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*"Searching back in time to discover,
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Fire Mountain -Mt. St. Helens 1842
Artist Paul Kane 1810-1881

Natural Disasters and Genealogy

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San Francisco Earthquake
Arnold Genthe, 1869-1942, photographer
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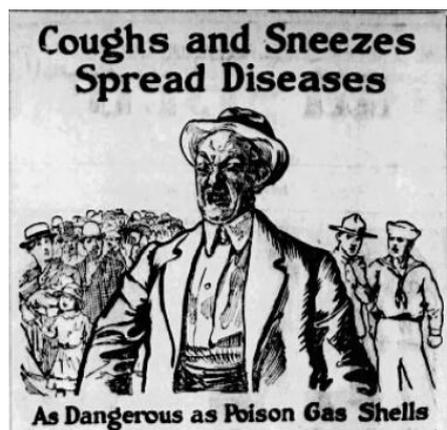


Dear Members and friends,
Due to the closure of most libraries and educational institutions many of our activities have been cancelled until further notice. Please refer to our blog page for updated schedules and information on events.

<https://gorgegen.blogspot.com/>

Events listed in this newsletter are probably on hold so please check with the specific organization for details. Stay safe, take care,

Georga



Popular spot ad in newspapers during the Spanish Flu epidemic - 1918



Happy Easter

SOCIETY NEWS

Field Trip in April



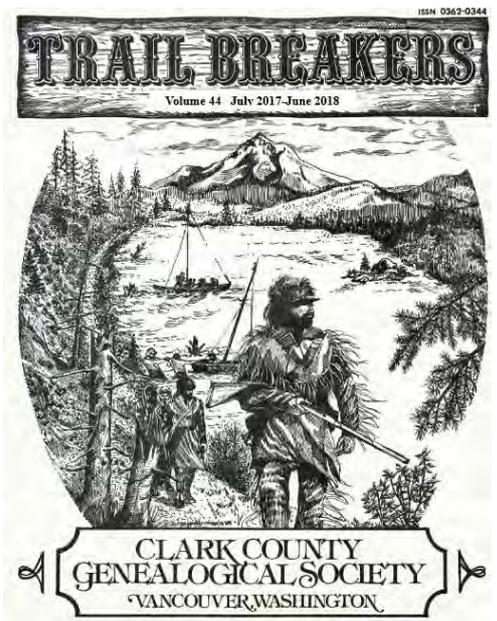
A field trip to Vancouver Washington is scheduled for the 18th of April. The Clark County Genealogical Society and Library has moved to a new building.

"The Clark County Genealogical Society library is a private library that is open to the general public in support of the Society's purpose to encourage, foster, educate and organize activities related to genealogy. You will find friendly librarians on duty to help you use the library. The library collection includes over 8000 items. The emphasis is on genealogical material from Washington and Oregon, with most of the local coverage being of Clark and neighboring SW Washington counties. We have items from all US states and several foreign countries as well as many surname genealogies. " Check them out on their Facebook Page! <https://www.facebook.com/ccgsa/>

Check out the Clark County Newsletter

"Trail Breakers" Online

<https://www.ccgswa.org/trailbreakers.html>



Every man is a quotation from all his ancestors. – Ralph Waldo Emerson



Portland Mausoleum

Timeless Tombstones

Wilma Dawson Hostetler

Wilma Dawson Hostetler was born in Concordia Kansas in 1871, daughter of Jacob and Melvina Dawson. The Dawson's came to Oregon in 1899 and settled in Heppner Oregon. Wilma married Jesse Coldren Hostetler in Kansas in 1890 and they moved to The Dalles where Mr. Hostetler would become an important employee of the French Banking Company and also sold insurance. Jesse and Wilma would build a home in what is now Chenoweth and start a farm located next to Chenoweth Creek called Chenoweth Cove Farms. The Hostetler's grew market vegetables and orchard fruits. The three story house is still standing today and is located on Irvine St.

In 1903, tragedy struck the Dawson family. On June 14, 1903, an unexpected flash flood hit the town of Heppner Oregon and killed 238 people. Jacob and Melvina Dawson were among the victims. They are buried in the IOOF Cemetery in The Dalles. In 1922, economic status of the French Company Bank started to falter and by the end of 1928 Jesse Wilma and Jesse's brother and wife had moved to Portland to start a new business and Jesse would continue to sell insurance. Jesse died in 1936 and Wilma lived with her daughter Leona Mosher and husband till her death in 1956. Jesse and Wilma are interred at the Wilhelm's Portland Mausoleum .



