

# Tri-City Genealogical Society Kennewick – Pasco – Richland WA

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January 2015 Monthly Update — Linda Stephens, Editor – skip6944@aol.com

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Wednesday, 14 January 2015

Kennewick Clover Island Inn

Dinner – 5:30 PM

General Meeting – 7:00 PM

TCGS Speaker – Margie Beldin

Topic – “Before You Jump the Pond  
or Irish and Brickwall Research:  
Strategies for Success”

## TCGS MEMBERS-ONLY CLASS

- “Photo-Editing with Picasa” taught by Al Jensen

If you have suggestions for classes or would like to teach a class, please contact the Education Chair, Margie Beldin at mabeldin@gmail.com. Each class will be announced the night of the general TCGS meeting, and registration details will be sent to the TCGS Member email list following the TCGS general meeting. First-come, first-served will be the order of availability for the nine computer spots. Lecture-format classes will have more seating available.

# Happy New Year!



## WELCOME NEW 2015 OFFICERS!

**PRESIDENT**—John Covey

**VP**—Barbara Christensen

**SECRETARY**—Mary Kay Walker

**TREASURER**—Margaret Dunn

New TCGS Bulletin Editor, Loren Schmid, schmidlc@att.net, needs March edition articles on your family's Easter traditions or “How I Got to the Tri-Cities.”

## HQRL NEWSLETTER WEBSITE



Check out the Heritage Quest Research Library (HQRL) winter newsletter at this website:

<http://hqrl.com/newsletter/index.html>

## FUTURE TCGS PRESENTATIONS

- 18 Feb 2015 – “Native American Ancestry” @ Clover Island (**Note the Feb 18th DATE CHANGE due to the RootsTech/FGS Conference!**)
- 11 Mar 2015 – Brigid Clift, Assistant Regional Archivist, WA State Archives @ Clover Island
- 8 Apr 2015 – Richard Allen – “New items added to the FHC library and how to use some older sources” @ Clover Island

**THANK YOU** to Janis Littlefield, for creating the TCGS QR (quick response) Code! Smartphone users scan these 2-dimensional barcodes to convert info for websites, emails, marketing, comparison shopping, time tracking, product tracking, vehicle manufacturing, etc.



## EVENTS FOR 2015

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Connect.**Explore**.REFRESH

Federation of Genealogical Societies

**February 11-14, 2015**

Salt Lake City, Utah

RootsTech and FGS will share the Expo Hall for access to vendors, the Demo Theater, general sessions, and activities.

### NGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

National Genealogical Society's 37th annual family history conference is 13-16 May 2015, at the Crossroads of America, St. Charles Convention Center in St. Charles, MO. Discount via John Covey @ JCovey@aol.com.

**New Chapter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War forming in Eastern WA**—contact Richard Roddy R\_Roddy@hotmail.com



**WSGS Annual Conference**  
**27 June 2015**

**"A Day with David Rencher"**

Quality Inn Motel  
Ellensburg WA  
phone 509.925.9800

### LOCAL TCGS MINI-CONFERENCE

TCGS is planning a mini-conference for 12 Sep 2015 at the Reata Springs Baptist Church, Richland WA, featuring William W 'Bill' Dollarhide. Bill has authored 120 genealogy articles and 30 books, lectured in 45 states, and been national and state conference speaker in 8 states as well as 600 genealogy societies. **Support is needed from TCGS members!** If you can help with this conference, please contact John Covey—JCovey50@aol.com.

<http://www.preservethepensions.org/>

1812 War Pension

Records are the most requested documents at the National Archives.

But **7.2 million pages** of fragile

documents still need to be digitized! Ancestry.com is matching dollar-for-dollar, so every dollar you give will make 4 more pages free for everyone. At a cost of 45¢/page, a **tax-deductible gift of \$45** + \$45 matching from Ancestry will digitize 200 pages. Contributions can be made in your ancestor's name. To date, 37.52% has been raised! Write your check to TCGS with memo to '1812 Preserve the Pensions,' and give your check to Sandra Floberg, TCGS Librarian, sandrameacham@gmail.com.



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**Dinner – 5:30 PM**

**General Meeting – 7:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker – Aileen Mansfield,  
enrolled member of the Yakima Nation**

**Topic – “Unlocking Native American  
Mysteries in Genealogy Work”**



Write it on your **heart** that every day is the  
**best** day in the year. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## **CHECK OUT THESE WEBINARS!**

<http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/calendar.html>  
GeneaWebinars are online seminars, some of which you have to pay for, but very few. Often the first time they're aired, they are free; thereafter, you may have to belong to the society airing the webinar. Legacy FamilyTree has webinars almost weekly and they're usually posted on the GeneaWebinar calendar. If you weren't at the FGS/RootsTech 2015 conference 11-14 Feb 2015, perhaps you watched the live streaming from the conference. Live streaming is delivered over the Internet as a way for people to watch a live presentation (talk, lecture, seminar, sporting event, etc.) on their computers while it is going on elsewhere. After the live streaming sessions are taped, the archived videos usually are available to watch. In fact, the keynote speakers and some presentations are still available for the 2014 RootsTech conference: <https://rootstech.org/video/>.

