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A Note from Spring Seminar Chair – Peggy Cooley:

The Seminar is fast approaching! If you haven't sent in your registration, you risk missing out. There are only 18 spots left! Print out the Registration form on our website olygensoc.org and mail it to Ann Olson with your check.

Blaine's books are suggested reading. I received mine in the mail and plan to start the workbook this week!

A Note from Refreshments Chair – Diana Bargmann:

On March 30 OGS will be holding our annual seminar and as usual, any of our members who are attending are asked to bring a contribution of food with them that day for the refreshment table, the same type of foods you would bring to one of our meetings. The BIG difference this year is that we are expecting a lot more people to attend. We hope we can count on everyone to bring a contribution. Thanks so much!

A Note From President – Nancy Cordell:

Hot off the press! On February 27, 2019 Ancestry.com rolled out some new tools for both the tree building part of their website and for AncestryDNA. They announced them today at RootsTech. I am still in the process of trying some of these, so I am by no means an expert on any of them, but here is a little bit of information about them.

MyTreeTags™: For the tree building part of the website, these are new tools that allow you to put one of 20 different tags on individuals in your tree. There are four preset categories: DNA, Reference, Research and Relationships. Within each of those categories there are several tags. You can also create custom tags. You can apparently also do searches by tags. I did one experiment by putting a "military" tag on my father. When I look in tree view, I do not see the tag. When I look at his profile, I can see the tag. I don't know if that applies to all the tags. I look forward to playing with this some more to explore the potential. I can see that I might create a custom tool that is more specific for military, like "Civil War soldier." That would allow me to do a search on that tag to get a list of all those individuals in my family tree who served in the Civil War. I will also create a custom tag that will indicate whether I've already gotten their pension file or not.

New and Improved DNA Matches: First, let me say that if you are using any Chrome extensions for DNA, those extensions will no longer be necessary and will automatically be over-ridden. Fortunately, the new AncestryDNA features do most of the same things, sometimes better than, the extensions did. Fortunately, any notes you entered in the past are still visible and you can see them in the list view.

- **Add to Group:** This allows you to assign a color code to each DNA match. There are 24 different colors you can select from. I heard, but I do not see any evidence, that you can also create custom colors. I will use this feature

to assign a specific color to specific ancestral couples. For instance, for my Boyd/Mullens couple I will select a specific color. Since I use the Mary Hill color-coding system for my paper files, I will use parallel color groups for each couple so I don't have to remember different colors for different genealogy programs. This couple is on my paternal line so I will use a color from the green-ish choices. I will need to do some thinking about which colors I will use for each ancestral couple since the number of ancestral couples doubles with each generation! 24 is not going to be enough colors, so I hope the custom colors are a real thing!

- **Filters:** You can now use more than three different filters to sort your DNA matches. Now there are seven different filters you can use. You can still search by surname and location (meaning surnames within the trees of those you match and locations also listed within the trees of those you match). I will miss the extension that allowed me to search by username; I hope Ancestry adds this to their tools in the future.

ThruLines™: This tool requires that you connect your DNA results to a profile in your family tree. Ancestry then uses a combination of your DNA matches and user family trees to suggest potential common ancestors. Like the DNA Circles that preceded this too (and still exist), it should be used with considerable caution. As with most things genealogical, consider these hints/hypotheses that you need to test, using a paper trail, to either reject or accept. I confess, so far, I am underwhelmed by this tool, to say the least. Most of the ThruLines AncestryDNA gives me are common ancestors that are from my own family tree! Not useful for me at all. It has picked up a few more distant DNA matches and their connection to my family, but they are individuals whose relationships I'd already figured out. So far, there are no good clues that help me resolve the identity of my Alien! This tool is a newborn, and like all newborns, we will have to wait to see how it matures.

You may have to enable some or all of these features since they are all in Beta testing. Go to <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2019/02/28/ancestry-announces-coveted-content-releases-and-new-game-changing-family-history-research-tools-at-rootstech-2019/> for more information. Near the bottom of this Ancestry Blog post are links for more information. The good thing is that for now, you can enable these tools, but if you don't like them, you can disable them. If you enable the tools, you may need to close your browser completely and re-open it in order for them to work.

MyHeritage just rolled out some new tools for DNA analysis on February 28, 2019. I have yet to play with those.

A Note from Vice-President - Kathy Erlandson:

Our March meeting holds a special treat! It has been a long time since we've enjoyed historical costumes and props at an OGS meeting, but at our March general meeting, members of the Washington Civil War Association will present a Civil War Parlor Talk, which will seemingly transport us back in time. We'll be able to eavesdrop on a conversation about what it like was like for those at home, while their husbands, fathers and sons were shaping the future of our young country. Come, time travel with us on March 14.

The Vice President of the Olympia Genealogical Society has two primary responsibilities. First is to assist the president in the performance of the president's duties and assume them in the president's absence or inability to serve. Second is to recruit and schedule a speaker or speakers for each general meeting of the Society, from September through June, except for the annual Spring Seminar.

I have really enjoyed being Vice President of OGS for the nearly past two program years! I've had a lot of fun doing it, and I've come to know many new and interesting people connected with history and genealogy.

Now, as my second term comes to an end (in June), I find I need to relinquish this responsibility, and help OGS to elect my replacement. We now have over one hundred members in our society. I'm sure there are several who have the skills and talent to take on this position. Who will continue this work? Will you? I will be happy to talk with you if you might be interested, and to mentor and assist my replacement, as needed. Come talk to me about it!

