



Education

Preservation

Networking

Premium Websites available when working at the FamilySearch Center *Partial list*

- 19th Century British Library Newspapers
- Alexander Street Press—America Civil War
- American Ancestors
- Ancestry – Institution Version
- Findmypast
- Fold3—military records
- Genealogy Bank—obituaries and historic newspapers
- Geneanet—collaborative website
- Irish Ancestors—
johngrenham.com
- Paper Trail—westward American migration documents

Lunch Bunch

Third Thursday of each month

Lunch, research and a bite-size new feature to try out!

11:30—1:00—reserved room in church across from the **FamilySearch Center**, 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue

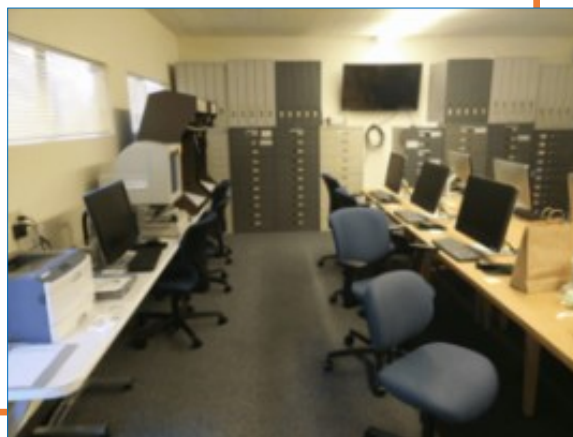
Water and restrooms available on-site

Thursday August 15 topic: **Using FamilySearch.org Research Wiki**, presented by EGS.

Talk genealogy with new friends—who like to talk genealogy!

Use the **FamilySearch Center Library** with databases either available with a subscription or unavailable online—bring your laptop; library open until 6:00

Contact [Celia McNay](#) with questions and to RSVP





Janet Stroebel

President's Message

I hope that all of you are having a safe and fun summer – perhaps mixed with some successful genealogy research! We would love to feature your genealogical success stories and/or interesting finds throughout the year. Please send your stories to Marcia Williams at news-letter@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org.

Speaking of Marcia, I'm sure you noticed a completely different look and feel to this issue of the newsletter. As I took on the role of President, Marcia agreed to take over the monthly newsletter, and she has already put her stamp on it, making it more eye-catching and easier to read. If you have suggestions or an article to share, email her (see above!)

Breaking a Brick Wall—in Progress

My most recent discovery is that my maternal 2nd great-grandmother, Mary Ann Stafford, quite possibly remarried after my 2nd great-grandfather died in 1859. I had not found anything in my research to even hint at this, although it should probably have been a consideration since she was about 27 years old when she became a widow! In looking at my DNA match list on Ancestry I found a woman I'll call *Susan* who is in the 4th-6th cousin category and for whom a common ancestor was indicated. Susan has 266 people in her Ancestry tree going back to at least her 2nd g-grandparents on all lines. As I browsed through her ancestors, I immediately recognized the name *Mary Ann Stafford* as her paternal 2nd great-grandmother. But Susan's 2nd great-grandfather is a man I've never heard of. When I looked at the documentation on her Ancestry tree, I discovered that Susan appears to have the same documentation challenge that I do – no marriage record for these 2nd great-grandparents. I have searched high and low for a marriage record for Mary Ann and my 2nd great-grandfather and have not yet found one. I've now also looked for a marriage record for Mary Ann and Susan's 2nd great-

grandfather without success. Clearly, either or both of us could be wrong about Mary Ann's spouses as we don't have direct evidence to answer the questions of who she married and when. The amount of shared DNA, however, is consistent with single shared 2nd great-grandparent and a relationship of half 3rd cousins (44cM). Unfortunately, none of *Susan* and my four shared matches have trees on Ancestry, so those next steps are going to be more challenging. It might help to see if *Susan* has uploaded her DNA results to other websites where there might be more shared matches. I'll keep working on it!

Summer Planning

Your Board met earlier this month for our annual planning meeting, brainstorming ways that we can further the society's mission and make your membership more valuable. We have established 2 groups of Board members who will each generate goals around different aspects of the society. These goals will drive our work during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. As always, if you have suggestions, new ideas, feedback or a desire to volunteer, we welcome all of it! Please reach out to me via email at any time at president@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org.



Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Message from Geoff Smith

Volunteer Opportunity

I'm forming an exploratory committee to look into creating a conference in the northwest. The vision is that we would hold an in-person event in Washington or Oregon, to take place in August or September, 2025. We would make it a fun and educational event, spark connections between attendees, and reinforce the importance of local genealogical societies. And, keep expenses low.

