

Welcome to our meeting!
Thank you for being here.

Eastside Genealogical Society
Bellevue, Washington
eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

www.eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

About our Next Meeting

March 13, 7:00 PM PT



Topic: The Scots Irish in America
Our speaker: Peggy Lauritzen

Check our website for more information:
eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

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Thursday, March 13, 2025

Networking and announcements at 6:30 pm Pacific; program at 7:00 pm

Via Zoom---watch for the link*

About our speaker: Peggy's parents were excellent genealogists and instilled the same love of history and family in her and her sisters. A favorite picture is of her mother doing cemetery research four days before her birth. Her roots run deep in the South. Peggy has been an active teacher and lecturer in the field and has written several Legacy QuickGuides and columns for Reminisce Magazine. She has received several awards in recognition of exemplary professionalism and continuing encouragement to other professional genealogists. Peggy and her husband are Family History Directors in Mansfield, Ohio.

About our program: Many Americans can trace their ancestry back to the British Isles. Some have even heard that their background was "Scotch-Irish". Peggy will focus on who these people were and where they came from in the British Isles.

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.

<https://eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/EGS-march-2025-flyer-peggy-lauritzen.pdf>

KCLS sponsored African American Genealogy Event



Date: Thursday, February 25

Time: 6 – 7:15 PM PT via Zoom

Topic: Going Offline: Finding African American Resources

Speaker: Janice Lovelace, Ph.D.

Registration and More Information: 1.kcls.org/going

[Going Offline: Finding African American Resources](#)

Learn where to find more information on African American ancestors. Although much genealogical and family history information is online, there is a wealth of information that is not. Presenter Janice Lovelace, Ph.D. is a genealogical researcher, author and lecturer, with over thirty years of experience. Dr. Lovelace is a frequent speaker at national and regional genealogy conferences as well as local societies on health and genetics, ethnic minority genealogy, and research methodology. She authored the

National Genealogical Society's continuing education course African American Roots: A Historical Perspective. Please register to receive a Zoom link. You will be emailed a link within 24 hours of the program start time. If you do not see an email, please check your Junk or Spam folder. Reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities is available by request. Email access@kcls.org at least seven days before the event. Automated closed captioning is always available for online events.

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Twisted Branches
Request for newsletter articles

March Topic:

- Do you have Irish ancestors?
 - Send a list of surnames and origins (County and Townland)
 - **Deadline:** February 19

April Topic:

- Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord
 - Share the names, hometown, and relationship
 - **Deadline:** March 19

Send to: newsletter@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

March Twisted Branches - Irish Connections

- In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we're celebrating the Irish! Do you have Irish ancestors?
- Send a list of surnames and origins (County and Townland).
- Deadline February 19

April Twisted Branches - Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775

- In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, please look through your database and share the names of ancestors who fought or answered the call in this battle.
- List their hometown and relationship. Who knows? We might find some common ancestors in our group!
- Deadline March 19

Send to Marcia Williams at newsletter@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.com

Looking ahead to future EGS meetings

Check our website for more information:
eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

March 13: Scots-Irish in America – Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

April 10: There's Gold in Federal Government Records
– Mark White

May 8: Scandinavian Church Records – Jenny Hansen

June 12: How to Write a Family History Book: It's Simpler
than You Think – Rebecca Shamblin

<https://eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/meeting-info-and-archives/>

SIG News



Italian Interest Group

Date: Saturday, February 15

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 PM PT via Zoom

Topic: Using Social Security Records to Break Down
Brick Walls

Speaker: Roslyn I. Torella

Request Meeting Access (for non-active members) at
egs-iig.com

The Italian Interest Group meets virtually 1:30-3:30pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month Sept. through June excluding December.

Saturday, February 15, *Using Social Security Records to Break Down Brick Walls*

Social Security records can provide clues to your ancestor's name, origin, and social history. Learn what records are available and how to find and interpret them. In this presentation we will cover a brief history of Social Security Benefits, the anatomy of the SSN, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, what is the Death Master File (DMF) and Social Security Death Index (SSDI) and how to interpret Social Security records found on Ancestry and FamilySearch.

ZOOM Meeting

When: 15-Feb-2025, Saturday

Time: 1:30 PM (PDT)

Presenter: Roslyn I. Torella

Roslyn Torella specializes in Italian and immigrant genealogy through her business, Mahoning Valley Roots. She wrote a monthly Italian genealogy column for La Gazzetta Italiana for many years and is treasurer and newsletter editor for the Mahoning County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. She has published in the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Magazine. Roslyn enjoys conducting workshops and lectures on genealogy and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She lives in Lowellville, Ohio, where she is known as her hometown's "unofficial, self-appointed historian" and has written and published a book about her hometown's wicked past.

