

Welcome to our meeting!
Thank you for being here.

Eastside Genealogical Society
Bellevue, Washington
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Next Monthly Meeting

April 9, 2026



Topic: What Could Have Happened? Creating and Proving Hypotheses to Solve Tough Problems

Our speaker: Kory Meyerink

More information and to register (**registration required**):

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Thursday, April 9, 2026

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

Via Zoom---Registration required

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/1mXi10Xfs8uT_Oa3AolQ1w#/registration

About our speaker: Kory Meyerink specializes in the colonial northeast and tracing the origins of German and Dutch immigrants. He has developed instructional and reference material for FamilySearch Centers and was content consultant for the PBS Ancestors television series. Kory taught history for 20 years at Brigham Young University and was the founding director of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). He has written extensively, including his recent book, *New York in 1698*. Kory currently serves as a Master Genealogist and Senior Research Manager with AncestryProGenealogists.

About our program: One tool of advanced researchers is the well-developed hypothesis, which serves as a starting point for detailed research that can often prove relationships not apparent in standard sources. Learn how to effectively use this approach for your “brick-wall” problems.

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

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

Registration Required for future meetings

Why are we doing this? To protect our speakers' intellectual property and your privacy by not allowing recordings.

Our Goal! To make it as simple as possible for you! (*and us*)

How?

- All our meeting notices will now have the registration instead of a Zoom link.
- Register with this link, agreeing not to record, and you will receive the Zoom link via email.
- Use the emailed Zoom link to join the meeting.

Questions/concerns? Email registration@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

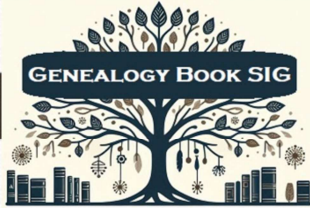
Frequently asked questions:

- **What happens if I forget I registered and register again?** -- No problem, you'll just receive another email with the same Zoom link.
- **What happens if I forget to register and want to join after the meeting has started?** -- No problem, use the registration link to register. You'll see a "register and join" button and can join the waiting room right away.

More questions? Email registration@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

SIG News

Genealogy Book SIG



Date/Time: Friday, March 13, 10 AM PT via Zoom

Book: Three Times Removed
by M.K. Jones

Next Meeting: April 10 – Once You Were Mine
by Elizabeth Langston

Request Meeting Access: Email
vicepresident@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

Meetings are held by Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Friday of the month. No meetings in August and December. For Meeting Access: Email vicepresident@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org.

Three Times Removed by M.K. Jones -- Three Times Removed is a supernatural mystery and the first book in the "Maze Investigations - The Genealogy Detectives" series, where genealogist Maggie Gilbert uncovers a dark family secret involving a past drowning and disappearance that threatens her children in the present. The story, set in South Wales, blends historical details with paranormal elements as Maggie races to solve the mystery to save her family.

April 10, 2026: Once You Were Mine by Elizabeth Langston -- A genealogy search reveals heartrending connections between friends as it brings to light one woman's traumatic past as a teenage mother in the 1960s. In a quiet North Carolina town in 1968, a seventeen-year-old girl's life is forever changed when a summer romance leads to an unplanned pregnancy. She is sent to an abusive "maternity home," where she is shamed and deceived into signing adoption papers.

In the present day, Allison Garrett volunteers as a "search angel," using DNA tests to help strangers locate lost relatives. But the family tree she finds most compelling is that of her own mother, who was abandoned as a baby. As Allison puts the pieces together, they reveal much more than her mother's origins—and threaten to create further divisions in her tight-knit community. When a family is separated by devastating circumstances, is it possible for them to heal the pain of the past and make up for lost time?

Future books:

- May 8, 2026, *Paper Love* by Sarah Wildman

EGS Lunch Bunch and Research



Date: Thursday, March 19

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

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

Topic: Sharing information learned at
RootsTech

Bring your lunch and join us in-person on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM PT. We discuss what we are doing in genealogy and have a very short program on a topic such as a new feature in a genealogy program or a recent article or video of interest.

Topics vary. Future planned topics for 2026 are (subject to change):

- April 16– Full Text Searching on FS
- May 21– Finding women in census records
- June 18– Doing a Genealogy Vacation
- July 16– Colonial Records on FS
- August 20– no meeting
- Sept 17– Using School Censuses
- Oct 15– The FS Catalog
- Nov 19– Family History activities for family gatherings
- Dec 17– no meeting

The group meets at the LDS church at 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue. Additionally, attendees can walk over to the FamilySearch Center to do some research or try out what they learned with databases either available with a subscription or unavailable online. Bring your laptop. The library is open until 6:00 pm.

For more information, contact Celia McNay at membership@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org.