Heppner Flood 1903
Photo: Morrow County Museum



Have a timeless tombstone you would like to share?
Send your photos and story to georga.foster@gmail.com

Natural Disasters and Our Genealogy

Often our research leads us to a dead end or brick wall. Its often very wise to do a little history research into any natural disasters , plagues, fires, floods which may had occurred at the time in which we are investigating. In January, the members of the genealogical society started a project to help other members solves their dead end research and two of the cases were because of a natural disaster or event. One query was in the San Francisco earthquake time period and the other was the Civil War. Wars and conflicts also seemed to be a common factor in some of our conclusions. Below is some good reading from others in the genealogy community commenting on natural disasters and other events that effect our research.

"Wouldn't it be nice if all the branches on our family trees were filled with bright shiny leaves that reflected only good kin and happy times? The truth is, most of our pasts are dotted with blemishes, and bad things did happen, often to good people. History is blanketed with disheartening tales of devastation and loss, and at one time or another we may discover a family story of a great aunt who perished in some horrible epidemic, or some other relative who died as a result of a flood, fire, transportation mishap, or other accident. Certainly, it may be difficult for us today to comprehend the everyday adversity that befell our ancestors, or the lasting hardships they endured as a result. But as genealogists, we can often find important clues among the rubble. This article will discuss five ways to learn how diseases, disasters, and distress may have impacted your family's history".

Read the whole article at <https://www.archives.com/experts/alzo-lisa/diseases-disasters-distress-bad-for-your-ancestors-good-for-your-genealogical-research.html>

By Lisa Alzo - Archives.com 2011

Discover Genealogy

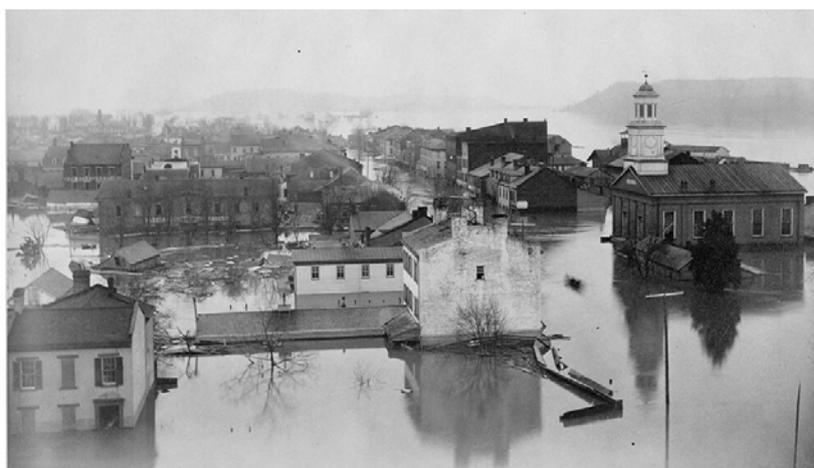
Discover Genealogy has a eighteen part series "Disasters and Family Misfortunes on their blog. This a excellent series from floods, heat waves, landslides and even comets and meteorites. The blog is authored by W. Wayne Shephard, genealogist and lecturer from Canada and is a engineer and geoscientist from Alberta Canada. Following a long career as a geologist in the oil and gas industry, Wayne now pursues genealogy as a hobby and as an occasional, professional consultant. In forty years of business-related work he learned and practiced research, writing and management, skills he has transferred to his studies concerning family history. Though no longer actively working as a geologist, Wayne continues to be a life member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta.

The blog can be accessed here: <https://discovergenealogy.blogspot.com/2019/10/natural-disasters-and-family.html>

<https://discovergenealogy.blogspot.com/p/w-wayne-shephard-personal-biography.html>

Examples of how people endured natural and environmental changes will continue to be published on the Mother Nature's Test blog in subsequent posts. There is no shortage of stories about how nature has affected the lives of people around the world and throughout history.

<https://mothernaturestests.blogspot.com/>



THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1884, AT LAWRENBURG, IND.

Image: Library of Congress

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"Persistence is the secret to success"

My Heritage - Colorize your old photos Free!

My Heritage website recently added a new feature, My heritage in Color tool. This is truly amazing technology and it does a great job of colorizing your old black and white photos. The function is free. For non members you can only do a few photos but with My Heritage subscription you can do more. Complete subscribers photos will be watermark free. You can try this out at <https://www.myheritage.com/incolor>



Original



With Colorize

The Genetic Testing Market Is Changing

A recent post from Dick Eastman states the genetic testing industry is experiencing a changing market. Recently 23 and Me and Ancestry have announced layoffs in their companies. You can read these posts at : <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/01/23/23andme-lays-off-100-people-ceo-anne-wojicki-explains-why.html>
<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2020/02/05/our-path-forward/>

Privacy Is Big Issue For Genetic Testing Websites

A article recently published from ABC News by Julia Jacobo states that the owners of GedMatch have vowed to strict privacy policies for law enforcement. The company has 1.7 million customers and has recently been purchased by Verogen, Inc. The company has helped in solving 70 major violent crimes . The company offers a "Opt-In" permissions policy for customers wishing to share their results with parties outside their families. <https://abcnews.go.com/US/owner-genealogy-website-gedmatch-vows-protect-users-search/story?id=67655654>

Why Genealogical Societies Are Important

Heritage Consulting , a genealogical research firm recently posted on their blog : "With the increase of information available on the internet, it seems that the popularity of genealogical societies is decreasing. Many people wonder if it is still worth their time and investment to join a genealogical society. There are many reasons that you may want to consider joining a genealogical society to enhance your genealogical research. These benefits can go a long way toward furthering your research and enhancing your project. Here are just a few of the reason why you should consider joining a genealogical society".

