

Tri-City Genealogical Society Kennewick – Pasco – Richland WA

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14 March 2018 Monthly Handout — Linda Stephens, Editor – skip6944@aol.com

Benton County PUD

Free Beginner Class 6:15 to 6:45 PM –

Using the FamilySearch Wiki –

Heather Murphy

General Meeting 7:00 PM

14 Mar 2018 — Adoption
Records Research & Personal
Adoption Journey — Jan Seeley
and Erika Young



Welcome New TCGS Members!

LaPriel Dayley

Allen DeHart

Joseph and Diane Hedrick

TCGS currently has 120 members.

FUTURE TCGS EVENTS

Organized by **Art Kelly**, Programs

- 11 Apr 2018 — Tri-Cities Aviation History — Pasco Naval Air Station/Bombing Range — Malin Bergstrom
- 9 May 2018 — Researching WPA Records — Donna Potter Phillips
- 13 Jun 2018 — Hollywood and the Home Front: Tinsel Town's Contribution to World War II — John Jensen

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Annual Spring Seminar

Saturday, 14 Apr 2018 — 9 AM to 4 PM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
7809 Tieton Dr, Yakima WA

Tom Jones will be the speaker at the YVGS annual Spring Seminar. Topics include:

- Finding "Unfindable" Ancestors
- Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was (some reliable and others not reliable)
- Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestor's European Origin
- Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor

For more information, visit <https://yvgs.net/>.

WSGS 2018 Annual Meeting

The Clark County Genealogical Society will host the WSGS Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony at their 2018 Genealogy Conference.

Saturday, 26 May 2018
717 Grand Blvd, Vancouver WA

Speaker will be David Allen Lambert from NeHGS (New England Historic Genealogical Society). Save the date and spread the word! More info coming soon.



NEW TCGS VOLUNTEERS

LaPriel Dayley has volunteered to be our new TCGS Historian, and **Lonnie Forbes** has volunteered to be our new Membership Chairman. Thanks to you both for serving!

Franklin County Historical Museum **Open House Celebration**

305 North 4th Ave, Pasco WA 99301
Noon to 4:00 PM — Free admission
Food will be available for purchase

Saturday, 17 Mar 2018

The Museum was first constructed in 1910 as part of Andrew Carnegie's world-wide library construction program. The high ceilings and dark wood trim create a period atmosphere for this collection of historic artifacts and information. A new library was built in 1962, but later served several different business concerns, ending in a period of abandonment and neglect. In 1980 the Society was offered the opportunity to use the building as its museum. Between 1980 and 1982, the building was beautifully refurbished by volunteers. On 3 Jan 1983, it opened as the Franklin County Historical Museum.

Richland Stake Discovery Day

Saturday, 24 Mar 2018 — 9:00 AM to Noon
Richland Stake Center

1321 Jadwin Avenue, Richland WA

- DNA & Genetic Genealogy — **Margie Beldin**
- Writing Stories and Personal Histories — **Maureen Briscoe**
- Involving Family in Family History with Family Home Evening Ideas and Fun Ideas — **Kristi McShane**
- Scanning/Uploading Pictures and Other Helpful Hints — **Aaron Allen**
- Beginner Class — **John Dearing**
- Descendancy Research — **Wayne Sant**
- Individual help provided by **David McShane, Alisa Anguiano** and **Veronica Anguiano**

No registration is necessary. **Attendance is free** and open to the public!



Griffith's Valuation, 1847-1864

Griffith's Valuation was the first full-scale valuation of property in Ireland. It was overseen by Sir Richard Griffith and is one of the most important surviving 19th century genealogical sources with ±1 million individuals who occupied property during that time. Griffith's Valuation, or Primary Valuation of Ireland, was executed to provide a basis for determining taxes. This involved establishing the value of all privately held lands and buildings in both rural and urban areas in order to figure a rental rate for each unit of property. The resulting survey was arranged by barony and civil parish, with an index to townlands appearing in each volume. The original volumes of the survey are held in the National Archives in Dublin, and Public Record Office in Belfast. Griffith's Valuation is an invaluable reference for family historians with ancestors in Ireland in part because no census material from the 19th century has survived. In effect, because it is the only detailed guide to where in Ireland people lived in the mid-19th century and what property they owned or leased, it serves as a census substitute for the years before, during, and after the Great Famine. It is also a valuable record of social and economic data and includes map reference numbers that can help researchers identify and perhaps locate property on Ordinance Survey maps created before the valuations took place. Because a surname could be transcribed a number of different ways, you should search for your ancestors under more than one spelling. Names with the prefix "Mc" or "Mac" should also be searched in the same manner. An Irish surname may also change over time and from generation to generation. For this reason, if you were searching for the surname "Donald," you would want to search under "O'Donald," "McDonald," "MacDonald," "M'Donald," etc. This is particularly important if your Irish ancestors later lived in the United States because in some cases surname prefixes were dropped at the time of immigration.

If you don't use Ancestry, you can also search at <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>