

**THE BEACON**  
**SEPTEMBER 2017**

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**SIGS Research Library**  
**Humble House, Heritage Park, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA**  
**Library hours: 11 to 3 on Tues., Thurs. and Sat.**  
**Telephone 425-775-6267**  
**Online Catalog at**  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/sigsLIBINTRO.htm>

**\* \* \* SIGS MEETING WEDNESDAY, 6 September 2017 \* \* \***

Bob Barnes of the Eastside Genealogical Society will be the speaker at our September meeting. His topic is "Getting the Most out of Free Genealogical Databases at Local Libraries", including Sno-Isle Library System, King Co Libraries and the Seattle Public Library as well as the University of Washington, Seattle Gen Society, the Heritage Quest Library in Sumner and local Family History Centers. Learn about the 70 to 80 different databases at these libraries, and which can be accessed for use at home with the appropriate library card(s).

The meeting venue is the Family History Center in the LDS building at 22015 48th Ave West in Mountlake Terrace. The (brief) General Meeting starts at 6:30, followed by socializing (also brief and with cookies) and Bob's presentation begins at 7. Use Google to find directions and/or create a map OR visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/fhc/introNEW.htm> Park around the back (the EAST side of the building); the entrance on the NORTH end of the building opens to the front door of the FHC.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

How is your family tree growing?

The Library at Humble House is filled with books and knowledgeable staff who can assist you in your search for family. Please come and visit! If you have any ideas or expertise that you would like to share, please let us know!

I'm looking forward to meeting you and leading our organization in another successful year.

Until next month,

Brenda Sanchez, President 2017-2018

# **CAMWOOD OBITUARY PROJECT – PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**

## **by SIGS Member, Bill Blandin**

The Camwood Obituary Project was started in the early 1980's by the Camwood Genealogy Workshop (CGW), a group of Stanwood/Camano Island people with a common interest --- Family History. In the beginning, the CGW had guest speakers on Genealogy and organized field trips to local Genealogy libraries and the National Archives in Seattle.

Then, the group began to collect local obituaries, putting them on 3 x 5 cards. There were as many as 5000 obits in the file drawers when, in 2003, the project workers decided they should have an index that could be shared with other researchers. Five or six members took file drawers home, one at a time, and transcribed the information to a computer spreadsheet; the separate files were then combined into one master file.

In 2005, the CGW wanted to make the index available to the public. A friend from SIGS, who had joined our CGW group, offered to put the index online, first on the Snohomish County-USGenWeb Project site, later moved permanently to the SIGS website.

The CamWoodies were not done yet. At that time, we were meeting in the Stanwood Area Historical Society (SAHS) research room and right next to our obits, were the boxes of all the Stanwood newspapers that the SAHS held in their collection, some dating back to 1894. Not all issues of the papers were included but from about 1930 to the present, the SAHS has about 80% of them. Papers included the Stanwood Times, the Stanwood Tidings, the Stanwood News, the Twin City News, the Stanwood/Camano News, the East Stanwood Sun and the Camano Islander.

The Group decided to go through these newspapers, page by page, and add any obit that wasn't already in the CamWood files; this ambitious part of the project was started in about 2007 with 6000 obits in our files and finished the newspaper checks recently with 13,000 obits. We also have gone through many other files in the SAHS (scrapbooks, family files, etc.) to add other obits.

Next step for the CamWood Genealogical Project? Camwoodies will visit the Stanwood/Camano News office and copy the obits from the papers that are not already held by the Stanwood Area Historical Society. The newspaper has an almost complete set from 1900. (Anyone want to join us to help?)

Our project volunteers know that the work is well worth the effort. Visitors come to the Stanwood Area Historical Society to research their families, and the obit files are one of the chief sources of information. It's great to hear the excitement in visitors' voices when they find just what they need for their family history project! The Group also gets 20 to 30 people a year throughout the US and and world-wide sending us email to get a copy of an obit that they have found in the online index. CGW doesn't charge for this; instead we suggest a donation to the SAHS. One of the Find A Grave volunteers for a local cemetery (Anderson Cemetery) spent most of the last two years coming in to photograph the obits for the Find A Grave website.

Visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/camwoodintro.htm> to see what a small group of VERY determined researchers can do (and ARE DOING)! For information about the Camwood Genealogical Workshop, see [http://www.sahs-fncc.org/?page\\_id=56](http://www.sahs-fncc.org/?page_id=56)

## FAIR ON 44<sup>th</sup> BLOCK PARTY

The City of Lynnwood's **Fair on 44<sup>th</sup>** Block Party - Sat 9 Sep 10-2 pm. FREE Lots to do for the entire family, including demonstrations by the Lynnwood Fire Department, Lynnwood Police Department and the City's Parks & Recreation departments, free health screening and information and more, including games and craft projects!

The fair venue is on 44<sup>th</sup> Ave West, between the Lynnwood Public Library and Fire Station 15; for more details, visit the event's web page at <http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/PlayLynnwood/CommunityEvents/FairOn44th.htm>

### NEW RESOURCES at the LIBRARY!

Recently added to our library's collection -

#### TOPIC/LOCALITY – TITLE INFO – CALL # - FIND WHERE?

METHODS Dead Horse Investigation-Photo Analysis [Fitzpatrick, c2008] REF-141 B2  
METHODS Elements of Genealogical Analysis [Anderson, R C, c 2014) REF-140 B2  
METHODS This and That Genealogy Tips [Shirley Hornbeck c2000] REF-139 B2  
GENEALOGIES Ancestors of American Presidents [Gary B Roberts, c1995] REF-138 B2  
GENEALOGIES Ancestry of Rev. Henry Whitefield, wife Dorothy Sheafe BIO-W21 ask  
WRITING Winning Boston Recipe [V Chung, c2016; Surnames Dirksmeier, Tullis] WRI-43 B2  
WRITING Muriel's Life: Her Own Words [Muriel Wolff nee Buzzelle] WRI-44 B2  
CANADA Counting Canada: Gen Guide to Canadian Census CAN-14 B1  
CANADA French-Canadian Heritage in New England [Brault, G J-c1986] CAN-15 B1  
CANADA-B.C. Amongst God's Own [St Mary's Residential School, Mission B.C.] CBC-19 B1  
GERMANY Map Guide/German Par Regs: V 57 Cities of Bremen, Lubeck, Kiel GER-60-57 B1  
IRELAND Complete Book for Tracing Your Irish Ancestors [c1982] IRE-08 B1  
US AMISH Amish Society-Fourth Edition [John A Hostetler, c1993] PA-226 DR  
US HISTORY Mie. Charles Pandosy, O.M.I - Missionary of NW [Kowrach, c1992] NAM-151 B2  
US IMMIG Immigrant, Passenger Arrivals [Select Catalog-Nat'l Archives 1991] ARC-14 B1  
US-COLORADO Denver's Historic Homes [Images of America] CO-17 LR  
US-VIRGINIA Virginia Counties: ..from Virginia Legislation VA-144 DR  
US-WA-JEFFERSON CO Port Townsend (Images of America series) WA-JEF-03 LR  
US-WA-KING CO Hidden Past: Exploration of Eastside History WA-KIN-43 LR  
US-WA-KING CO Index: Bagley's History of Seattle [1916] WA-KIN-63 LR  
US-WA-PIERCE CO Pictorial History of Pierce County, WA Vol 4 WA-PIE-25 LR  
US-WA-SNO CO Pilchuck Valley Reflections [D J Schroeder, c2012] WA-SNO-131 LR  
US-WA-SNO CO 100 Years of Arlington, Washington Vol 1 WA-SNO-132 LR  
US-WA-SNO CO Meadowdale HS Yearbook Mesika, 1968, Lynnwood WA YBK-121f B1  
US-WA-SNO CO Meadowdale HS Yearbook Mesika, 1969, Lynnwood WA YBK-121g B1

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Keep in touch with the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society!*

## FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS MESSAGE

Dear Sno-Isle Genealogical Society,

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Fred Meyer. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

Your supporters (8 households) who shopped at Fred Meyer between 4-1-2017 and 6-30-2017 (Cycle 2017, Qtr 2) have contributed to your \$30.07 total donation. If you have any questions, please email or visit our website at **fmcommunityrewards [AT] fredmeyer.com** or visit the Community Rewards website at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards) . Thank you for your continued support of your local Fred Meyer store.

