



Olympia

# Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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**Eileen Dodge, Editor**

### **A Note From President - Nancy Cordell**

Tis the season to let our family and friends know what to get for their favorite genealogist for the Holidays. One suggestion: genealogy mystery books. Yes, there is indeed there is such a genre! My favorite author in this genre is Nathan Dylan Goodwin. I also recommend Steve Robinson and Fay Sampson. Another book that I really enjoyed was Steve Molyneux's *The Marriage Certificate*. Molyneux buys a marriage certificate for folks he does not know in an antique arcade and sets out to reunite it with its family.

Do you spend lots of time in courthouses trying to take pictures of documents? I find that I need at least 3-4 hands to take the photos: one to hold the camera (or cell phone), and two to three to hold the document flat. And half my photos are still out of focus. Before my latest research trip, I found an articulated camera mount that is awesome. It is called a CamStand

(<https://photoyourproducts.com/products/x17hd>). It has a clamp on one end that you can attach to a table, and a screw (for a camera) or a holder (for a cell phone) on the other end. In between are two telescopic arms and elbows that allow you to make it up to 24 inches tall. If you have a remote shutter for your camera or phone, you don't have to have that extra hand just for the camera (alas, I don't have a remote). I had great success with it. It weighs about 3 lbs and folds up nicely to fit in a bag. You can also purchase a small level that allows you to make sure your camera is level once you have it attached to your CamStand.

Of course, a FlipPal is a must if you will be visiting family members who have photos that you want to get copies of.

A piece of clear plexiglass is great for holding those probate documents flat. I was able to purchase one at Home Depot for less than \$10.

I could go on and on, but I'm sure you all have ideas, too. If so, post them to the OGS FaceBook page! Happy Holidays!

### **A Note from Vice-President - Kathy Erlandson**

Happy December, OGS members! December is a month of a myriad of holidays. Of course, Christmas is the most obvious, but many in our own community celebrate others such as Chanukah, Kwanzaa and Ōmisoka. What do you celebrate this month?

Our OGS December meeting is always a fun celebration. Members are asked to bring and share a favorite holiday treat, which always provokes fun conversation and sharing of recipes. And our program is a medley of short presentations from a number of our members. This month, 6 or 7 members will tell us about their most interesting ancestor or genealogical discovery. It's sure to be a wonderful meeting. I hope to see you there!

In January, Erin Quinn-Valcho, from Lacey Museum, will educate us about the Preservation of Photographs and documents; always a challenge for genealogists.

In February, we'll celebrate again, with our annual dinner meeting. This year's dinner will be Thursday, February 8, 5:30-9:00 at Panorama City's Seventeen51 Restaurant, in the Gallery Room. Our speaker will be Jon Halvorson, who will tell us, in words and video, about his genealogical research in Norway. Please save the date and plan to attend. We always have a great time together at this annual event.

### **A Note from the Refreshment Chair - Diana Bargmann**

This month at our general meeting, everyone is invited to bring their holiday specialty or a favorite treat to share at our refreshment table extravaganza! Bring your dessert appetite, too! Thank you. See you on the 14th.

### **A Note from Membership Chair - Bob Monn**

We are three months into the 2017-2018 OGS membership year and printed copies of the new OGS membership directory will be available at the December 14 OGS General Meeting. Thanks to all who have renewed membership or joined this year and thereby helped support the important work of OGS. We accept membership application forms and dues throughout the year. If you're one of those who hasn't yet renewed, you should do so immediately to assure that you continue to receive information from OGS. If you have any questions about your membership status, please e-mail me at [rhmonn@comcast.net](mailto:rhmonn@comcast.net)

### **A Note from Newsletter Editor - Eileen Dodge**

A list of OGS Board Members, OGS contact information, and the OGS Events Calendar is on page 5. The Secretary's minutes of the September General Meeting is on page 6. A Membership Renewal Form is on page 7. If you have any questions, suggestions, or information for inclusion in the Newsletter, contact me at [edodge1946@comcast.net](mailto:edodge1946@comcast.net)

### **Genealogy Research Tip:**

Recently, while perusing old OGS newsletters, I and ran across an article from March 1995 regarding marriage research: HANDFASTING VS MARRIAGE:

