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asked to speak regularly on topics related to DNA, FamilySearch, and technology as it applies to genealogy research.

Mary has served in a number of positions in several local societies and on the state level. She is the recent Past-President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State, supports the USGenweb project and FamilySearch Indexing. She is currently enrolled in the ProGen Study program and plans to seek certification.

Visit her website at <http://www.marykozy.net/>

**LCGS MEETINGS**

**September 20, 2016:** Meeting is at 7 pm with doors open at 6:30 pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532

**Mary Kathryn Kozy**, will present “**Can You Help Me Find My Cousins? Understanding Autosomal DNA**”.

Mary Kathryn Kozy has been working on her own family history for over 35 years and speaking for over 10 years. She has researched families from many locations, and is



**2016 MEETING CALENDAR**

**Board Meetings**

*Tues, Sept 6, 2016 at 10AM St. Johns*

*Tues, Nov 1, 2016 at 10AM St. Johns*

**Membership Meetings**

*Tues, Sept 20, 2016 at 7PM at St. Johns*

*Tues, Oct 18, 2016 at 7PM at St. Johns*

*Tues, Nov 15, 2016 at 6PM at St. Johns – Annual Potluck & Show & Tell Meeting*

*All meetings are open to the public.*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER BETH BROWN!**

## EVENTS, SEMINARS. . .

**August 7-12, 2016, 36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy**, Sheraton Hotel, Seattle, WA. Complete info at <http://www.iajgs2016.org/>

**August 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2016, Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society's Northwest Genealogy Conference.** Byrnes Performing Arts Center, Arlington, WA. Info at <http://www.stillygen.org/cpage.php?pt=50> and

**September 23 & 24, 2016. Ancestry Day** in Tacoma at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center, 1500 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402. Presented by Washington Secretary of State, Washington State Historical Society and Ancestry.com. Some of the Friday sessions will include Mary Kathryn Kozy – “Tracing People through Time and Space Using Timelines”; Tracy Rebstock, Washington State Archives, Olympia – “Looking for Family in all of the Wrong Places”; Lynette Miller, Washington State Historical Society Research Center – TBD; Kathryn Devine, Washington State Library – “Yesterday’s News: The Paper Route to your Ancestors”. The Saturday session will be presented entirely by Ancestry.com. See informational flier in this issue.

**September 24, 2016, Puget Sound Genealogical Society**, Poulsbo, WA, Thomas MacEntee. “**A Day of Discovery with Thomas MacEntee**”. Topics include Managing the Genealogical Data Monster, Successful Collateral & Cluster Searching, Mapping Your Genealogy: From A to Z and In-Between, Internet Archive: A Gold Mine for Genealogists. More info at <http://www.pusogensoc.org/psgs/seminar-2016/>

**October 8, 2016, Heritage Quest Research Library**, Sumner, WA presents **Autumn Quest 2016; “Enriching Research Through Library Sources”**. Keynote speaker **Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF**. Curt is Genealogy Center Manager at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Complete information at [www.hqrl.com](http://www.hqrl.com)

**October 15 & 16, 2016, GenForum of Oregon**, Portland, OR, **D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS**. The Web, the World and YOU!, Evaluation & Documenting Online Sources, Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the US Between 1780 and 1830, Putting it Together: A Case Study. Complete info at <http://www.gfo.org/seminar/index.htm>

*If you know of a seminar or event of interest to members of our society, please e-mail your newsletter editor.*

## WSGS Communicates: News from the Blog...

Here are some recent highlights from our Washington State Genealogical Society blog...

### Serendipity... by Donna Potter Phillips

Patricia Bayonne-Johnson, president of the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, and her team of helpers have been working on a monumental project. Pat’s ancestors were sold as slaves in 1838 by the Jesuits in Maryland to Louisiana to help finance Georgetown University. The president of Georgetown University came to Spokane last month to meet with Pat! Here’s the link to the story:

<http://www.thehoya.com/in-a-first-degioia-meets-with-descendant-of-slaves-sold-by-georgetown-in-1838/>

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“**O Canada!**” This is the title of the Canadian national anthem..... are you chasing Canadian ancestors? In a blog post of 6 Jun 2016, the Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell, shared some super Canadian research websites, things beyond Library & Archives Canada. Here’s what she taught us in that posting:

- [Canadiana.ca](http://www.canadiana.ca) — collections include Early Canadiana Online and more
- Dictionary of Canadian Biography, University of Toronto – a collection of nearly 8500 biographies of persons of significance to Canada
- [CanadaGenWeb.org](http://www.canadagenweb.org) – like our United States GenWeb
- [cangenealogy.com](http://www.cangenealogy.com) – Dave Obee’s directory of genealogy sites in Canada

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I was privileged to be in the audience learning from Paula Stuart-Warren last month at the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society’s conference. She taught us so much and I could fill up this entire post with her pearls. But I will limit myself to four wonderful quotes from Paula:

1. "Not everything in a book is correct and not all books are digitized; we DO still need libraries, so GO to your library!"
2. "Which is more important, preservation or sharing? Which deserves your best effort?" Paula was speaking here about how to organize your family history and what to do with all that information and "stuff."
3. "If you don't belong to a local genealogical society where you live, you're missing out on the best help there is."
4. "How much time do you spend RE-searching....chasing "shiny objects or looking at the same record over and over....because you are un-organized??"

