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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



**October 17, 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

**“The Palatines. Who are they? And why should you care!”** Jim Johnson will answer the burning question --- What is a Palatine? and we will explore where they came from, where they settled, and how you can find lists of Palatine names and information about these German and/or Irish Ancestors. (Yes, Irish). We will discover many resources you can use to make your Palatine connection. Join us for this informative class.



Jim is the Director of the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, Washington and is the President of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He has been active in genealogy for over 25 years and has been teaching genealogy topics throughout the Northwest for the last 15 years. Jim enjoys helping people to get started in family research and is an avid bridge player.



## 2016 MEETING CALENDAR

### Board Meetings

*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.*

## Library Committee Report

*By Leslee Dunlap*

The library committee, consisting of Sam McReynolds, Leslie Parnell, Margie Lloyd, Patty Olsen and Leslee Dunlap, has finally accomplished the task of removing our library materials from the Family History Center on Jackson Highway and from the Chehalis Timberland Library. We sorted them, identified where they would end up and boxed them up accordingly. Members who requested books will be able to pick up their selections at the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. We have begun distributing the remaining materials to the Veteran's Museum, Centralia Timberland Library, Chehalis Timberland Library, Heritage Quest Research Library and the remainder will be delivered to the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Library in Yakima later this month. The YVGS library is also the designated library of the Washington State Genealogical Society and is open to the public free of charge.

## EVENTS, SEMINARS. . .

**September 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. Pre-registration for the Saturday session is encouraged and on-line until Sept 17 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ancestry-day-in-washington-state-tickets-26178375225?aff=es2> There will be registration at the door on the day of the event. The Friday sessions are full.

**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 1, 2016, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society** presents their annual **Fall Workshop** at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Drive, Yakima, WA 98908. Information about classes offered at <http://yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=58>

**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.*

“There are no uninteresting things, only uninterested people.”

*Steven Michael Law (1960-2016)*

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

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

### Serendipity Day

by Donna

#### What Is a Source?

What is a source? One dictionary definition is so vague as to be meaningless: "a place, person, or thing from which something comes or can be obtained." See Google search for "define source."

#### **A source is the identity and location concerning where you got the information you are using.**

That isn't very artfully said but genealogists are talking about sources being reliable or unreliable. A source is a source. If I got my information from a book in the local public library, the citation information about the book and the place where I found it constitute the "source" of my information. Any questions about the accuracy, reliability or whatever of the information have nothing whatsoever to do with the "source." If I think your information is wrong or unreliable and you provide me with a source, I can go and check to see whether or not you are correct. Absent a source, I have to guess where you might have gotten the information and from my perspective, I have to assume, since you did not tell me where you got your information, that the information is unreliable and quite likely wrong. When people say a "source" is unreliable, what they really mean is that the information obtained from the source is unreliable. (From: James Tanner 's Genealogy's Star blog back on 5 Dec 2015.)

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#### Library of Congress Digital Newspaper Program

In a previous Serendipity, I spotlighted Miriam Robbin's **Online Historical Newspaper Directory**. Now to highlight one of her spotlighted sources:

The National Digital Newspaper Program is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress. This is a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers. This is said to be your best bet to find information about American newspapers published between 1690 and the present. Wow. For Washington state, there are

11,000,000 pages posted. Double wow. This website takes time to search, but if you take the time it may prove to be a goldmine for you. Click to [www.loc.gov/ndnp](http://www.loc.gov/ndnp)

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

## Websites to Check Out

Map of Old San Francisco. Old photographs from the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection are being used here to make a mesmerizing Google Street View map of San Francisco in the 1800s. See the news article at <http://www.businessinsider.com/old-san-francisco-photos-turned-into-google-street-view-map-2015-9> then go directly to the website at <http://www.oldsf.org/#>

Family History Moment: Miracle in Denmark. You will like this heartwarming story by Frances Gardner Watkins found in the Deseret News. <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865657215/Family-History-Moment-Miracle-in-Denmark.html?pg=all>