## **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

(Eastern Washington new chapter forming)

The SUVCW was established by the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in 1881. A local chapter known as Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3 in Eastern Washington is being headquartered in Kennewick WA. They plan to file their final paperwork with the National organization by the end of February 2015. Once the final paperwork is submitted, no men can be added as Charter Members. For a membership application and further details contact Richard Roddy via email: [R\\_Roddy@hotmail.com](mailto:R_Roddy@hotmail.com)



## EVENTS FOR 2015

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society (YVGS) Spring Seminar with Irish presenters Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Ireland  
Saturday, 28 Mar 2015, 9 AM to 4 PM, Yakima WA  
<http://www.yvgs.net/>

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Whitman County Genealogical Society—WCGS Seminar with Winona Laird and Janet Camarata  
**"Extra! Extra! I Found It in the Newspaper!"**

**"Timelines, Chronologies & Collateral Lines"**

Saturday, 28 Mar 2015, Pullman WA

Contact Sue—aerocraft@completebbs.com or 509.635.1303

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Olympia Genealogical Society—OGS

Spring Seminar with Thomas MacEntee

**"Genealogy—The Future is Now!"**

**"Google for Genealogists"**

**"Social Networking: New Horizons for Genealogists"**

**"After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research"**

Saturday, 28 Mar 2015, Olympia WA

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, ☎ 360.570.0555

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/2015seminarb brochure.pdf>

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Seattle Genealogical Society—SGS

Spring Seminar with C Lynn Andersen

**"Who's Your Daddy? Researching Your Family History in the Mid-South States"**

Saturday, 9 May 2015

Greenwood Senior Center, 525 N 85th St, Seattle WA

<http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/seminars>

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National Genealogical Society—NGS 37th annual family history conference with J Mark Lowe

**"The Tales of Pioneer Paths: Rivers, Roads & Rails"**

13-16 May 2015, St Charles Convention Center, MO

Discount via John Covey @ JCovey@aol.com.

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/national-genealogical-societys-37th-annual-family-history-conference/>

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**TCGS 35th annual trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah**

Sunday 31 May – Sunday 7 Jun 2015

Library hours Mon 8-5; Tue-Fri 8-9; Sat 9-5

Carlton Hotel \$385/wk single; \$445/wk double

Hotel includes breakfast + airport & FHL shuttle

Say 'TCGS' for 1 of the 9 rooms being held when you ☎

1-800/633.500. Contact John Covey—JCovey@aol.com

or [www.carltonhotel-slc.com](http://www.carltonhotel-slc.com)

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<http://www.wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=45>

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Federation of Genealogical Societies—FGS

Friday 28 Aug – Friday 4 Sep 2015, 7-night Alaska

**genealogy Royal Caribbean cruise from Seattle.**

Juneau & Skagway AK and Victoria BC + cruising Inside Passage and Tracy Arm Fjord.

<http://www.fgs.org/>

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Reata Springs Baptist Church, Richland WA

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### **RICHLAND FHC NEWLY ACQUIRED BOOKS**

- Allison Dolan, *The Family Tree*, "Historical Maps Book—A State-by-State Atlas of U.S. History 1790-1900."
- *Family Tree Magazine*, "German Genealogy Cheat Sheet"
- James M Beidler, *The Family Tree*, "German Genealogy Guide—How to Trace Your Germanic Ancestry in Europe," Sep 2013.
- Polk Directory 1982 – Pasco Kennewick Richland including West Richland (Benton and Franklin Counties, Washington).
- Rachal Mills Lennon, "Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes – Southwestern Indians Prior to Removal," 2002.
- R W Reid Descendants, "Robert William Reid – His Life and Story," 2014.

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**General Meeting – 7:00 PM**  
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**Assistant Regional Archivist,**  
**Washington State Archives**

## WASHINGTON STATE ARCHIVE BRANCHES

### **Digital Archives – Online**

[www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/)

### **State Archives – Olympia WA**

[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives\\_state.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives_state.aspx)

### **Northwest Region – Bellingham WA**

[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives\\_northwest.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives_northwest.aspx)

### **Southwest Region – Olympia WA**

[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives\\_southwest.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives_southwest.aspx)

### **Central Region – Ellensburg WA**

[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives\\_central.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives_central.aspx)

### **Eastern Region – Cheney WA**

[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives\\_eastern.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives_eastern.aspx)

### **Puget Sound Region – Bellevue WA**

[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives\\_puget.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives_puget.aspx)

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## **MARCH MEMBERS-ONLY CLASS**

- “Irish Records” — by Margie Beldin

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Go GREEN every month, not just in March!