A Note from Membership Chair – Bob Monn:

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

Brian Anderson	Margaret Iverson	Mickey Olson
Sheri Bussey	Bethaney & Michael Jauhola	Diana Peeples
Laura Carroll	Bobbi Klippert	Consuelo Udave
Laurel Grosse	Sue McDonald	Beth Wheeler

This and That – Eileen Dodge

Between the years 1820 and 1920, thirty-five million immigrants arrived at US ports and 82% of them came through the port of New York. Before Ellis Island was opened in 1892, Castle Garden was the official immigrant reception area. Combined, the three collections cited below have over 66 million searchable passenger records that cover the port from 1820-1957. Access is available to you through your account on the free genealogy website, FamilySearch.org.

Castle Garden (1820-1891 arrival dates)

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1849782>

Ellis Island (1892-1924 arrival dates)

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1368704>

NY Passenger and Crew Lists, 1925-1957 dates

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1923888>

Judy's Genealogical Gems – Judy Artley:

Find My Past

USA: Covering 46 states, starting in 1600's, updated

Arkansas: First Draft Registration Cards, 1940-1945 Image Browse, new

New York Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms, 1787-1916, updated

New York Roman Catholic Parish Marriages 1819-1916, updated

New York Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Records, 1910, 1895-1915, 1860 updated

New York Roman Catholic Parish Marriages 1819-1916, updated

New York City Directories 1786-1923

WORLD:

Barbados: Baptism Index 1739-1891, new

Burial Index 1854-1885, new

Church Birth Records 1637-1887, new

Church Death Records 1637-1887, new

Church Marriage Records 1637-1887, new

Marriage Index 1854-1879, new

Dominican Republic: Civil Registrations 1801-2010, new

Civil Death Registration, 1801-2010

Marriage Index 1743-1929

Death Index 1666-1862
Baptism Index 1726-1924
England: Lincolnshire Registers & Records, updated
Lancashire Wills and Probate 1457-1858
British and Irish Newspapers, updated, 1849-2005
Yorkshire Baptisms, new
Yorkshire Banns, updated
Yorkshire Marriages, updated
Yorkshire Burials, updated
Mexico: Baptism Index 1560-1950
Mexico Marriage Index 1570-1950
Mexico Death Index 1680-1940
Scotland: Newspaper Death Reports 1807-1990
Irregular and Cross-Border Marriage Index, 1624-1898, new
Renfrewshire, Paisley Poll Tax 1695
Edinburgh Field Officers from Almanacs 1758-1800, new
Scotland Antenuptial Relationship Index 1661-1780, new
Fold3
United Kingdom Allied Prisoners of War Collection, 1939-1945, new
The Genealogist
United Kingdom, Second World War Casualty Lists, 1939-1945
MyHeritage
Denmark: 1940 Census
USA:
New York: Port of New York Index to Discharged or Deserted Crew 1917-1957
Pennsylvania: Passenger Manifests of Ships Arriving at Philadelphia 1883-1945
FamilySearch
Australia: South Australia Will and Probate Records, new
England: Hampshire Parish Registers 1538-1980, new
France: Haut-Rhin Civil Registrar 1792-1919, new
Vienne Civil Register 1792-1913, new
Russia: Samara Church Books 1748-1934, updated
Switzerland: Vau Terrier Records 1234-1798, updated
Wales: Marriage Bonds, 1650-1900, update
USA: Rosters Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors 1775-1873, updated
CA: County Birth and Death Records, 1800-1994, updated
County Naturalizations 1831-1985, new
GA: Confederate pension Rolls 1879-1920, new
IL: Cook Co. Marriages 1871-1920, updated
IA: Old Age Tax Assistance Records 1934-1958, updated
Records Persons Subject to Military Duty 1862-1910, new
NY: County Naturalization Records 1791-19980 updated
Church and Civil Death 1824-1962, new
OK: School Records 1895-1936, updated
PA: Schuylkill Co. Schuylkill Haven Funeral Home Obit Cards 1914-2007. new
Ancestry
USA: World War II Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947, updated
NY: 10,000 Vital Records Central New York 1813-1850, new
100,000 Vital Records Eastern New York 1777-1834, new

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OGS Events Calendar - March 2019

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, March 14	7:00-9:00 pm
Thurston County Court House - 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW - Building 1, Room 152		
OGS Spring Seminar Meeting	Tuesday, March 19	5:15-6:30 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Ave SE		Meeting Room
OGS Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 19	6:30-7:45 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Ave SE		Meeting Room
OGS Genealogy Café	Saturday, March 16	1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Ave SE		Genealogy Area Table
OGS Genealogy Café	Thursday, March 21	1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Ave SE		Meeting Room
Spring Seminar	Saturday, March 30, 2019	8:30 am-3:30 pm
Capital Event Center - 6500 Tyee Dr SW, Tumwater		
<u>Speaker: Blaine Bettinger, the Genetic Genealogist</u>		
<i>Beyond the Basics: Genetic Genealogy in Practice</i>		
For further information & registration form, visit the OGS website at olygensoc.org		

OGS – Annual Dinner Meeting at Panorama – Thursday, February 7, 2019

The Annual Dinner was held at the Panorama Seventeen 51 restaurant in the Gallery Room. There were 53 people in attendance.

Vice President Kathy Erlandson presided.

The members gathered at about 5:30 pm and socialized until dinner was served at 6:15 pm.

At about 7 pm Kathy introduced our guest speaker, Jackie Jones-Hook, Director of Tacoma Buffalo Soldiers Museum. She gave a very interesting talk about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and how important they were in history.

The dinner and meeting ended about 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Judi Hine
OGS Secretary