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Genealogical Society

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Eileen Dodge, Editor

A Note From President – Nancy Cordell:

Fellow OGS Members,

Welcome to the 2018/2019 OGS year! I trust you all had a fabulous summer and weathered the heat, the smoke, and the lack of membership meetings well. I had a great summer. I spent a week at Summer Camp for Genealogists learning about advanced genetic genealogy from CeCe Moore and Blaine Bettinger, I attended a family reunion where I got two cousins once removed to provide spit (on-site) (for two AncestryDNA tests I just happened to bring along with me), and some time in Salt Lake City doing research. My mother is from Utah, so I did not spend all my time at the Family History Library. I also spent time at other repositories.

We have an exciting year planned for you. OGS shall launch the year with a different sort of meeting. Based on the surveys you all completed last Spring, we shall launch some Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Our first meeting will give us all an opportunity to spend time getting to know each other and time to learn about each of the SIGs.

As you all know, our Spring Seminar speaker will be Blaine Bettinger, PhD., JD on genetic genealogy (you all have March 30, 2019 marked on your calendars). In preparation for that, I will provide more resources for webinars, blogs, and podcasts related to DNA. If you are not already a member of the OGS Facebook group, take the time now to join (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/252254904837134/?ref=bookmarks>).

I look forward to seeing you all at our first general meeting on September 13.

A Note from Vice-President - Kathy Erlandson:

Greetings Members!

Throughout the summer, I've been searching out speakers for our upcoming meetings. Among topics already selected are World War I, DNA, and the American Civil War. I hope you'll mark our meeting dates on your calendars now, so you won't miss a single one!

At our September meeting, we will conduct a "Special Interest Group (SIG) Fair". The Intent is for members with similar genealogy interests to form small, informal groups for future discussion and interaction about their chosen topic. Many members have expressed an interest in such groups. So, now is your chance to get involved.

October 27 is the date scheduled for Ask The Experts, but September 22 is the deadline for submitting your questions. If you haven't already registered, please, do it now. Don't wait until the last minute. Registration form and information to help you formulate your question can be found on the OGS website.

A Note from Membership Chair – Bob Monn

Happy New Year!

It's time to renew your annual OGS membership for 2018-2019 if you're a dues-paying member (i.e. not a life member) and you haven't already renewed. We now have a convenient on-line renewal on the OGS website. Go to <https://OlyGenSoc.org> and log in under "Members Only" (3rd menu item from the bottom of the left column). If your membership has expired, you'll see a highlighted announcement after you log in. You also may pay by check at the September General Membership meeting.

While you're logged in to the OGS website, check out a recently added feature of the Membership List in the Members Only area – member photos. If you'd like your photo added, please send me a "head shot" or have your photo taken at the photo "booth" that will be available at our September 13 meeting.

If you have any problems logging in to the site or any other questions, please e-mail me at Membership@OlyGenSoc.org.

This and That:

From Ann Olson – An historical event coming up on Sunday, September 9. It should be great fun with the re-enactors and opportunities to tour Tumwater's three historic register homes. I will be at Crosby House Museum with other docents from the Olympia Chapter #4, Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington. So, come take a tour and hear from some fairly local Voices of the Past. Don't pass up this unique opportunity!

From Chuck Hornbuckle – The Tumwater Historical Association will present "The History of the 1850 Jackson House and its 2017 Renovation" from 6:00 -7:00 pm on Thursday, September 20th at the First Baptist Church, 405 X St SE, Tumwater.

Judy's Genealogical Gems – Judy Artley

Find My Past (pay site)

Ireland:

Dublin Metropolitan Police Prisoners Books 1905-1908 & 1911-1918

Ancestry (pay site)

Idaho:

County Births & Death Records 1863-1970, updated

Massachusetts:

Boston Archdiocese Roman Catholic Sacrament Records 1789-1900, updated

Tennessee:

Death Records 1908-1958, updated

United States:

Obits Collection, updated, 1930-2018

Cemetery & Funeral Home Collection 1847-2018, updated

School Yearbooks 1900-1990, updated

Evangelical Covenant Church, Swedish American Church Records 1868-1970, updated

FamilySearch (free site)