## **Are These Dates on Your Calendar?**

Washington State Genealogical Society—WSGS  
Annual Conference with David Rencher

### **“A Day with David Rencher”**

► **Saturday, 27 Jun 2015**

Quality Inn, Ellensburg WA; ☎ 509.925.9800

\$55 (includes lunch)

<http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=52>

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TCGS Seminar with Bill Dollarhide  
**“Traveling Through Time”**

► **Saturday, 12 Sep 2015**

Reata Springs Baptist Church, Richland WA

\$35; TCGS member \$26.75

**TCGS still needs volunteers for cleanup!** Contact John Covey at JCovey50@aol.com to volunteer your help.

## **RootsMagic Users Group Meetings**

Family Search Center located on Gage Bldg next to the LDS Temple. Schedule:

Wed, 25 Mar 2015, 7 PM

Thurs, 26 Mar 2015, 1:30 PM

Wed, 29 Apr 2015, 7 PM

Thurs, 30 Apr 2015, 1:30 PM

Wed, 27 May 2015, 7 PM

No meetings in Jun, Jul or Aug, but will resume in Sep. If you or your friends are interested in a 4- to 6-week RootsMagic class starting in Sep 2015, contact Margie Beldin at mabeldin@gmail.com.

**FACT: More indexers are needed** on FamilySearch.org! As of 2015, only 3½% of indexing has been completed worldwide for births, marriages, deaths, military records, probate records, land records, court records, U.S. passenger arrivals, naturalizations, church records, county and local histories. Contact John Covey at JCovey50@aol.com to be a volunteer.

## **Exclusive Scandinavian Records Online**

• **Danish records**—MyHeritage has entered into an agreement with the National Archives of Denmark to digitize and index over 120 million records, including all available Danish census records from 1787-1930 and Parish records from 1646 to 1915. The entire 1930 Danish census (3.5 million records) is available online now. The remaining censuses and Parish records will be released during 2015 and 2016.

• **Swedish Household Examination Rolls, 1880-1920**—The household examination rolls are the primary register of the Swedish church, listing the residents of each parish, their families, and important life events such as births, marriages and deaths. The collection includes 54 million records with 5 million color images of which 22 million records are already available online. The remaining records are scheduled to go online before the end of June 2015.

See <http://blog.myheritage.com/2015/02/myheritage-puts-exclusive-scandinavian-records-online/>.

### **Richland Family History Center**

Hours: Mon/Fri/Sat 9-5

Tues/Wed/Thurs 9-9

1314 Goethals Dr, Richland WA

☎ 509.946.6637

### **Gage Blvd Family Search Center**

Hours: Tues/Wed/Thurs/Sat 10-3

Tues & Wed 6-8:30 PM

895 W Gage Blvd, Richland WA

☎ 509.628.8332

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Wednesday, 8 April 2015  
Kennewick Clover Island Inn  
Dinner – 5:30 PM

General Meeting – 7:00 PM

Speaker – Richard Allen

Topic – “Richland Family History  
Center is a Treasure Trove of  
Information”



## **APRIL MEMBERS-ONLY CLASS**

- “Focus and England and Wales” —  
by Richard Allen — 15 Apr 2015



## **MAY TCGS PRESENTATION**

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## **TCGS Archived Records Contest**

Starting April 2015, Susan Faulkner created a 12-month contest for the best non-internet scanned image submitted via FaceBook each month. Great prizes! <https://www.facebook.com/TriCityGenealogicalSociety>.

## **TCGS Family History Library Trip**

The 35th annual TCGS trip to the Family History Library in SLC will be from Sunday, May 31 to Sunday, June 7 (or less if you prefer only part of the week). Sundays will be the travel days since the FHL is only open Mondays through Saturday. Most people fly on Sunday afternoon and return the following Sunday morning, while others drive there. Library hours are:

Monday 8:00 to 5:00

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 to 9:00

Saturday 9:00 to 5:00

We stay at the Carlton Hotel—just a few blocks from the FHL. Prices are: Single \$385 per week | Double \$445 per week | Triple rooms available. The hotel provides:

- Free breakfast
- Free shuttle service to/from the airport
- Free shuttle service to the FHL

For shorter or longer stays, contact the hotel at 1/800-633-3500 or [www.carltonhotel-slc.com](http://www.carltonhotel-slc.com). 9 rooms have been reserved, so say that you are with TCGS so that they can keep track. Also let John Covey know so he can know who is going. For questions or more information contact him at [jcovey50@aol.com](mailto:jcovey50@aol.com).



## TCGS Seminar \$20 for Members

TCGS Seminar with Bill Dollarhide

### **“Traveling Through Time”**

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\$35; TCGS members \$26

### EVER HEARD OF CHANCERY RECORDS?

Not all courts judge cases the same.

Chancery Courts handle such types

of suits as **divisions of estates,**

**land disputes, divorce petitions,**

**and business partnership issues.**



Some courts decide cases based on written laws and there is no latitude for judicial interpretation since the legal requirements are defined quite clearly. Other courts, however, deal with issues of equity or fairness and these courts are called Chancery Courts (in Virginia and Tennessee, for example), Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions (in North Carolina, for example), or some other name or distinction. According to *Black's Law Dictionary*, justice in these courts is “administered according to fairness, as contrasted with strictly formulated rules of common law.” So, codified law cannot decide these cases readily, and a judge must weigh all the elements and decide what a fair resolution is for the complainants and defendants.

