because they were too poor.

You never know when a link to your past will show up. Keep looking!

A Note from Vice-President - Kathy Erlandson:

The program year is winding down fast, and there are only two more general meetings before summer break! As I mentioned in the March newsletter, June will also bring to a close my tenure as OGS Vice President. And at the June meeting, we must elect my successor, as well as a new President.

How important is OGS to you? Our membership chairman, Bob Monn, recently informed us that our current membership is at an all-time high. That is really exciting news! However, to keep this society operating so successfully, and winning new members, it *must* have dedicated volunteers to do the planning and organizing. Your president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, are officers elected by the members, from among the members. **We need your help!**

Our May meeting will feature a presentation from a lineage society about which I only recently heard and know nothing. That organization is Daughters of the American Colonists. I'm very grateful to OGS Member Alma Greenwood, for volunteering to create this program for us.

A Note from the Nominating Committee:

Board positions of OGS President and Vice-President are now open for 2019-2020. The president presides over the General Membership meetings and the Board meetings. There are 9 General Membership meetings and 10 Board meetings. The president also appoints positions to the board.

The Vice President serves as the program chair. The VP recruits speakers for the General Membership meetings and chairs meetings if the President is unable to do so.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, you can read more about them by going to the About Us page on the OGS website, click link to Positions Description.

Please contact [Greg Nordlund \(gregnordlund@gmail.com\)](mailto:gregnordlund@gmail.com), Scott Morrison (mercator1948@comcast.net) or Eileen Dodge (edodge1946@comcast.net), to volunteer or to have them answer any questions you may have regarding the positions.

A Note from Spring Seminar Chair - Peggy Cooley:

We did it! We hosted 150 guests at our Seminar on Saturday and I am so proud of all of you! With our team of volunteers, we planned and executed a wonderful day for everyone. I know I learned more about connecting my DNA results and how to visualize those connections than I expected. Thanks to everyone for making this a great event.

A Note from Refreshments Chair - Diana Bargmann:

Many thanks to Marcy Belles and Eileen Dodge for staffing the refreshment table at the March general meeting. I knew it was in good hands!

Another successful seminar! I had so many guests stop me and give me glowing reports about every aspect of our seminar, even about the parking lot! I want to thank Pat Phillipson for again being my right-hand person in handling the refreshments, especially challenging this year with counters of food and drink at both ends of a very long room. And our paid volunteers Quincy Romero and Karie Omdahl kept the coffee, tea, and water coming along smoothly. And to Rebel Romero, Linda Robertson, and all the other OGS members who were so generously available to help throughout the day - they came and pitched in without even being asked. And to all of our members who heard the call to bring food donations to cover the increased crowd this year - wow, what variety and abundance. We even had some food left over! We didn't let some 150+ people faze us! Thank you all so much again.

A Note from Sunshine Chair - Gayle Strom:

As the Olympia Genealogical Society Sunshine person, I like to bring a bit of "sunshine" when needed and I would like for you all to let me know, when you know, that someone is ill or needs a thoughtful note. It is nice to think about them and let them know.

A Note from Membership Chair - Bob Monn:

Please welcome the following new OGS members who joined this past month:

Carolyn Gibbons	Nancy Huddleston	James Kreush
Cindy Neff	David Overby	Brenda Roman
Sharon Schermerhorn	Kellie & Mike Smith	Durina Taylor

Special Interest Groups:

You can access information as to date, time, location and group coordinator in the Members Only section of the OGS website. Just click on Special Interest Groups (SIGS).

The Special Interest Groups cover the following topics: - Ancestry.com; DNA; Family Tree Maker; Legacy; and RootsMagic

Judy's Genealogical Gems – Judy Artley:

My report this month is skimpy because my friend had a brain aneurysm and five strokes and is in Providence. I've been helping his wife and daughter as much as possible.

Please share your login Ids and passwords with your spouses and/or family members. My girlfriend's husband did not do this and with the brain aneurysm and strokes he is unable to tell what any of the passwords, etc. are. She cannot get into their gun safe where all of the important papers and other information are located.