The letters "H/F" may be found beside a person's name on early marriage and birth records. The abbreviation stands for "Handfast." It is basically a sign of the confirmation of a form of "uncannical, private, or even a probationary form of marriage." Handfasting was a form of announcing a union between a man and a woman who wished to live together as husband and wife before receiving the blessing of the church. The couple would stand before a group of their peers, hold their clasped hands above their heads, and state their intentions. The agreement was good for a year and a day, or until the preacher or priest came to perform the rites of the church. If, at the end of this time period, each wished to go his or her own way, they could do so without ties. Any children born of a Handfast were considered legitimate and with inheritance rights.

Editor's note: At many Handfastings it was common to "Jump the Broom".

### **This & That -**

Margaret Choate brought this delicious treat to our November meeting and received many requests for the recipe

#### **Pumpkin Dump Cake**

30-ounce can of pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)

16 ounces evaporated milk

4 eggs

1 tsp. ground ginger

1/2 tsp ground cloves

2 tsp ground cinnamon

1 package of yellow cake mix (save 1/4 cup mix to add to pecans for topping)

1 cup chopped pecans

3/4 cup butter (or less as you prefer)

Mix together cake mix (less 1/4 cup), pumpkin, eggs, milk, sugar and spices.

Pour into greased and floured 9"x13" pan

Sprinkle top of cake with mixture of cake mix & pecans.

Cut thin strips of butter to lay on top.

Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

## Judy's Genealogical Gems – Judy Artley

### ANCESTRY:

#### United States:

Railroad Retirement Pension Index 1934-1987, new  
Find A Grave 1600s-current, updated  
Obituary Collections 1930-2017, updated  
MA: Boston Catholic Sacramental Records 1789-1900, new  
MI: Monroe Co. Obituary Index 1821-2012 updated  
NJ: 1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1905, 1915 Censuses, new  
NY: Brooklyn Bethlehem Stell Shipyard Employment Cards 1908-1965, new  
New York, New York Births 1910-1965, new

Canada: Ontario Roman Catholic Baptism Marriages & Burials 1760-1923, new

England: Berkshire Electoral Rolls 1840-1965, new  
London Church England Births & Baptisms 1813-1916, updated

### FIND MY PAST: Dick Eastman

England: Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt Honor, new  
British Armed Forces, Roman Catholic Registers 1836-1975  
British Army Lists 1839-1946  
British Army East Surrey Regiment 1899-1919  
British Army Railway Men Died in Great War  
British Army Irish Regimental Registers 1877-1924  
British Army Northumberland Fusiliers 1881-1920  
British Army Service Records 1799-1939  
British Army, First World War Casualty Lists, new  
British Army First World War Soldiers Medical Records, new  
British Army First World War Widows Pension forms, new  
British Army Royal Welch Fusiliers 1807-1948, new, DE 11/18  
British Army Service Records, updated  
Hampshire, Portsmouth Military Tribunals 1916-19, new  
Military Historical Society Bulletins 1950-2017, new  
Middlesex, Harrow School Photographs Pupils & Masters 1869-1925, new  
International Prisoners of War 1715-1945, updated  
Forces War Records, new

### MY HERITAGE: Dick Eastman

NY: Newspapers 1806-2007, new  
NY: Marriage License Index 1908-1929, new

### THE GENEALOGIST: Dick Eastman

War Memorial Records Worcestershire & South Yorkshire, Australia, Canada, etc.

### FAMILY SEARCH – Dick Eastman

Canada: British Columbia Victoria Times Birth, Marriage & Death Notices 1901-1939  
Passenger Lists 1881-1922

England: British Newspaper Archive, Family Notices, updated  
Cambridgeshire Bishop's Transcripts 1599-1860, updated

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Derbyshire Church of England Parish Registers 1537-1918, updated  
Essex Parish Registers 1538-1997, new  
Hampshire Bishop's Transcripts 1680-1892, updated  
Manchester Parish Registers 1603-1910, updated