<http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com/what-are-chancery-records-and-why-should-i-use-them/>

### Lineage Societies and War of 1812 Pensions

When a person applies to join a lineage society, that application involves proving his/her direct ancestry back to the ancestor involved in a specific part of history. Groups such as the Colonial Dames, Mayflower Society, The Founders and Patriots of America, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), The General Society War of 1812, National Society U.S. Daughters War of 1812, and others all maintain this requirement for membership. They all have this in common—the lineages must prove to go through or to the War of 1812 generation, one of the more difficult generations to connect. The **Preserve the Pensions Project** to digitize and conserve the War of 1812 pension records at the National Archives is a key to researching in this time period. 50% has been raised! Go to: <http://www.preservethepensions.org/>

## Live-Streaming by NGS

National Genealogical Society is live-streaming ten 2015 Family History Conference lectures (13–16 May 2015, St. Charles, MO). NGS members and others across the U.S. and overseas who are unable to attend the conference in person can view the lectures for 90 days. Sign up for either track or the bundled package that includes both tracks. For further details see: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/attend/live-streaming/>.

- **Track One:** View 5 lectures on “The Immigration & Naturalization Process” from 8:00 AM–5 PM on 14 May 2015. Lectures on immigration and naturalization records, uncovering the immigrants’ story, and useful hints on how to discover their home town.

- **Track Two:** View 5 lectures on “Methodology Techniques” from 8 AM–5 PM, 15 May 2015. Methodology techniques for use with historical context, forensic genealogy, and DNA, as well as problem solving using a combination of resources.

**Registration for live streaming closes at midnight 29 Apr 2015.** All registrants receive an electronic version of the 2015 syllabus, and instructions will be sent to registrants by 13 May 2015. **Discounted Early Bird registration closes on 30 Mar 2015.** You will have 90 days following the conference to view and repeat the live streaming sessions (through 16 Aug 2015).

Track Selection	Included Formats	Member Price	Non-Member Price	Track Descriptions
Track 1 <u>or</u> Track 2	Live Streaming and 3 months access to Track 1 or 2	\$65	\$80	<b>Immigration &amp; Naturalization Process.</b> Five lectures on 14 May 2015, <u>or</u> <b>Methodology Techniques.</b> Five lectures on 15 May 2015.
Bundled Package Track 1 <u>and</u> Track 2	Live Streaming and 3 months access to both tracks	\$115	\$145	<b>Immigration &amp; Naturalization Process.</b> Five lectures on 14 May 2015, <u>and</u> <b>Methodology Techniques.</b> Five lectures on 15 May 2015.

### BGS Spring Seminar in Bend Oregon

Bend Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar is **Saturday, April 25th** at the Bend Golf and Country Club in Bend, Oregon. Guest speaker from HighDefinition Genealogy is Thomas MacEntee, a genealogy blogger at GeneaBloggers and a presenter through webinars and at local, state and national conferences. If you're going to be in Bend, you'll have a very fun and productive day. Email [bgs@bendbroadband.com](mailto:bgs@bendbroadband.com).



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**Speakers – Show-and-Tell with TCGS  
Members**



## **MEMBERS-ONLY CLASSES**

- *Success Skills for (free!) FamilySearch* by Carol Devine — 20 May 2015
- *Social Media: Using Pinterest* by Elise Steele — 17 Jun 2015
- *Online Newspaper Research* by John Covey — 19 Aug 2015
- *Ancestry & FamilySearch as Research Partners* by Carol Devine — 16 Sep 2015
- *Probate Records Online* by John Covey — 21 Oct 2015
- *Add Stories, Photos & Life Sketch to FamilySearch* by Carol Devine — 18 Nov 2015
- *U.S. Online Research* by Susan Faulkner — 16 Dec 2015

## **JUNE TCGS PRESENTATION**

10 Jun 2015 Kathy Sizer, President of Yakima Valley Genealogical Society @ Clover Island — “Why Join a Genealogical Society?”

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Washington State Genealogical Society

WSGS Annual Conference

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David is the Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch  
Past-President of Federation of Genealogical Societies

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## **WHAT IS A WEBINAR, ANYWAY?**

It's a web-based or online seminar, that one can 'attend' from home (see explanation of how webinars work): <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/how-it-works.html>. Webinars are other tools to increase your genealogical knowledge without leaving home. TCGS has purchased several DVDs of webinars produced by Legacy FamilyTree that can be found at the Richland Family History Center. Go to the left of the computers on the first floor, main room:

- #941: “Plan Your Way to Success” by Marian Pierre-Louis
- #944: “Building a Family from Circumstantial Evidence” by Judy Russell
- #945: “Building a Research Toolbox” by Thomas MacEntee
- #946: “The 5 Cs for Success in Genealogy Today” by Barbara Renick

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

12th Annual Seminar

### **“Genealogy – It's All About Life”**

19 Sep 2015 8 AM - 4:00 PM

Mount Vernon Senior Citizens Center

1401 Cleveland St, Mount Vernon WA

*featuring Jill Morelli & Mary Kathryn Kozy*

[www.skagitvallegenealogy.org](http://www.skagitvallegenealogy.org)

Jill Morelli 9:00 AM ***Just Do it! Writing Your Family History*** — We all do this...procrastinate about writing our family history. We think we will wait until we are done, but we're never done! We need to "Just Do It!" This presentation gives a myriad of options about how you too can write your family history, even if you are not done. The options will inspire you to start writing—guaranteed.