Arkansas:

Confederate Soldier Home 1890-1963, indexed, new

California:

Airplane Passenger Lists from Honolulu 1947-1948, updated

District Columbia:
Glenwood Cemetery Records 1854-2013, updated

Georgia:
Deaths 1928-1942, updated
Fulton Co. Records from Atlanta History Center 1827-1955, updated
Houston Co. Marriage Records 1832-2015, updated

Maine:
Naturalization Records 1918-1991, updated

Maryland:
Baltimore Lock Funeral Home Records 1936-2007, updated

Massachusetts:
Revolutionary War Index Cards to Muster Rolls 1775-1783, updated
Naturalization Records 1871-1991, new

Missouri:
Jackson Co. Voter Registration Records 1928-1956, updated

Nebraska:
Grand Army of Republic Burial Records 1861-1948, new

Nevada:
County Birth & Death Records 1871-1992, updated

New Jersey:
Bride Index 1930-1938, new
Reclaim the Records NJ Birth Index 1901-1903, new

New York:
State Census 1905, updated

North Carolina:
County Divorce Records 1926-1975, new
Davidson Co Vital Records 1867-2006, updated

Ohio:
Crawford Co. Obits 1860-2004, updated

South Carolina:
Chesterfield Co. Original Marriage Licenses 1911-1951, new

Tennessee:
Death Records 1914-1966, updated

Texas:
Cooke Co. Probate Records 1849-1982
El Paso Alien Arrivals 1909-1924, updated

Utah:
Uintah Co. Ute Indian Census 1910, new

Washington:
Pierce Co. Marriage Returns 1891-1938, updated

United States:
Ellis Island Passenger Lists, updated
Native American Birth & Death Records 1885-1940, new
Native American Census Ute Tribe 1944, new
Native American Census 1880-1952, new
Native American Census 1885-1940, new
Eastern Cherokee Enrollment Records 1908-1910, new
Native American Cherokee Indian Reservation Rolls 1848-1970, new
Veteran's Administration Master Index 1917-1940, new

Olympia Genealogical Society Board of Directors 2017-2018

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	Cherry Roegner	Outreach	
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Visit our Web Site at: <https://olygensoc.org>

See us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/OlympiaGenealogicalSociety>
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OGS Events Calendar - September 2018

Beginners Workshop Saturday, September 8 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library - 313 8th Ave SE Meeting Room
Registration accepted online, in person, or by phone 360-352-0595
Class limited to 18 persons - Registration required; walk-ins will not be accepted

OGS General Meeting Thursday, September 13 7:00-9:00 pm
Thurston County Court House - 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW - Building 1, Room 152

OGS Drop In Genealogy Help Saturday, September 15 1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library - 313 8th Ave SE Genealogy Area Table

OGS Seminar Meeting Tuesday, September 18 5:30-6:30 pm
Olympia Timberland Library - 313 8th Ave SE Meeting Room

OGS Board Meeting Tuesday, September 18 6:30-7:30 pm
Olympia Timberland Library - 313 8th Ave SE Meeting Room

OGS Drop In Genealogy Help Thursday, September 20 1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library - 313 8th Ave SE Meeting Room

OGS Future Events Calendar

Ask The Experts Saturday, October 27, 2018 The Olympia Center

Spring Seminar Saturday, March 30, 2019

Capital Event Center, Tumwater

Speaker, Blaine Bettinger

Registration begins January 2018

OLYMPIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – June 14, 2018

PRESIDENT – Nancy Cordell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed attendees and guests.

She asked if there were any corrections to the May Meeting Minutes as published in the June Newsletter. Since there were no corrections, the minutes were approved as published.

TREASURER REPORT – Judy Artley reported that our checking account balance was \$13,034 and our CD balance was \$4,112.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Nancy filled in for Kathy Erlandson who was out ill. We're offering OGS Members twenty minutes with Professional Genealogists on Saturday, October 27th, at the Olympia Center. This is a free event, but you must be an OGS Member and you must have a particular question. We will have a handout on our web page on "How to construct a good research question." Questions submitted by members will be reviewed by the Ask the Experts Committee and you may be asked to hone your question further. Check our web site for updates.