Find My Past

USA:

Passport Applications 1795-1925, updated

U. S. Servicemen in North Devon, England 1943-1945

OH: Cincinnati Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms, Marriages, Burials and Congregational Records 1800-1979

Costa Rica:

Baptism Index 1700-1915

Marriage Index 1750-1920

Death Index 1787-1900

Civil Registration 1860-1975, Image Browse

El Salvador:

Civil Birth Registration 1836-1910

Marriage Index 1810-1930

England:

British Army Records & Regimental Histories, 1899-1918

Domesday Book 1086, Browse

Liverpool Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Records, Marriages, Burials and Baptisms, 1754-1988

Workhouse Registers

Lancashire, Liverpool Congregation Records, Baptisms, Banns and Marriage and Burial Records 1653-1991

Liverpool and Lancashire School Records 1807-1952

England and Wales Non-Conformist Records, Marriages, Burials, Births and Baptisms 1800-1915

British and Irish Newspaper Updates, 1868, 1919, 1862, 1981

Irish Newspaper Transcript Archive, Foliott Collection 1756-1850

Kerry Histories and Reference Guides

Limerick Histories and Reference Guides

My Heritage

Norway: 1891 and 1910 Censuses

Family Search

No report this month. Check their web sites for new or updated databases.

Ancestry

No report this month. Check their web sites for new and updated database

Olympia Genealogical Society Board of Directors
2018-2019 Elected Officers

President - Nancy Cordell
 Vice President - Kathy Erlandson Secretary - Judi Hine
 Treasurer - Judy Artley Past President - Eileen Dodge

Standing Committee Chairs

Beginners Workshop	Ann Olson	Newsletter	Eileen Dodge
Book Manager		Outreach	
Drop-In Genealogy	Eileen Dodge	Publicity	Joyce Ogden
FaceBook	Kerry McHugh Upton	Refreshments	Diana Bargmann
Historian	Joyce Ogden	Research	Jerri McCoy &
Library Liaison			Roger Newman
Membership	Bob Monn	Seminar	Peggy Cooley
Memorials		Sunshine	Gayle Strom
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OGS Events Calendar - April 2019

There will be no April General Meeting

OGS Spring Seminar Meeting	Tuesday, April 16	5:15-6:30 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Ave SE		Meeting Room
OGS Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 16	6:30-7:45 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Ave SE		Meeting Room
OGS DIG Help	Thursday, April 18	1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Ave SE		Meeting Room
OGS DIG Help	Saturday, April 20	1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Ave SE		Genealogy Area Table

Minutes – March 2019 OGS General Meeting – Thurston County Courthouse

Vice-President Kathy Erlandson presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. She announced that President Nancy Cordell had a death in the family and could not attend the meeting.

Kathy then welcomed everyone and asked guests to introduce themselves.

Kathy discussed items that were most important. The first being the election of the positions of President and Vice President. There were no nominating committee volunteers, but Kathy felt we still had time to get them. She also noted that you can nominate yourself or anyone who has given you permission to nominate them.

The second being outreach, Sunday, Aug 4 Thurston County Fairgrounds. OGS needs volunteers for setup/breakdown and to person the booth in 2-hour stints throughout the day. Preferable to have 2 people per shift.

The third being refreshments for the Spring Seminar. There will be 150 attendees, more than in the past. It was stressed that we need to donate snacks that do not need refrigeration and are dairy-free.

Kathy then asked there any corrections to the minutes? The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed as part of the March newsletter. If there are no corrections, the minutes are approved as published. There were no corrections.

Treasurer Judy Artley gave the financial report.

Checking account	\$20,425.75
Certificate Account	\$ 4,127.17
Amazon	\$ 1.00
Paypal	\$ 106.09

She also announced that she does give a line-by-line financial report at the board meetings.

Vice-President Kathy Erlandson announced future programs: in May will be Alma Greenwood with the Daughters of the American Colonists, June will be Judi Hine with the Daughters of the American Revolution. There will be no regular meeting in April due to the Spring Seminar.

Committee Reports

Seminar – It was asked if the Seminar made money or lost money. It should pay for itself, but until the event is over, there is no way of knowing exactly what the numbers will be. The 150 places are filled with a waiting list. Most attendees have ordered a lunch. The nametags will have a color-coordinated sticker to identify lunch choices. Peggy reminded people to read the books by our speaker Blaine Bettinger, as this is not an introductory course. Peggy also noted there were brochures on the table for the Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Seminar.

Program

Kathy Erlandson introduced Diana Bargmann and Merilee Richfield from the Washington State Civil War Association who presented “A Civil War Parlor Talk”. The ladies were very entertaining and it was very educational.

Announcements

The Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group (SIG) will meet on the 4th Thursday at the Tumwater Library at 1 pm

The Ancestry SIG will meet the 4th Saturday of each month. They have met twice. See the website for the other SIG times and dates.

Kathy then adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm and encouraged everyone to mingle and have snacks.