Read the rest of the story at <https://www.heritageconsulting.com/reasons-to-join-a-genealogical-society/>

Check out FamilyTrees FREE eBooks

TheFamilyTree magazine offers website free ebooks on many genealogy subject and you don't have to be a member to grab one for your genealogical education. Ebooks, templates and forms are also available for free just follow this link:

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/free-genealogy-ebooks/>



National Archives , Seattle to close -Press Release

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) facility in Seattle, WA, has been approved for eventual closure and sale. The facility was recommended for sale by the Public Buildings Reform Board (PBRB) and approved for sale by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) through the authorities and process established in the Federal Asset Sales and Transfer Act of 2016, as amended (FASTA).

A specific date has not been set for the closure of our Seattle facility, and we are not taking any immediate actions that will impact our customers. We expect the entire process of sale to take approximately 18 months and we have requested to stay in the building for an additional three years following the sale. We will continue to offer all services and maintain our current operating hours for the immediate future. We will communicate with our customers and stakeholder

organizations when we have more information and as we develop our plans. We will also seek to include input from our stakeholders in order to inform our plans and decisions.

When we eventually close our physical presence in Seattle, we will continue to provide public access to our archival records. Some of our most popular records have been digitized and are available online. Members of the public can request copies of any available archival record (digital or analog) by email, telephone, or in writing. These records will also be available for in-person access in the research room at their new location. We are planning to expand our digitization efforts to make more records available free of charge and regardless of location.

We recognize that the closure of our facility will have a negative impact on researchers, Federal agencies, and other customers that use our facility. As we begin planning for the eventual closure of the facility, we will engage with local researchers and other stakeholders to find opportunities to smooth the transition for the public, support Federal agencies and the local researcher community, and ensure continued access to our records after the move.

From the Washington State Genealogical Society

Dear Members;

It seems like our profession and passion are taking some hard hits! First it was a changes to access of Birth, Marriage & Death records in WA State. Then a few weeks ago it was 500% cost increases proposed to obtain copies of records from Immigration & Naturalization from 1906-1956. WSGS has been active in trying to mitigate these proposals. Now this!

In case you have not heard the alarming news, the Feds have slated the Pacific NW Regional National Archives in Seattle for closing. No regional input was sought, no prior notification or chance to give opinions. This action would be a huge loss to our genealogical community. Only a fraction of this archive of regional records have been digitized. The records are all slated to be moved to Kansas City, MO and Riverside, CA, essentially making them inaccessible to regional researchers. To say nothing of the loss of the collective knowledge of the staff at our regional facility.

Sincerely,

Virginia Majewski, President, Washington State Genealogical Society

Preserving The Records



Ever been turned down for requests of records from government agencies, library or historical archival information?

Reclaim The Records, a non profit organization has been established to help researchers obtain copies of records that are available to the public.

The organization consists of 5300 genealogists and history researchers that through legal means, The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) gain access to records that otherwise are not accessible.

RTR on Facebook :

<https://www.facebook.com/ReclaimTheRecords>

A webinar on the on this organization and a syllabus can be found here;

https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=956

The organization is fighting hard to keep records available to the public. Many states are changing their accessibility laws to prevent the access to many records that are public domain.

<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>

You can find reclaimed records on Internet Archive!

<https://archive.org/details/reclaimtherecords>



Oregon Genealogy

Oregon Genealogy Network

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Oregon Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 600 members and growing. It is a vital resource for your genealogy questions and is a very informative source for researching. The network consists of amateur as well as researchers well versed in helping you answer your family history questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state.

Join today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190997804291208/>

Oregon History and Genealogy

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Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Ave.
Portland, Oregon
503.222.1741

Genealogical Forum Of Oregon

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Oregon's premier genealogy library!
Library, Book Store, classes and more!