This would be very similar to the conference that Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society used to run every year -- it's time to bring that back!

We have a few volunteers from GFO and Clark County [WA] Genealogical Society on board but we need people from other societies. Will you join us on this quest?

Thank you.

Geoff Smith

nwgenconf@gfo.org



When I spoke to Geoff for more details, he indicated that he currently has 9 people on an exploratory committee that is meeting virtually once a month. Although a location has not been decided, they are looking along the I-5 corridor, probably in the Tacoma area.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Geoff if you have an interest and/or questions.

Janet Stroebel

*"You obviously have **no idea** whose great-great-great-granddaughter you are ticketing!"*



Eastside Genealogical Society

Eastside Genealogical Society presents: Ellis Island: Its History and Its Documents

Speaker: Matt Weismantel

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Virtual doors will open at 6:30 pm Pacific;
the program will start at 7:00 pm

Via Zoom---watch for the link*



About Our Speaker: Matt Weismantel has had a passion for genealogy for the past 35 years. As an adoptee himself, he fully appreciates the importance of uncovering one's roots. His academic background in historical geography has been invaluable in supporting his genealogical interests, and he has graduated from ProGen 47 and multiple genealogical institutes. Matt has served in various leadership positions and is currently Vice-Chair of the Delegates Council of the National Genealogical Society. His work has been published in numerous local and state genealogical journals.

About Our Program: Ellis Island served as the main entry point for millions of immigrants to the United States, with its peak years between 1892 and 1924. This presentation places Ellis Island within the context of US immigration history, debunking some long-standing urban legends. It considers the documents generated as part of the immigration process, including how to find them and what information they include. Additionally, it looks at Ellis Island's recent story, from its abandonment and partial restoration, and reflects on the conflicting yet critical immigration story in our nation's long history.

Everyone is welcome---we hope you will join us.

For more information about EGS, visit our website at eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

* The Zoom link will be sent to members, otherwise check the website close to the program date.

August

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Includes sections on:

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- Occupations
- Maps and Place Names
- Irish Archives
- Surname Distribution





What's in Your Attic?

Heirloom Show and Tell...plus a Speaker

See page 7 for Speaker

Saturday, October 12, 2024

1:30—3:30 pm

Room 1, Bellevue Library

1111-110th Ave. NE, Bellevue WA

EGS, along with the Bellevue Library, will be hosting a fun event in October in celebration of Family History Month. Come bring items to share, listen to the presentation, and enjoy the shared items.

You are invited to participate by bringing something to show and share! Maybe you have a clock, old photo, a quilt, some family documents, or something else that is meaningful to your family and genealogy. Sign up and then bring your items to share with others. You can sign up by emailing Kimberly at kimberly7nichols@gmail.com. Let her know what you plan to bring and how much table space you will need.



Save the date!

All welcome!

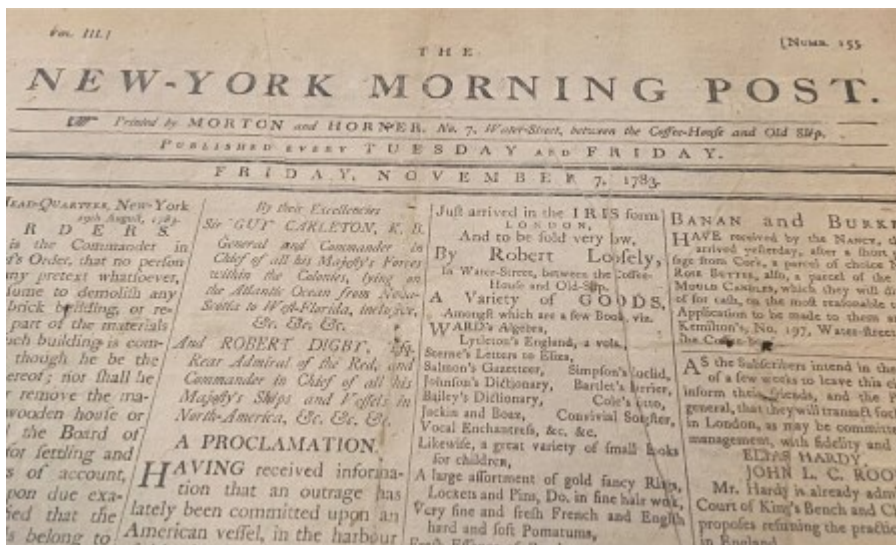
Solving a Decades-Long Brick Wall

Speaker: EGS member Marcia Williams

Marcia has a newspaper from 1783 containing an article about **Samuel Loudon** (1727 – 1813), New York printer, who would be re-