For more information or to request a Zoom link, please visit our website at: <https://egs-iig.com/>



The graphic is a white rectangular box with a thin black border, set against a light brown wood-grain background. On the left side of the box, there is a logo featuring two crossed German flags (black, red, and gold horizontal stripes) with the text "EGS GERMAN INTEREST GROUP" overlaid. To the right of the logo, the text is arranged as follows: "SIG News" in a large, black, serif font; "German Interest Group" in a large, black, gothic-style font; "Date: First Friday 12:30 to 2:30 PM PT via Zoom" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font; "March 7th: Websites for German Research" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font; "Speaker: Fritz Juengling" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font; and "Registration required : egsgermangroup.wordpress.com" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

Welcome

The next meeting of the German Interest Group of The Eastside Genealogical Society will be virtual and take place on: Friday, March, 2025 from 12:30-2:30pm PT

Zoom Registration Required: <https://tinyurl.com/4fv9a9rk>

Topic: Websites for German Research

This presentation will teach participants how to use important websites, such as FamilySearch, Ancestry, Matricula, Archion, Genealogy.net, and Meyersgaz to find records and jurisdictional information for German research. As far as possible, the presentation will include a case study to find information on one person as a case study. Participants will be able to compare the advantages of the different sites.

Presenter: Fritz Juengling, Ph.D., AG®, AGLTM

Doctor Juengling received his Master's and Doctorate in Germanic Philology at the University of Minnesota. He is an Accredited Genealogist® through the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists and certified by the Verband deutschsprachiger Berufsgenealogen. He runs a successful genealogy research and translation business.

Visitors are always welcome.

Our website is <https://egsgermangroup.wordpress.com/>



The graphic is a white rectangular box with a thin green border, set against a light wood-grain background. On the left side of the box, there is a dark blue rectangular area containing the Family Tree Maker logo, which features a stylized green tree and the text "Family Tree Maker" in white and green. To the right of the logo, the text is arranged as follows: "SIG News" in a large, bold, black font; "Family Tree Maker SIG" in a slightly smaller, bold, black font; "Date: Friday, February 14" in a bold, black font; "Time: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM PT via Zoom" in a bold, black font; and "Program: Varies – topics related to using Family Tree Maker software" in a bold, black font. The entire graphic is framed by a dark brown horizontal bar on the left and right sides.

The Family Tree Maker SIG meets on the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:30AM to 12:30PM Pacific time via Zoom. (Check <https://eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/special-interest-groups/> for information on each upcoming meeting date.)

If you are not on the distribution list and would like to attend, email ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org to request the Zoom link no later than Thursday, February 20.

SIG News

Book Club SIG



Date: Friday, February 28

Time: 10 AM PT via Zoom

February: How to Fake an Irish Wake,
by Eliza Watson

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contact:*

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The Moving Pictures by Erika Maren Steiger, In the Blood by Steve Robinson, Buried Secrets by Ann Hansen, I know Who You Are by Barbara Rae-Venter

EGS Lunch Bunch and Research



Date: Thursday, February 20

Time: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM (plus research time)

Where: Bellevue FamilySearch Center,
10675 NE 20th St., Bellevue

Topic: "Rookie Mistakes" from an article on the
Family Search Blog

Enjoy lunch and conversation with fellow genealogists followed by research time at the FamilySearch Center (previously known as the Family History Center) at 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue. We have reserved a room at the church building across the parking lot from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Bring lunch from home or stop in one of the many area places to buy food. Water and restrooms are available on-site.

Tip for the Day: During lunch, EGS will present - “Rookie Mistakes” from an article on the Family Search Blog.

When we are done visiting, sharing brick walls, and new finds with each other, we will move over to the FamilySearch Center for some research time. The Center is open until 6:00 PM.

Hope to see you there!

Celia McNay

Upcoming Help Desk Opportunities

Volunteer assistance with your research



In-Person: Bellevue Library, Room 4 -
Second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Drop-in.

Via Zoom: Third Wednesdays of each
month. 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM. Sign up on
KCLS.org.

Volunteers from EGS provide assistance to genealogy researchers in conjunction with the King County Library System. On the third Wednesdays of each month, individual Genealogy Help sessions are available in two, one-hour time windows via Zoom. One or more EGS member volunteers can work with an individual to provide direction and guidance in addressing genealogical questions. Sessions are held from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM and 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, and pre-registration is required via the KCLS website (kcls.org).

To access the registration, use the Search function at the top of the website and change the first search box from Catalog to Events. Then type “genealogy” in the second search box to bring up all genealogy events on the library calendar. The above-described sessions are titled, “Genealogy Help with Eastside Genealogical Society.”

Another opportunity to obtain assistance with your research is our in-person Ancestry Help. EGS volunteers are available in Room 4 of the Bellevue Regional Library (1111 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue) from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. They can show you how to get started with Ancestry Library Edition (available free in the library branches) or provide suggestions about resources to address your genealogy question.

Stick around for the Post Meeting Discussion



- How were your relatives affected by the Spanish American War?
- Do you have stories to share about ancestors in the 1898 timeframe?

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Link to membership: <https://eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/membership/>