SIG News

Family Tree Maker SIG



Date: Friday, March 20

Time: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM PT via Zoom

Topic: Varies – topics relate to using Family Tree Maker software

Request Meeting Access: Email
ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

The Family Tree Maker SIG meets on the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:30AM to 12:30PM Pacific time via Zoom.

The next meeting is March 20.

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 the Thursday before the meeting.

SIG News

Italian Interest Group



Date: Saturday, March 21

Time: 1:30 PM PT via Zoom

Topic: Find Your Family in U.S. Catholic Church Records

Speaker: Sunny Jane Morton

Request Meeting Access: 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.

Description: Roman Catholic sacramental records often contain vital events, relationships, and overseas hometowns. They're also confidential, so they can be tricky to access. Learn about Catholicism in the U.S., what's in sacramental records and what they look like, how to identify an ancestral parish, and tips for accessing Catholic records.

Speaker Bio: Sunny Jane Morton is a genealogy educator, editor and writer. She has expertise in U.S. records and history, and is co-author of *How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records*, which received a book award from the National Genealogical Society, and *Searching for Sisters: A Guide to Researching Catholic Nuns in the United States*. She is Editor of *NGS Magazine*; Contributing Editor at *Family Tree Magazine*; an instructor at GRIP Genealogy Institute and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy; and past Editor of *Ohio Genealogy News*.

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

SIG News

German Interest Group



Date: Friday, April 3

Time: 12:30 to 2:30 PM PT via Zoom

Topic: Using Hansen's Map Guides To Locate Your Ancestor's German Parish Records

Speaker: Bernard N. Meisner

More information and registration:

gig.eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/meetings

We meet virtually on the first Friday of each month except July and August at 12:30 pm Pacific Time or 10:30 am PT, if the speaker lives outside of the United States.

The next meeting of the German Interest Group of The Eastside Genealogical Society will be virtual and take place on: Friday, April 3, from 12:30-2:30pm PT

Zoom Registration Required: <https://gig.eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/meetings>

Topic: Using Hansen's Map Guides To Locate Your Ancestor's German Parish Records. Hansen's Map Guides to Parish Registers simplify the process of locating the parish registers containing the records of your ancestors. The Guides contain detailed information about Catholic and Lutheran jurisdictions for locations within the former German Empire (including areas now in Poland, Lithuania, Russia, Denmark, and France), Switzerland and Luxembourg, and also some information about Jewish congregations in those areas. Given your ancestor's hometown, learn how to identify the most likely parish(es) with the records, then check the online availability of the registers on FamilySearch, Archion and/or Matricula.

Presenter: Bernard N. Meisner. Bernard is a genealogist and lecturer based in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. He began researching his family over 35 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from that experience, including his mistakes. Although he knew only one grandparent (his maternal grandfather) he has successfully identified all of his great-great grandparents, several triple- and quadruple-great grandparents, and his Meisner 8th great grandparents.

He is a co-leader of the Dallas Genealogical Society's German SIG, and a member of the Texas State, the Germanic, and the National Genealogical Societies. He has written several articles for the Texas State Genealogical Society's quarterly magazine, Stirpes.

Visitors are always welcome.



Twisted Branches

Request for newsletter articles

April Topic: Civil War Soldiers

- Did your ancestors participate in the Civil War?
- Which side, Confederate or Union?
- Which State/Unit/Commander?
- Did our ancestors join in battle, or fight on opposite sides in the same battles with EGS members?

Please share your stories! Deadline: March 21

Send to: newsletter@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

February Twisted Branches Topic: Related to a Witch?

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Upcoming Help Desk Opportunities

Volunteer assistance with your research



In-Person: Bellevue Library, Computer Lab
2nd and 4th Thursdays

Upcoming dates: March 26 & April 9

Time: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Drop-in.

Volunteers from EGS provide assistance to genealogy researchers in conjunction with the King County Library System. Upcoming dates: March 26 & April 9.

EGS volunteers are available in the computer lab on the 2nd floor 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. No registration required for In-Person help.

Want to help? Email: Jane Wickert at jcwickert@hotmail.com

REMINDER

No recording, screenshots, or capturing the presentation in any form. Also, the handout is for your personal use only.



Change is coming for our April meeting!

- Online presenters have recently had bad actors joining, pirating intellectual property, and violating attendees' privacy.
- We are planning on a simple registration process beginning in April to better secure our meetings.

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Stick around for the Post-Meeting Discussion



- Have you created a book with your genealogy research?
 - How?
 - What software did you use?
 - With whom did you share it?
- What will you do because of tonight's presentation?

BECOME A MEMBER

If you get value out of our meetings and/or Special Interest Groups, please consider joining (\$20 for 12 months) or donating to Eastside Genealogical Society.

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