1:00 PM ***My Top Ten Tech Tools I Really Use — and So Can You!*** — Useful tools that work for me that I would like to share with you, presenting my "Top Ten Tech Tools." These are tools that I really use, not ones I think I should use. You may find them helpful for your research as well.

Mary Kathryn Kozy 10:30 AM ***Researching In Newspapers*** — Three lines in a small-town newspaper could break through your brick wall. Newspapers were the lifeblood of many communities. They carried everything from national and international happenings right down to the fact that James Jones' cousin Lucy was in town to visit! Births, deaths, marriages, court cases, criminal activity, scandal and the social whirl: all can be found in local newspapers. Learn how to find and search these records online.

2:30 PM ***Google and Its Genealogy Tools*** — Google is a great search engine for genealogy, but it is so much more! Other Google tools can be of great help to the family historian. We'll take a look at three of these. Use GoogleEarth to unearth information about where your ancestors lived; Learn about how you can meet others who are like-minded (and maybe even related!) on Google+. Discover how Google Drive can kick your research into gear through collaboration.

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“Why Join a Genealogical Society?  
Why Attend Meetings?”



## **MEMBERS-ONLY CLASSES**

- *Social Media: Using Pinterest* by Elise Steele —17 Jun 2015
- *Online Newspaper Research* by John Covey —19 Aug 2015
- *Ancestry & FamilySearch as Research Partners* by Carol Devine —16 Sep 2015
- *Probate Records Online* by John Covey —21 Oct 2015
- *Add Stories, Photos & Life Sketch to FamilySearch* by Carol Devine — 18 Nov 2015
- *U.S. Online Research* by Susan Faulkner —16 Dec 2015

## **FUTURE TCGS EVENTS**

- July 2015 — No TCGS meeting
- 12 Aug 2015 — Picnic at the home of John Covey and Anne Nolan, 2163 Clearview Ave in Richland WA. Bring your own meat plus either a salad, dessert or appetizer to share. TCGS will provide plates, silverware, napkins, etc.
- 12 Sep 2015 — **Traveling Through Time**, a Saturday TCGS Seminar with Bill Dollarhide at Reata Springs Baptist Church @ 2881 Leslie Rd in Richland WA. Give payments to Margaret Dunn: \$35; TCGS member \$26.75

## **TCGS Archived Document Contest**

Congratulations to Ray Baalman as the May 2015 winner of the Archived Document Contest. He submitted two documents from 1700s France and provided a valuable lesson not to overlook the importance of witnesses at baptisms and marriages. They are often relatives and can give important clues about where to look next. Ray's prize is an annual subscription to [www.Newspapers.com](http://www.Newspapers.com) with access to 3,600+ newspapers. <https://www.facebook.com/TriCityGenealogicalSociety>.



Washington State Genealogical Society  
WSGS Annual Conference  
**“A Day with David Rencher  
on Strategies and Visions  
for the Future”**

► **Saturday, 27 Jun 2015**

David is the Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch  
Past-President of Federation of Genealogical Societies

Quality Inn, Ellensburg WA

☎ 509.925.9800

\$55 (includes lunch)

<http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=52>

**Free, Week-Long Seminar for Beginning  
and Intermediate Genealogists**

12-16 Oct 2015

The Family History Library, 35 NW Temple,  
Salt Lake City UT 84120

Classes start at 8:30 AM MDT

Limited to 50 participants

**15 of the 30 classes offered as Webinars**

The Family History Library and the Research Specialists of the U.S. and Canada Reference team are offering a free, never-before-offered, week-long seminar in Salt Lake City. The focus will be exclusively U.S. research; and classes will be ideal for beginning and intermediate genealogists interested in learning about U.S. records, FamilySearch resources, and Family History Library collections. For more info and to register for the free course, see: [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Research\\_Seminar](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Research_Seminar).