In September, rather than a formal presentation, our first meeting will be like a genealogy fair. Based on the interest in Special Interest Groups (SIGs) from our survey, those who are willing to chair the SIGs will be available to talk about them at the September meeting.

Remember to watch for future meetings on our web site and Facebook.

The Aberdeen Armory, which housed their Museum of History and the Grays Harbor Genealogical Society's Research Library burned down on June 9th. Our web page has a link to an article on the fire and to their GoFundMe link. Donations will be accepted this evening at the meeting and will be given directly to the Grays Harbor Genealogical Society.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Election – Eileen Dodge reported for the Election Committee that the slate for the 2018-2019 Executive Board is:

President: Nancy Cordell
Vice-President: Kathy Erlandson
Secretary: Judi Hine
Treasurer: Judy Artley

Nancy asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made to close nominations. It was seconded, and passed unanimously. Kris Retlin moved that nominations be accepted as presented. Ann Olson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ask the Experts – Nancy said we would have the Ask the Experts program on October 27th. You will need to be an OGS Member to participate in this free event.

Awards Ceremony – Nancy had the honor of accepting three different awards from the Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) on behalf of OGS.

Outstanding Volunteer - Rebel Romero was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer for OGS. She cataloged all the books that OGS rescued from the Olympia Timberland Regional Library--over 1400 books. While she was doing that, she was also our Secretary, Multi-media coordinator for our meetings, assisted at the "Drop-In Genealogy Help" events at OTRL, and participated in planning our Spring Seminar.

Outstanding Communication - This is a competitive award that OGS earned because of the efforts of members: Bob Monn, Kerry McHugh Upton, and Jerri McCoy. They found a new host for our website after Rootsweb went down. Then they did hours of training on the new service and created our new web site. WSGS awarded OGS the certificate in "recognition for excellence in the publication of our society's high-quality website and Facebook page." Congratulations Bob, Kerry, and Jerri!

President's Award for Outstanding Achievement - Ann Olson was recognized with the WSGS President's Award for Outstanding Achievement for her "significant, long-term contributions to promote genealogy and family history in your local genealogical society and the community." She is a founding member of the Olympia Genealogical Society. She has served in every executive board position (twice in some cases). Ann is active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the Washington Pioneers. She was a docent at the governor's mansion, a guide at the state capital, served as the president of the State PTA when her children were in school, and as a vice-president at the National level. Congratulations Ann!

Beginner's Workshop - Nancy reminded us that this free workshop would be September 8th at the Olympia Library. Registration is through the Library and will open at 10 am on August 18th.

Seminar - Peggy Cooley shared that our 2019 Spring Seminar will be March 30th. We still need volunteers. We usually get ninety-five attendees and we are hoping for 110-150 attendees. Please consider volunteering and contact Peggy.

Website - Kerry Upton asked how many logged into our new web site and if you have not, please do so this weekend. The web site is constantly changing. They just added an online membership dues payment function. You can pay for your membership by printing and mailing the membership application, or use PayPal, or a credit card, or pay in person at the September meeting. An email will be sent out on August 1st to all current members to remind them to renew. (olygensoc.org).

PROGRAM - Our speaker for the evening was Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator for the Lacey Museum. Erin gave a most helpful and interesting presentation on preserving and caring for your photographs and documents.

PRESIDENT- Nancy thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm for snacks and visiting.

Rebel Romero,
OGS Secretary

**OLYMPIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Name: _____

Maiden Surname: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Do you need a ride to the meetings? _____

Do you prefer to only have your name, but NOT your contact information included in the member directory?

Circle one Name only Name & Contact Information Neither

Single Membership \$20.00 per year (Membership year is from Sep 1 to Aug 31)

Family (one newsletter) \$25.00 per year

Join after March 1 Single membership \$10; Family Membership \$12.50

New Membership _____ Renewal _____ Reinstatement _____

Please list your areas of Family History Research on the back of this form.

You can pay at the meeting or send this form and a check (payable to OGS) to:

**Olympia Genealogical Society
Attn: OGS Treasurer
P.O. Box 1313
Olympia, WA 98507-1313**