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"Are you taking advantage of all the videos posted on YouTube related to genealogy and family history research?" This question was asked in the *UpFront with NGS* blog back on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Did you realize that just like TV channels (NBC, ABC, CBS, etc) you have genealogy channels on YouTube..... you have LOC (Library of Congress), NARA (National Archives), LVA (Library of Virginia), FamilySearch and Ancestry, just for some examples. The NGS posting-person continued: "Something I like about videos is that I can listen to them in the background as I am doing other work. Then, if something catches my ear, I can pull up the viewer, rewind and then actually "watch" a segment of interest."  
**Something new for us to consider.**

**You can sign up to receive WSGS blog posts via email at <http://wasgs.org/blog/>.**



***Conference Tip:** Before going to a genealogy conference, make up business cards or small handouts at home with your name and contact information and your areas of research or interests. This way you will be able to easily share personal information with other attendees you wish to keep in contact with. When you get home from your conference, make notes on the back of the cards you received so you will be reminded of you who was who, topics discussed, etc.*

## Websites to Check Out

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### Editor's Note

Your link suggestions are always appreciated. Please e-mail them to your newsletter editor at [LesleeD@minerallake.com](mailto:LesleeD@minerallake.com)

## Lewis County Historical Museum Obituaries Index Now On-line

I got word from Sandi Gaffney that the Lewis County Historical Museum's obituary collection from 1880 to 2016 is now on-line. According to the website, this vast collection was indexed by Sandi Gaffney, Debra Klinier, Judy Kalich, & Carol Wood.

The Lewis County Historical Museum preserves thousands of records in trust for the preservation of Lewis County history.

Copies of obituaries can be ordered from the museum at the cost of \$5.00 with each additional obituary at \$1.00 and are delivered electronically. If you wish the copies to be mailed to you an additional \$1.00 is added to the order. Complete ordering information can be found on their website at <http://www.lewiscountymuseum.org/research-library/obituary-database/>.

According to the Spring 2016 “The Lewis County Historian”, the Biography Collection is also on-line, but at the time of this writing, it did not appear to be functioning but I expect it will be soon. Keep checking!

### **LCGS Members Receive WSGS State Conference Recognition**

Patricia Olsen, LCGS Programs Chairman was selected by The Lewis County Genealogical Society as their recipient of a WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Award. She was selected for her commitment to providing quality educational programs for the society.

For the past two years, Ms. Olsen has single-handedly arranged for meeting program speakers

with no assistance. Traveling to various genealogical events around Washington and Oregon so she is up-to-date on new research techniques, technologies, databases, and presenters, she evaluated speakers and subjects based on what she thought would be the most popular and useful to the LCGS members. After agreement by the society, she would finalize arrangements, including logistics, resulting in a diverse group of speakers and topics.

Leslee Dunlap, Leslie Parnell, Patricia Olsen, Joann Hulse, Sam McReynolds, Margie Lloyd and Pam Hopwood were selected by The Lewis County Genealogical Society as recipients of a WSGS Outstanding Team Award for their work on the Ulster Workshop Team.

Braving significant financial risk by the small society, the workshop team took on the herculean task of hosting the Ulster Historical Foundation on one of the only 12 stops on its 2016 North American tour. Members of the team worked countless hours advertising the event, coordinating with the host facility, arranging door prizes and making decorations for the event. As a result of their efforts, nearly 100 enthusiastic attendees enjoyed a day of learning and discovery.

Patty accepted the awards on behalf of all of us at the conference and presented us with the certificates at the June 21<sup>st</sup> LCGS meeting.



## **Genealogy Immigration/Migration: Methodology of how to find the origin of your immigrant ancestors**

*By Barry J. Ewell, Genealogy by Barry, December 22, 2015, Reprinted with permission.*

Genealogy is a process, a methodology, for finding our ancestors. There are many tools available, but knowing what to use and when to use the tool makes the biggest difference.