turning to New York City after the British evacuated. Her husband descends from **Robert Loudon** (1718 – 1796), but she could not connect the two men through any traditional means. She wondered -- **Why do I have this newspaper?** What is the connection between Robert and Samuel? Any articles about Samuel state that nothing was known about him before he arrived, nor anything about his parents or siblings. In cleaning out her brother-in-law's safe, his widow found an envelope of about 35 letters written from Samuel to “my dear brother Robert” and another brother, John, between 1791 and 1810. These letters had likely been sitting in the



safe untouched since about 1995. Learn how this discovery of **“What’s in Your Attic”** answered genealogical questions and the steps she is taking to publish new facts about Samuel and his family, as well as how to handle and preserve old documents.

New-York Morning Post

Friday, November 7, 1783

Signature taken from correspondence from **Samuel Loudon** to **George Washington**, April 12, 1781

Upcoming Zoom Classes and Genealogy Help



Getting the Most Out of Find A Grave

Saturday, August 10, 2024

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Mountain Time)

This is a ZOOM only class. Please set up your computer with the Zoom client app prior to the meeting, so that you are not delayed getting into the class.

The Zoom invitation and handout will be sent to registered participants a few days prior to the meeting.

Pikes Peak Genealogical Society

Elaine Fraser, instructor

Email: education@ppgs.org

Free!

Genealogy Help

Bellevue Library Computer Lab

August 8 and 22, 10:30—12:30

No registration required

In-person assistance with



Ancestry Library
Edition

Two Zoom slots available: kcls.org,
then Select **Events** and type **Genealogy**
See below



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More information: website:

<https://egsgermangroup.wordpress.com/>

Presenter: Roger P. Minert

Roger P. Minert received his doctoral degree from the Ohio State University in German language history and second language acquisition theory. He taught German language and history for ten years, and then became a professional family history researcher. Accredited by the Family History Library for research in German and Austria, he worked for twelve years as a private genealogical researcher. The author of over 200 publications, he directs the research program German Immigrants in the American Church Records, a series of 40 volumes.

Friday, 6 Sep 2024, 12:30—2:30 PDT

Click here: [Zoom Registration Required](#)

Topic: A Day in the Life of Your German Ancestor

Deals with common activities on the farm and in trades. Based on extensive research including hard-to-find literature

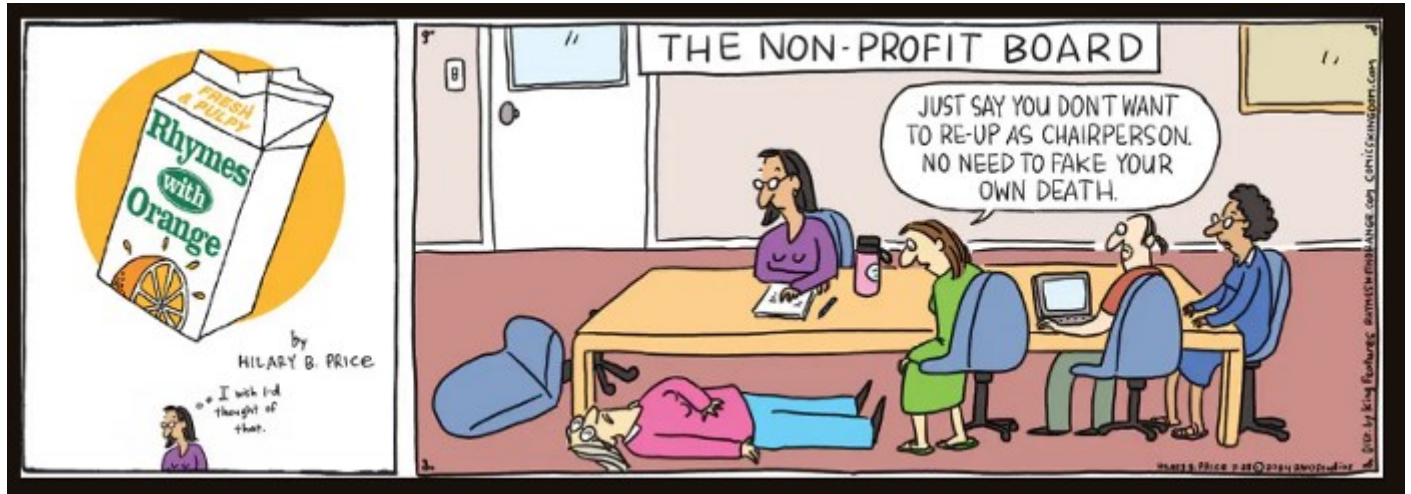


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