**Webinar Links:**

**12 Oct 2015, Monday**

1:30 PM-2:30 PM, Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch's Historical Records Collection  
2:45 PM-3:45 PM, FamilySearch Research Wiki  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM, Using the Family History Library Catalog

**13 Oct 2015, Tuesday**

8:30 AM-9:30 AM, U.S. Census  
9:45 AM-10:45 AM, U.S. Census Techniques and Strategies for Finding Elusive Ancestors  
11:00 AM-12 Noon, Finding Your Ancestors in Vital Records

**14 Oct 2015, Wednesday**

8:30 AM-9:30 AM, U.S. Court Records  
9:45 AM-10:45 AM, Immigration into the U.S.  
11:00 AM-12 Noon, U.S. Naturalization

**15 Oct 2015, Thursday**

1:30 PM-2:30 PM, U.S. Newspaper Research: News You Can Use  
2:45 PM-3:45 PM, Overview of American Indian Research  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM, Beginning African-American Research: Post 1865

**16 Oct 2015, Friday**

8:30 AM-9:30 AM, Descendancy Research  
9:45 AM-10:45 AM, Solving Tough Research Problems  
11:00 AM-12 Noon, Some People Really Need to Get a Clue! Document Analyzation and Evaluation

**AutumnQuest 2015** will be held at the Faith Covenant Church in Sumner, WA, on Saturday, 10 Oct 2015. The topic is "Finding Women from Your Past" featuring 4 great speakers. Attendance limited to 120. \$60 (includes lunch).

☎ 253-863-1806

[www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html](http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html) For Registration form:

[www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/registration.html](http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/registration.html)



In Apr 2015, 20,477 digitized **War of 1812** pension application pages were added to Fold3.com, and

applications for **surnames A→L are now available to be searched for FREE**. We are 63% through this project. Help to preserve these applications and make them FREE forever for everyone. If you haven't donated, write a check to **Preserve the Pensions Project** to digitize and conserve these valuable but fragile War of 1812 pension records.  
<http://www.preservethepensions.org/>

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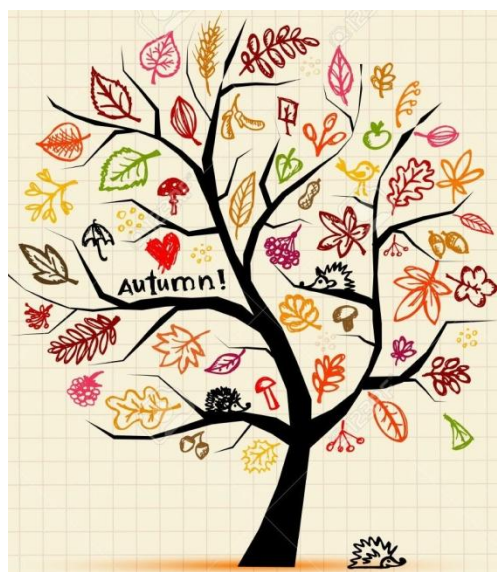
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**Wednesday, 14 Oct 2015**  
**Kennewick Clover Island Inn**  
**Dinner – 5:30 PM**  
**General Meeting – 7:00 PM**  
**Speaker – Carol Buswell, NARA**  
**Education Specialist Webinar**



## **MEMBERS-ONLY CLASSES**

- *Probate Records Online* by John Covey  
—21 Oct 2015
- *Add Stories, Photos and Life Sketches to FamilySearch* by Carol Devine  
—18 Nov 2015
- *U.S. Online Research* by Susan Faulkner  
—16 Dec 2015

## **FUTURE TCGS EVENTS**

- Veterans Day November 11th-  
Annual Dinner Meeting at Isla Bonita  
Restaurant
- 9 Dec 2015 Expanded Show and Tell  
Program by TCGS members

## **TCGS Archived Document Contest**

All records that pertain to your family are NOT online. To prove this, TCGS started a 12-month contest that began April 2015. If you have a record that you have obtained other than online downloading, you can post a scanned image of the document on the TCGS Facebook page. Explain how you obtained the document and how it pertains to your research.

1. Go to the TCGS Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/TriCityGenealogicalSociety>
2. In the second column click on "Photo/Video" to upload your scanned document image.
3. After your document has uploaded, click in the box around your uploaded picture and type your explanation.
4. Click on "Post."

Congratulations to these 2015 summer winners:

- **JAN NORMAN won the June prize** with her Indiana research finding letters between her 3rd great grand uncle and his Civil War active military nephews. Her prize was a 1-year subscription to Backblaze which provides continual online backup service.
- The **July winner was LARRY BAFUS** who entered research about his 3rd great grandfather and his posting as an Indian Agent. Larry received a free registration to the TCGS William Dollarhide seminar.
- The **winner for August was JOHN COVEY** with an entry of his 8th great grandfather's baptismal record which he found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake. He received a certificate for a subscription to Internet Genealogy.
- **MINA JO PAYSON was the September winner** after finding a digitized copy of a marriage certificate at the Ellensburg archives showing that a great grandfather had married his housekeeper 6 years after his first wife died. With both named Sarah they wouldn't have known about the second marriage. Her prize was a 1-year subscription to Mocavo, a FindMyPast company.

**TCGS Monthly Meeting Venue Change?**  
Board members have received complaints about holding the monthly general meeting at the Clover Island Inn due to insufficient lighting, hard to hear the speaker, difficult to see the screen because of the way the tables are set up, and not wanting to come to dinner because the food isn't very good. The Board is discussing pros and cons of holding the TCGS meeting in another location and is looking for other venues.

