

# Washington State Genealogical Society

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*Mikal "Mike" A. McKinnon*

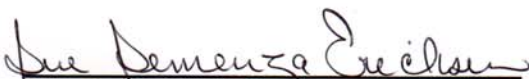
of Richland, Washington

for outstanding efforts in the preservation of important records of genealogical value to the Tri-City Genealogical Society and other researchers interested in the families of Washington State.



Mikal "Mike" McKinnon has been instrumental in collecting and disseminating important data to help researchers in the Tri-City Genealogical Society and elsewhere. He took on co-leadership of the Society's Benton County and Franklin County School Census Transcription Project in 2009. This project was in danger of losing all interested volunteers when he agreed to share the project's leadership role. Mike immediately took the initiative to determine what problems the project had and implement solutions. One of his solutions included acquiring a high-speed large-format scanner to ensure that hand-written census documents were kept in one location and not misplaced. Several times he has looked into problems that volunteers reported having and adapted the project goals or procedures to overcome these challenges. He has provided information from the transcriptions to be published in several of the Society's Bulletins, thus encouraging members to continue to volunteer for the transcription efforts. Due to his untiring determination and flexible leadership, thousands of genealogical data entries have been made available to the public. Mike's efforts to guide this important project back on track are greatly appreciated.

Given this 17th day of September in the year 2011, at the annual meeting of Washington State Genealogical Society at Richland, Washington.



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