Tracing Family Traits Using a Genogram. Cynthia Doxey Green, Ph.D., shows us how to use genograms in our family history in this 18 minute presentation from the LDS Church at [http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/FHD/Community/en/Community/Cynthia%20Doxey%20Green/Tracing Family Traits Using a Genogram/Player.html](http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/FHD/Community/en/Community/Cynthia%20Doxey%20Green/Tracing%20Family%20Traits%20Using%20a%20Genogram/Player.html). You will be able to download the class handout from the page, if desired.

Free Historic Newspapers On-Line. Start your newspaper search with the free newspapers on Google. <https://news.google.com/newspapers>. To locate an article from a scanned newspaper, type in site:google.com/newspapers, followed by the search terms you'd like to use. For example, if you're searching for a scanned article on the Berlin wall, you would type in: site:google.com/newspapers "the Berlin wall". Another site for free on-line newspapers, <http://www.fultonhistory.com/>, has mostly New

York newspapers, but also some from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Washington, DC, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, N. Carolina, New Jersey, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Canada with more added all the time. The link to newspapers is on the bottom of the left hand column, once you enter the site. It's a fun site and worth a look.

Lewis County Genealogical Society Newsletter back issues (2008-2014) can be found on our website at [www.walcs.org](http://www.walcs.org)

**Editor's Note:** All hyperlinks in this column were tested and current at the time of publication. If you find that a web-link has gone out of date, try a Google search.

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

## Preserve the Pensions Goal Met

[With Historic Gift and Community Support, the Fundraising for the Preserve the Pensions Is Officially Completed!](#)

Posted by [Caroline Pointer](#) on the FGS Voice blog

Today at our annual conference, we announced the receipt of a historic \$500,000 anonymous contribution to the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions fundraising project. The unprecedented donation, which came from outside of the genealogical community, will be matched by Ancestry.com, and in total will provide \$1 million to the project. Those funds, along with crowdsourced funds from the genealogical community have provided more than \$3 million dollars to the project. **With these donations, we are able to officially announce the completion of fundraising for "Preserve the Pensions," the landmark community fundraising project.** The largest fundraising effort ever initiated for a single genealogical record set, Preserve the Pensions involved donations from more than 4,000 individuals and 115 genealogical and lineage

societies. Each donation was generously matched by Ancestry.com.

"We are humbled and grateful for the generosity of the genealogical community and those outside of our community who are dedicated to the preservation of records, thank you!" noted D. Joshua Taylor, FGS President. "This historic gift, in-tandem with the thousands of contributions from individual genealogists and societies, illustrates the incredible power of the genealogical community - together we can make a difference."

The War of 1812 pensions, among the most frequently requested set of materials within the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), had never been microfilmed or digitized. Now, with fundraising complete for the project, and with ongoing cooperation from the project's partners and major supporters, NARA, Ancestry, Fold3, and FamilySearch, these important documents will be made available free, forever to the general public. The project, set out to raise more than \$3 million in 2010, an unprecedented amount for the genealogical community.

"It's gratifying to see the fundraising portion of this project completed after five years, and now we look forward to ensuring these important records are preserved," said Ancestry President and CEO Tim Sullivan. "This is a fantastic moment for FGS, the genealogical community, and future generations who will benefit from the perseverance of these rich pension records. We want to thank the more than 4,000 individuals who have contributed and are thrilled to play a matching role in this campaign."

We were the driving force behind the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors project alongside the National Parks Service. Since 2010, we have been actively involved in Preserve the Pensions, an effort to raise more than \$3 million to digitize and make freely available the pension files from the War of 1812.

## THE GREAT WAR

*By Sam McReynolds*

As most of you know I'm a big fan of tying the results of family history research with broader historical happenings. I believe a great way to add interest to your family tree is with details

and stories from history of that time and place that your ancestors were experiencing. It can also be very useful in understanding the actions of your ancestors such as why they moved, changed occupations, and lived the way they did.