Croatia: Delnice Deanery Catholic Church Books 1725-1926, updated

Czechoslovakia: Republic Church Books 1552-1963, updated

Denmark: 1930 Census, new  
Church Records 1484-1941, updated  
Copenhagen City Civil Marriages 1739-1964, Index 1877-1964, updated

Ecuador: Catholic Church Records 1565-2011, updated

France: Saone-et Lorre Census 1876, updated

Germany: Baden Church Book Duplicates 1800-1870, updated

Honduras: Civil Registration 1841-1968, updated

Italy: Benevento Civil Registration (State Archive) 1810-1942  
Chieti Civil Registration (State Archive) 1809-1930, updated  
Padova Civil Registration (State Archive) 1621-1914, updated

Nambia: Dutch Reformed Church Records 1904-84, updated

Netherlands: Archival Indexes Public Records, new

Peru: Puno Civil Registration 1890-2005, updated

Poland: Lubtin Roman Catholic Church Books 1784-1964, updated  
Radom Roman Catholic Church Books 1587-1966, updated

Slovakia: Church & Synagogue Books 1592-1910, updated DE 11/15

South Africa: Dutch Reformed Church Records (Stellenbosch Archive) 1690-2011

Sweden: Knonoberg Church Records 1589-1921; index 1612-1860, updated

USA:

Mexican War Index & Service Records 1846-48, updated  
Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, updated  
IL: Mortality Schedules 1850-1880, new  
Cook County Deaths 1878-1994, updated  
IA: Armed Forces Grave Registrations abt. 1835-1998, updated  
KY: Death Records 1911-63, updated  
MO: Reports of Separation Notices 1941-46, updated  
NJ: State Census 1895, updated  
OH: Soldier Home Records 1888-1919, updated  
WA: Soldier Home Records 1891-1945, updated



## **OLYMPIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – Nov. 9, 2017**

**PRESIDENT** – Kathy Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed attendees and guests.

She reminded members that the last Meeting Minutes were included in the Newsletter. Kathy asked if there were any corrections for the Minutes. No corrections. Minutes were approved as published.

**TREASURER REPORT** – Judy Artley reported our bank balance was \$15,513. Our CD balance was at \$4,104.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Book Project:** Judy Artley said that she got a call from a new fellow at the Family History Center who said he would look into helping with our books. She expects that once he learns the FHC policies on books that their space will remain unavailable to us. There was one last box of library books that Rebel cataloged for us. Carol Ballard has a list of thirty some books that Judy will check to see if we already have or not.

**Café:** Eileen Dodge said the Café will be on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who wants to volunteer is welcome to come and join us. If we don't have enough guests to help, we help each other.

**Membership:** Bob Monn reported that between the reminders to renew in the newsletter and his emails, he expects to have an annual membership count by the next meeting.

**Newsletter:** Eileen requested that information for the newsletter be sent to her by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

**Refreshments:** Diana Bargmann requested that you bring your favorite treats to the December meeting for our holiday gathering.

**Research:** Jerri McCoy shared that every once in a while she gets an odd research request. She recently received her third request from the Coroner's Office to try to help them find a deceased's relatives. It is always surprising how much harder it is to find information on the living.

**Meet A Member:** Kathy Erlandson introduced Lynn Scroggins for our Meet-A-Member segment. Lynn shared her family history and genealogy discoveries that started with a metal box in 2014. She also shared her favorite genealogy tools and new connections made through research and travel calling herself a Time Traveling Genealogy baby.

**PROGRAM** – Kathy Erlandson introduced our speaker, Steve Morrison. Steve is a professional genealogist and a past president of the Olympia Genealogical Society. He is currently president of the Puget Sound chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists for 2017-18. Steve will give a presentation on Quaker records at the upcoming Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) in January 2018. Tonight we were the first to hear this as he presented: "An Unexpected Exodus: Southern Quakers to the Midwest." Steve shared detailed information about researching Quaker records particularly their migrations and tracing their records. He included online links and printed resources in his handout.

**PRESIDENT:** Kathy reminded us after Steve's presentation that his material is copyrighted and because of that the handout will not be posted on our web site. Next month's meeting will consist of six to seven speakers sharing their genealogy research. Kathy adjourned our meeting at 8:30 pm for snacks and visiting.

Rebel Romero, 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:

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