#### **JOIN US FOR INDEXING IN OCT & NOV**

John Covey will be at the Richland Family History Center if volunteers need help doing indexing. Try it as a way to give back your thanks for all the documents you find online:

- Monday, 26 Oct 2015 @ 3:00 PM
- Thursday, 29 Oct 2015 @ 7:00 PM
- Monday, 16 Nov 2015 @ 3:00 PM
- Thursday, 19 Oct 2015 @ 7:00 PM
- Monday, 30 Nov 2015 @ 3:00 PM

## rootstech 2016

RootsTech is the largest family history conference in the world! This 6th annual global conference, "**Celebrate Families Across Generations**," includes more than 200 different classes with world-wide experts teaching the latest tricks and techniques on how to track down ancestors and preserve your family stories. Activities begin at the annual Opening Night Social on Thursday, 4 Feb 2016 at 6:00 PM. The closing event with entertainment is Saturday, 6 Feb 2016 at 5:00 PM. **Early Bird discount closes 15 Oct 2015.** Register at <https://rootstech.org/register?lang=eng>.

**NOTE:** The LDS Church is sponsoring a RootsTech Family Discovery Day on 7 Nov 2015 at the Pasco Stake Center, 4305 Crescent Rd.

## CATHOLIC PARISH REGISTER MICROFILMS OF IRELAND

### AVAILABLE ON-LINE FOR FREE!

The entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms held by the National Library of Ireland is now available online, and for free. With this database, people with Irish Catholic ancestors will be to trace their roots back to the 1740's on a dedicated website free of charge. Over 370,000 digital images of the microfilm reels will be available for download. These parish register records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. The documents, primarily baptismal and marriage records, date from the 1740s to the 1880s and encompass 1,086 parishes throughout Ireland. For more information, visit [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie). For more on the launch follow the hashtag #ancestorsonline or follow @NLIreland on Twitter. To use this site, one must know the parish or diocese where their ancestor lived. It is not possible to search the site for a particular individual or surname. The site includes a great, interactive map of the counties and dioceses of Ireland.

## ONLINE KING COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS AVAILABLE

One of the many new FamilySearch online databases is Washington State, King County Probate Records, 1851-1927. This database consists of images of probate records, arranged and filmed in chronological order; currently it contains nearly 34,000 images of probate records from 1861-1893, with the expectation of more records being added as they are digitized and uploaded. For URL, go to: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1878788>



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**Wednesday, 11 Nov 2015**

**Isla Bonita Restaurant**

**Richland, Washington**

**Dinner – 6:00 PM**

## **Annual Business Meeting**

Tonight's agenda includes voting on a change in the By-Laws to delete prorated dues, election of President and Vice President, approval of 2016 budget, annual summary updates by committee chairs + awards.



## **FUTURE TCGS EVENTS**

- 9 Dec 2015 Expanded Show-and-Tell Program by TCGS members
- 13 Jan 2016 — TBD
- 10 Feb 2016 — TBD
- 9 Mar 2016 — TBD
- 13 Apr 2016 — TBD

## **MEMBERS-ONLY CLASSES**

- *Add Stories, Photos and Life Sketches to FamilySearch* by Carol Hansen Devine —18 Nov 2015
- *U.S. Online Research* by Susan Faulkner —16 Dec 2015

If you haven't attended one of the monthly Members-Only Classes taught by Carol Devine, you will want to sign up for the class she's teaching this month. Each class is announced the night of the monthly TCGS meeting, and registration details are sent to the TCGS Member email list following the meeting. First-come, first-served will be the order of availability for the 9 computer spots that are available; but lecture-format classes will have more seating available. If you have suggestions for classes or would like to teach a class, please contact the Education Chair, Margie Beldin at mabeldin@gmail.com. Some highlights of Carol's class this month include:

- Preserve your memories and family lore in stories attached to person pages
- Help others identify the people in their historic photos by sharing your own
- Add a photo from Ancestry to your person in FamilySearch
- Change or correct a cameo portrait on a person page
- Link a single group photo to person pages of those it includes
- Use photos to quickly go to person pages in your tree
- Bring the dates and places to life through a Life Sketch summary biography
- Receive written step-by-step guides supporting these skills

Bring your list of specific photo challenges for some hands-on help after class.



## OUR FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

### TCGS ARCHIVED DOCUMENT CONTEST

There were four entries submitted for October 2015. The judges have made their decision, and the winner will be announced tonight at the annual business meeting. If you have a record that you have obtained other than online downloading, you can post a scanned image of the document on the TCGS Facebook page. Explain how you obtained the document and how it pertains to your research.

### JOIN US FOR INDEXING IN NOV & DEC

Try it; you'll like it! Come donate 1½ hours with John Covey and other indexing volunteers at the Richland Family History Center. You'll learn what goes into making those online documents you find accessible.