- Spring Seminar 2020 -
Solve Puzzles with DNA
with Karen Stanbary
April 4 & 5

Sat., Apr. 4, 10a-4:30p
Sun., Apr. 5, 9:30-noon

<https://gfo.org/learn/seminars.html>

Oregon Genealogical Society

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Eugene, Oregon 97401
(541) 345-0399

OrGenWeb

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Or GenWeb is hosted by USGenWeb and is part of a volunteer group of researchers and genealogists from each state providing free online information to the genealogy community. Started over 20 years ago, USGenWeb has grown into one of the largest free genealogy sites on the internet.
<http://www.orgenweb.org/index.html>

Washington Genealogy

Washington Genealogy Network

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Washington Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 550 members and growing. Like its sister state of Oregon, this site provides researchers a way to find information and answers to your research questions. Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state of Washington.

Join Today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222494824442130/>

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Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

1901 S. 12th Avenue
Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

Washington State Genealogical Society

1901 S. 12th Avenue
Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

Local Historical Resources

Wasco County Historical Society

300 W. 13th St.
The Dalles, Oregon 97058
541-296-1867

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Wasco County Original Courthouse

410 W. 2nd Place
The Dalles, Oregon 97058
541.296.4798

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Wasco County Pioneer Association

vasallee@gmail.com
541.296.4043

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Ft Dalles Historical Museum

500 W. 15th and Garrison St.
The Dalles, Oregon 97058
541.296.5457

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Hood River Historical Society

300E Port Marina Drive
Hood River, Oregon 97031
info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org
541.386.6772

Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

Family History Centers

The Dalles FHC
1504 E. 15th St.
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Goldendale FHC
N. Columbus Ave & McLinley
P.O. Box 109
Goldendales, Wa. 98620

Stevenson FHC
650 NW Gropper Rd.
Stevenson, Wa. 98648

Hood River FHC
1825 May St.
Hood river, Oregon 97031

Libraries

The Dalles Wasco County
722 Court St.
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.2815

William G. Dick Library
5000 Discovery Drive
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.8600 EX. 219

Hood River County Library
502 State St.
Hood River, Or. 97031
541.386.2535

Ft. Vancouver Regional Libraries

Goldendale
1313 Burgen St.
Goldendale, Wa. 98620
509.773.4487

White Salmon Valley
5 Town and Country Square
Whire Salmon, Wa. 98672
509.0493.1132

Stevenson
120 NW Vanciouver Ave.
Stevenson, Wa. 98648
509.427.5471



Historical Resources In The Gorge

Fort Dalles Museum
W. 15th & Garrison St.
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.4547

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
5000 Discovery Drive
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.8600

Wasco County Historical Society
300 W. 13th St.
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.1867

Museum of Hood River
300 E. Port Marina Dr.
Hood River, Or. 97031
541.386.6722

Gorge Heritage Museum
202 E. Humbolt
Bingen, Wa. 98605
509.493.3228

Dufur Historical Society
P.O. Box 462
Dufur, Or. 97021

Klickitat County Historical Society
127 W. Broadway
Goldendale, Wa. 98620
509.77.4303

Presby Museum
127 W. Broadway
Goldendale, Wa. 98620
509.773.4303

Sherman County Historical society
200 Dewey St.
Moro, Or. 97039
541.565.3232

Maryhill Museum
35 Maryhill Museum Drive,
Goldendale, Wa. 98620

Original Wasco County Courthouse
PO Box 839
410 West 2nd Place
The Dalles, Oregon 97058252
(541) 296-4798

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center
990 SW Rock Creek Dr.
Stevenson, Wa. 988648

Calendar This! Upcoming Programs

(Subject to change)

April 18, 2020

Field trip to the Clark County Genealogical Library in Vancouver, Washington. Details to follow.

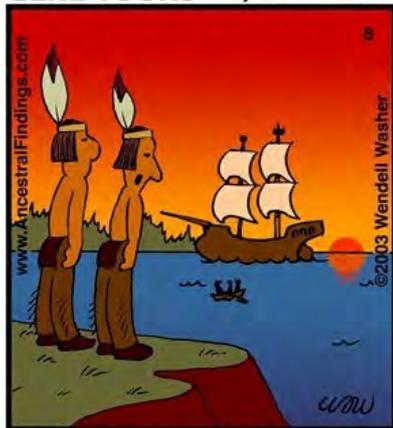
May 9, 2020

TBA

June 13, 2020 - TBA

TBA

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



This will mess up the family tree if we're not careful.



Wasco County Historical Society Events

Events Scheduled for Spring and summer are as follows:

May 20, 2020
Oregon Historical Society Trip
"Experience Oregon"

May 23-25
Informational Table
IOOF Cemetery

June 6, 2020
Ruth Beecher
"Oregon Postcards"

June 20, 2020
Amy and Phil Kaser
'Century Farms"

July 25, 2020
Alan and Bev Eagy
"1860 Homes of Ben Snipes and Victor Trevitt

Wasco County Historical Society
300 W. 13th St.
The Dalles, Oregon

If you have a program or lecture you would like to present or know of someone that does, please contact us.
We always welcome ideas!



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