I remember many years ago when I was a Boy Scout, a member of our troop became lost. The first thing many of us did was rush right out and start looking in the wilderness and calling out his name. We had no record of who had gone where or what—if anything—was found. Any evidence that may have been

found was trampled over. When evening came, we built large bonfires, hoping he might see us in the dark. As the morning came, we gathered as a troop and discussed what we remembered and what we knew about his last whereabouts. Next, we formed ourselves into groups led by an adult, with one adult being the coordinator of our efforts. Each group was assigned a specific area or quadrant to search. When we searched each quadrant, we either found a clue of where he might be or where he wasn't. As the day wore on, we found him asleep on the trail not more than a mile from camp, a happy ending. The happy ending resulted not from our hurry and scurry of the previous day but from a systematic method of searching that began the next morning. The same principle applies in genealogy research—an organized, systematic search will yield better results than frantic, disorganized looking. This section describes an organized, useful approach to finding your ancestors through immigration records.

### **1. Identify important information to know about your ancestor.**

What do you know about your ancestor? Gather and review all the documents you have relating to your ancestor. I like to develop a spreadsheet that allows me to record each piece of information by date. The following are a few questions to get you started on reviewing the information you currently have:

What is the full name of the ancestor? Was the name changed when they came to America? If yes, identify what the name was before it was changed.

- Name of ancestor
- Name changes—both given and surnames

What are the names of immediate family?

- Names of the parents and their birth places
- Names of siblings
- Name of spouse(s)
- Names of children
- Common names given to family members

Identify the name of friends and relatives that are associated with your ancestor in American and in the country of origin. It is a great help in making sure you have found your ancestor when you find them together with these associated people in the country from which they immigrated.

- Names of family and friends with whom they associated.

Identify an event associated with your ancestor (such as birth, christening, or marriage) which occurred in the country of origin. List the date, month, and year—be as specific as possible. I have found, especially in Scandinavian research, many individuals may have the same name, and the only way to tell them apart is by the event date.

- Birth date and locality

What was the country of origin? Do you have the name of a village, town, and county? This can be the most difficult piece of information to secure.

- Localities lived in
- Geographical clues
- Historical clues

Was the ancestor really the first one to come to America? I have found cases when my ancestor was a member of the family that came to America.

What other information do you have?

- Documents in your possession
- Information about culture and religion
- Time period of immigration
- Family stories and traditions
- Family heirlooms

## **2. Start a profile and timeline for your ancestor.**

Take the information you know and begin a written profile and timeline. Use an existing form or create one of your own to help track your ancestor's information and what you find. Make sure you also document where you find the information you record, because the need will always arise to review at least one of your data points to confirm or search deeper for information. I believe you should record any and all information you learn about your ancestor no matter how insignificant you consider it. Not only will it help in your search but, once you find the ancestor, it will also help in writing family histories. The following are the types of information you should be looking for and recording:

- Name of ancestor
- Name changes—both given names and surnames
- Names of parents and their birth places
- Names of siblings
- Name of spouse(s)
- Names of children
- Common names given to family members
- Names of family and friends with whom they associated
- Birth date and locality
- Localities lived in
- Geographical clues
- Historical clues
- Documents in your possession
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At this point, you should be able to clearly see some trends in your ancestor's life. The types of documents you are able to find are dependent upon where and in what time frame they lived. Double-check that you've reviewed every document you have on your ancestor; this includes letters, diaries, and photographs in your own files and in the possession of your relatives. Check online message boards for correspondence that you may not be aware of concerning research on this family line. Your ancestor's life is recreated one event at a time.

Now that you have your information written down, develop a timeline starting from their death and moving toward their birth (reverse chronological order). What do you see? Are any trends apparent? What don't you see? What gaps do you see in the information? Write down all the questions you still need and want to answer. No question is too small or "off limits."

Don't forget to include items such as histories, sketches, photographs, letters, and diaries as part of your search. Documents can be online, in libraries, or in a distant cousin's file.

### **3. Start your document and record search in America.**

Once you are fairly certain about which ancestor you are going to search for, begin in America to find records that will provide and confirm important information about your ancestor and lead you to where you should look for records from your ancestor's country of origin.

Based on the time period in which your ancestor lived, outline some of the documents that might exist for your ancestor and where they might be located. This will help fill in the gaps in your timeline and answer your questions. Start with the paper trail you already have for your ancestor. You won't be looking for a birth certificate if your ancestor's life predates civil registration. Start with the basics—birth, marriage, and death records; church documents; indentures; land records; court records; and, of course, immigration materials.