Monday, 16 Nov 2015 @ 3:00 PM

Thursday, 19 Nov 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Monday, 30 Nov 2015 @ 3:00 PM

Wednesday, 2 Dec 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Monday, 14 Dec 2015 @ 3:00 PM

Thursday, 17 Dec 2015 @ 7:00 PM

## War of 1812

### Pension

### Digitization

### Project



The National Archives reports that War of 1812 original pension records are among the most requested documents. These valuable records are fragile and in danger of deterioration. Ancestry.com has generously stepped up and agreed to pay to digitize half of the 7.2 million pages of War of 1812 pension files. As these valuable historical documents are digitized, they will be made available to all at no cost, and the original pension files can be retired to much less active use. At a cost of 45¢ per digitized page, your tax-deductible gift of \$45 would normally digitize 100 pages, but with the help of Ancestry.com it will digitize 200 pages. Every dollar donated will go twice as far, and your contributions can be made in the name of your ancestor. **Have you donated yet to help with this important project?** Write checks to TCGS with memo to '1812 Preserve the Pensions,' and give your check to Sandra Floberg. For more information, see <http://www.preservethepensions.org/>



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## **Kennewick Clover Island Inn**

**Dinner – 5:30 PM**

**General Meeting – 7:00 PM**

**TCGS Expanded Show-and-Tell**

**by Margaret Dunn, Art Kelly,  
Pam Keller and Walt Wood**



## **FUTURE TCGS EVENTS**

- 13 Jan 2016 — Major Mike Inman, WA Civil War Association – Civil War Medical Department Re-enactment
- 10 Feb 2016 — Stacia Gunderson - Cemetery History and Symbolism
- 9 Mar 2016 — TBD
- 13 Apr 2016 — TBD

## **MEMBERS-ONLY CLASS**

- 16 Dec 2015 — *How to use the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) website* by Susan Davis Faulkner

## **NEW TCGS MEETING VENUE APPROVED**

Bill Floberg, Art Kelly & Walt Wood met on 9 Nov 2015 with staff at Charbonneau Retirement Center (independent senior living), and Walt advised them of the TCGS Board action and desire to hold our 2016 monthly meetings there starting Jan 13th. They are excited about our decision and look forward to working with TCGS. A flyer was discussed for Charbonneau to post for their residents and a sign-up sheet for their residents who want to learn about TCGS and meet with us. A schedule was provided so they would know the 2016 dates that TCGS will not be meeting there. There is no charge to TCGS for use of these facilities. A 60-inch flat screen is available for presentations plus open access to WIFI. There are enough chairs and tables to accommodate 50 to 75 people, and Charbonneau will set up the room however we want. They will also provide juice and coffee. The room could be available from approximately 6:00 to 9:00 PM so there is an opportunity for pre-meeting classes and/or socialization. Parking should not be a problem. Charbonneau's address is:

**8264 W Grandridge Blvd  
Kennewick WA**



## TCGS ARCHIVED DOCUMENT CONTEST

The Oct 2015 prize of a 1-year TCGS membership went to **Loren Schmid** with his entry that disproved a tall-tale family legend about a distant Civil War relative who wasn't as tall as heard tell. **Susan Davis Faulkner** got the Nov 2015 prize of a 2-hour *Stories To Tell* gift certificate based on a marriage record for her 4th great grandparents that she obtained from the Lauderdale County Alabama Probation Office.

## NEW TCGS VOLUNTEERS

**Pam Keller** is the new TCGS Historian. Janis Littlefield has already shown her binders of TCGS historical information stored in the Richland Family History Center basement, and Pam will be keeping these up-to-date. **Art Kelly** has taken on the creative responsibility of Program Chairman and will be coordinating the monthly speakers for our TCGS meetings.

## DECEMBER 2015 INDEXING

Richland Family History Center

1314 Goethals, Richland WA

Monday, 14 Dec 2015 @ 3:00 PM

Thursday, 17 Dec 2015 @ 7:00 PM

**rootstech**  **2016**

**Don't Miss the Largest Family History Event in the World**

*3-6 Feb 2016 (Wed/Thur/Fri/Sat)*

**Salt Palace Convention Center, SLC, Utah**

This event offers you more than 200 classes ranging from using social media as a family history resource to the most recent discoveries in DNA research. There is something for you, regardless of your experience in family history or your skill in technology, including interactive booths to assist in your family history journey. Keynote speakers who are well known industry experts, entertainers, and authors will inspire and entertain you to discover, share, and connect with family stories.

## **2016 TCGS BOARD MEMBERS**

Walt Wood – President

Bill Floberg – Vice President

Mary Kay Walker – Secretary

Margaret Dunn – Treasurer

### ***Volunteer Needed – Education***

Cody Allen – Finance and Budget

Sandra Floberg – Librarian

Lawrence & Corliss Clay – Membership

Janis Littlefield – Publications

Susan Faulkner – Publicity

Veronica Anguiano – Research



The International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies (IAJGS) conference will be held in Seattle from 7-12 Aug 2016. The conference theme is "The Wandering Jew." Registration begins 3 Jan 2016, with early bird discounts through 30 Apr 2016. Proposals for presentations will be accepted until 15 Dec 2015. Go to: <http://www.iajgs2016.org>.

**Merry CHRISTmas**



**Happy Hanukkah**