All of us had ancestors that lived through The Great War, or the War to End All Wars. Most of us know it today as World War I. We may have had a grandparent or great-grandparent who fought in the war for one of the many countries involved, or may have had an ancestor who was a nurse, or ambulance driver, or was in the Merchant Marine. Regardless, we all had ancestors who were alive during this time. Consequently, they were impacted by the news, by the spread of the Spanish Flu which was worsened by the troop movements, and by the social developments coming out of the war.

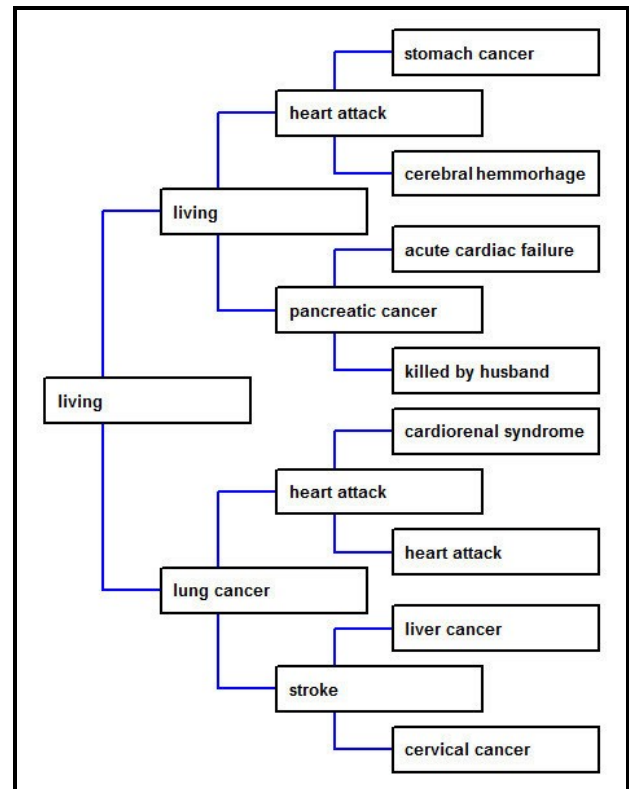
I recently came across a series on YouTube that is an excellent way to live through WWI week by week. The Great War, hosted by Indiana Neidell, is an excellent presentation. It presents a short video (5-10 minutes) each week of what was happening in the war 100 years ago this week. You can subscribe to this series for free on YouTube or on Facebook or Twitter, and get notification of the video sent to you.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/thegreatwarseries>

You can also go back to the beginning of the war and watch each video to get an understanding of how the war developed over time. That is what I'm doing as I didn't discover the series until it had been going for almost two

years. Each week Indy shows old photos and movie clips of relevant happenings along with good maps presenting where the events happened. He presents all this along with his talk about what happened that week, and how it tied in with the previous week. It's interesting and fast paced. Give it a try and see what your ancestors were experiencing.

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I found this chart on Megan Smolenyak's website, <http://megansmolenyak.posthaven.com/cause-of-death-pedigree> Yes, a little bit creepy, but also very useful. One comment on the page suggests adding the age of each individual at the time of their death. Your doctor might appreciate a chart like this, too.

*The more you know of your history, the more liberated you are.*  
*Maya Angelou*

**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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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check for Individual \$12 (emailed newsletter) OR \$15 (USPS delivered newsletter) enclosed for 2016 membership

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check for Family \$15 (emailed newsletter) OR \$18 (USPS delivered newsletter) enclosed for 2016 membership

Permission to print member information in the newsletter? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

If you are joining us mid-year, would you like the past newsletters for this year? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Please list surnames and locations being researched: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a self addressed stamped envelope if you would like a membership card & or receipt.

Items for the November-December newsletter are due by October 31

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