(If you are already contributing to the SIGS donation, ALWAYS check the bottom of your Freddie's receipt. Does it mention the Sno-isle Genealogical Society? If it doesn't, it means you're no longer linked to SIGS in the Community Rewards file! Use the above email address or URL to let them know that you DO want to continue as a contributor!)

### Library Director's Wish List

Our library needs someone who is VERY tech-savvy, VERY patient and willing to donate a few hours a month to keep our two computers healthy and happy. It's not necessary for this individual to be A Genealogist, although it certainly wouldn't hurt...

Since Our Miss Emma is off to school in Bellingham, we need to find an intern or two to continue her project(s). Hours are flexible. Remember, a history of volunteering at the SIGS library looks VERY good on a college application or resume.

### HERITAGE PARK NEWS

What a great job the Lynnwood Parks Department crew have done on the repainting of the the City-owned buildings at the Park, this in spite of the warmish (!) August weather we experienced this month, not to mention the visit from The Bear!

Have you visited the newest attraction at Heritage Park? Located in the historic Wickers Building, the **Northwest Veterans Museum** features rotating and visiting exhibits of military memorabilia, artifacts, artwork and photographs. Volunteer staff are very willing to share their own stories and knowledge of U.S. Military history and to listen to the stories of their visitors, too. The Museum is open Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 to 3.

## YOUR SIGS MEMBERSHIP

September 1<sup>st</sup> marks the start of another “official year” for the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, and THIS is the first official reminder that it's membership renewal time! For your convenience a renewal form can be found on the LAST PAGE of this newsletter. To make life easier for the Membership Chairperson, you are asked to complete the form (using your BEST PRINTING) and bring it with your check for \$25 to Humble House OR mail it to SIGS. Why not renew NOW while this bit of “nagivation” is still echoing in your brain?

## CALENDAR

**Sat, 2 September 2017 - Basic Beginning Genealogy** 10 am at the SIGS Library. FREE!

**Sun, 3 September 2017 – Sundays in the Park with SIGS** Library is open from 11 to 4

**Mon, 4 September 2017 – Labor Day** – Library is open from 11 to 4

**Wed, 6 September - SIGS Monthly Meeting** – Details on Page 1 of this issue of The Beacon.

**Sat, 9 September 2017 - DNA Focus Group** 1pm to 2pm at the SIGS Library. FREE!

**Mon, 18 September 2017 – SIGS BOARD MEETING** – 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. **ALL WELCOME!**

**Tue, 19 September 2017 – Scandinavian Focus Group** - 11am to 12 noon, SIGS Library. FREE!

**Tue, 19 September 2017 – German Focus Group** – 1pm to 2pm, at the SIGS Library. FREE!

**Sat. 23 September 2017 – Brick Wall Busters Group** – 10am to 11am at the SIGS Library. FREE!

## SEMINARS, CONFERENCES and SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sat, 9 September 2017 – Fair on 44th Block Party** - 10-2 pm. FREE! Details on Page 3 .

**Sun, 17 September 2017 – Lynnwood-Alderwood Manor Heritage Assoc.** - Annual Chicken Dinner – Fun, prizes, entertainment, CHICKEN – details at <http://www.alderwood.org/events/>

**Sat, 14 October 2017 – Camano Island Genealogy Fair** – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; 795 Eli Road, Camano Island. The Fair's theme is “Fantastic Ancestors and Where to Find Them!” Event is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Free.

**Sat, 21 October 2017 – Seattle Genealogical Society Fall Seminar** – Dick Eastman. For more information, visit the SGS website at <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/>

**Sat, 4 November 2017 – Heritage Quest Research Library Seminar** – Paula Stuart-Warren - 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research. Details at <https://hqrl.com/>

**Wed, 28 February 2018 through Sat, 3 March 2018 – RootsTech 2018** – Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. Read all about it on the RootsTech website – It's NEVER “TOO EARLY” to start thinking about RootsTech!

**SNO-ISLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL  
YEARLY DUES - \$25.00 PER YEAR  
(1 September 2017 through 31 August 2018)**

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Fill out the form, include it with your check and either bring both to the Library OR mail to SIGS, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, 98036.

If you would like a Membership Card mailed to you, please include a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope with this application form and your check.