Try to find at least two records, more if possible, of your ancestors to help confirm and corroborate information provided. Throughout your search, you will be exposed to resources that range from oral discussions to information that you find in print, online, and on other types of media (such as CDs, tapes, or microfilm). It is important to always ask questions such as the following:

- What is fact? What is suspicious?
- Did I search for the entire family?
- Did I search a broad time period in this record?
- Did I search a wide enough geographical area?
- Did I search every location they lived in that is covered by this record?
- Did I search variant spellings of names in this record?
- Did I search for and record neighbors, family, and friends found in this record?
- Did I search for and use indexes?
- Do I understand this resource or record's intention, what it offers, how it's put together, and its limitation?

As you gather and review information, continue to add to your current ancestor profile and timeline. Keep a detailed log of where you have been and what sources you have used. As you continue the search, you will check off questions that have been answered and add new questions to research based on your findings. Keeping this list up-to-date is vital to keeping your research focused and helping to shed light at times when you need inspiration.

### **4. Review and Learn about Immigration Patterns**

One of the most important factors in finding our ancestors is immigration research. Look at immigration from a historian's point of view rather than from the genealogical point of view.

As a genealogist, you wonder why your ancestors migrated. You look for clues that might direct you to their birthplace in their country of origin. As genealogists, the first thing we do is start searching through deeds, wills, bible records, and other such documents. Documents can tell that your ancestor sold his property from one person to another, but it does not tell why he moved from Virginia to Tennessee.

As a historian, you're trying to understand what your ancestors did and why. You seek to understand immigration patterns of the time and people, your chances for success expand dramatically because you

begin to understand what your family was thinking—you see what other individuals were doing, where they were going, and where they came from.

By learning about the immigration patterns for the specific ethnic group your ancestor belonged to in the time period they lived, you begin to see trends that correlate to your family, such as the ports they arrived at, the counties and cities from which they came and where they settled, the reasons for decisions that were made, the types of records they left behind, and where those records might be located.

Start by answering the following questions:

- What was their ethnic background or group? Were they Puritans? Welsh? Germans?
- Why did they come?
- When did they come?
- Where did they settle?
- What were their social and work conditions?
- What was their religious background?
- Are there any clues to family naming patterns?

A few words about maps. Maps help us trace the migration paths our ancestors took. More detailed maps will show what routes were available at the time, including railroads, waterways, early roads, and so forth. It is important to trace the path our ancestors took because there may have been records created along the way. The naturalization process may have been started at the port of entry, and the records may be scattered through stops along the route to the final destination. Ethnic and religious groups often traveled together, and your ancestors' travels can be traced by tracking others in their group. Also, on the long journey west in the United States, babies were born, people married, and people died. There may have been records of events created along the way.

### **5. Review your data: is it time to track your ancestor in their country of origin?**

Before you rush off to research in your ancestor's country of origin, review your data. At this point, you

- have confirmed the country of origin.
- can put your ancestors in historical and social context.
- have researched records and developed a timeline of your ancestor's life in the new world.
- have assigned a time period when the ancestor entered the country.
- can perhaps place your ancestor in a region, county, or city where they lived.

If you are able to provide the above information, you're ready to start your search in the country of origin. Now it's time to learn about your resources and continue your search.

If you don't have what is needed, identify gaps in your information and retrace your steps to see if you missed any important clues. Often it only takes one clue to get the break you need.



*If we know where we came from, we may better know where to go.*

*If we know who we came from, we may better understand who we are.*



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS ANCESTRY DAY

## SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2016

**GREATER TACOMA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**



The Office of the Secretary of State and the Washington State Historical Society are partnering with Ancestry to bring a very special genealogical event to the Pacific Northwest.

Ancestry Day in Washington will be held in Tacoma, on Saturday, September 24 and is expected to attract more than 1,000 family historians. Whether you are a new subscriber to Ancestry, an experienced genealogist, or just interested in finding out what genealogy is all about, this is the event for you!

Friday's activities on September 23 will be held at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma and will include access to the museum and special presentations on outstanding genealogical resources in Washington.

On Saturday, September 24, Ancestry will take center stage at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center. They will be bringing their expertise, engaging speakers, door prizes, and Ancestry DNA kits to purchase.

There will also be vendors from around the state sharing their products and ideas.

**Keep an eye out for upcoming registration information about this can't-miss event.**



**Membership Dues** Lewis County Genealogical Society membership runs January through December. Cost for one person is \$12 and for a couple in the same household is \$15. Membership includes a bimonthly newsletter via email. Add \$3 if you wish a printed copy via US Mail. We meet January-June, September-November at St. John's Lutheran Church, meeting room, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532, on the third Tuesday evening of the months listed. Research trips are planned periodically. Please return the membership form with your check made payable to: THE LEWIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 782, CHEHALIS WA 98532-0782.

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