



## Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)

*Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .*

### President's Letter December 2023

We hope your holiday will be a time of making new memories as well as cherishing the old. Whatever you do, write them down!



#### No December meeting . . .

We'll take a break and enjoy other holiday festivities—bet your December calendar is filling up too! But we've got many of the programs for early 2024 all planned out. Brighten up your winter second-Monday-afternoons with these offerings:

**January 8:** We'll make a new friend, **Claire Brisson-Banks** of Timeless Genealogies, who comes to us from Missouri. She'll give us **The Quest for Your English Ancestors**. I'm not sure we've ever had a program on UK research—high time to fix that!

**February 12:** **Northwest Railway Museum**, Snoqualmie, Washington. Details tba.

**March 11:** We'll go local and welcome **Erin Fonville**, Assessment Administrative Manager at the Chelan County Assessor's Office, to describe and demonstrate accessing their historic records.

Other interesting programs are being investigated—stay tuned!



*The FamilySearch Center*

#### ***A new home for WAGS meetings . . .***

We still hear from people who have shown up at the Douglas PUD and wondered where the meeting was! We are no longer meeting there! They were having some security issues, and felt they needed to stop hosting community meetings. So the FamilySearch Center has graciously allowed us to make their research center the new location for our meetings.

**WAGS Second-Monday-afternoon meetings**  
**FamilySearch Center 667 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE, East Wenatchee**  
*(Northwest corner of the building)*



**GiveNCW is happening now!**

**It's WAGS' main fundraiser this year.**

Each year the Community Foundation gives the community the opportunity to donate to one or more nonprofit organizations from **Thanksgiving Day to December 31**. WAGS is one of 80+ organizations participating. Here's the low-down from the Community Foundation:

### **What is GiveNCW?**

**GiveNCW** is an online fundraising campaign from Thanksgiving Day to December 31st that supports nonprofits in North Central Washington.

- Donate online:** From Thanksgiving Day to December 31, visit [cfncw.org/givencw2023](https://cfncw.org/givencw2023) to **donate online** to one or more nonprofits in North Central Washington.
- Minimum donation is just \$10 and CFNCW takes care of the credit card fees, so **100% of your donation goes directly to the nonprofits.**
- The Foundation also provides lots of giving incentives and matching opportunities.
- All donations are tax-deductible.

Your **donation by check or cash** must be received by December 31st. Write your check to CFNCW and put WAGS on the memo line. The fundraising letter you're about to receive from WAGS contains a return envelope addressed to WAGS—we will be happy to deliver it to CFNCW for you! Here is their address for your convenience:

### **CFNCW (Community Foundation of North Central Washington)**

9 South Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee WA 98801

**This is WAGS' principal fundraiser this year, so we're thanking you in advance for supporting WAGS now and for your giving in the past!**

### ***At the WAGS Library . . .***

We can't stop smiling! Another family heirloom has found its way to WAGS, and once again, we have located the people it means the most to—and just in time for Thanksgiving. This was a couple old photo albums (one with a wooden cover) and two scrapbooks (wooden covers again). These were reunited with a local family, and the daughter of one of our members grew up with a daughter of this family.



Note: **The library will be closed from December 23 to January 2**. Our online databases are always available at [www.wags-web.org](http://www.wags-web.org).

## A couple reminders . . .

**Fred Meyer Rewards:** Sign up for a **Fred Meyer Rewards Card** and designate WAGS as your beneficiary. We will get a small percentage of every purchase you make. It all adds up! Go to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/account/create/>.

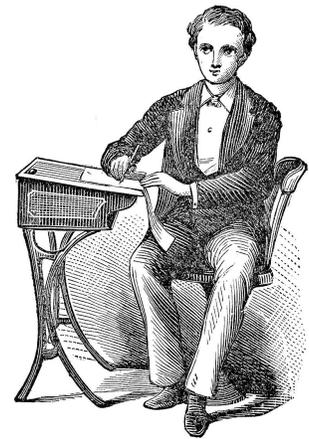
**Renew your WAGS membership:** First, check your membership status under Members Only/Membership Account, and discover your expiration date. Then click Join or Renew on the lower part of your screen and choose an online payment or a mail-in form. Or come in during library hours and we'll help you renew your membership.

## ***WAGS Tutorial: Making Friends with the WAGS Digital Archive***

First, log in to our website ([www.wags-web.org](http://www.wags-web.org)) as a member.

On the home page, on the left, click on **Research Records**.

A menu will drop down, and you'll click on **Digital Archive of Searchable Records**.



The next page says **Search the WAGS Digital Image Archive**, and you are given two choices:

1. If you didn't sign in as a member, you would use **Free Search – Public Use**. It would take you to the Search page, and you would enter your search terms. However, you would only get to see snippets of what is found. This would give you an idea of what we have, and you could decide if we have records that interest you. You cannot access any images on a Free Search—only the snippets (some call them “teasers”).

2. **Paid Search – Members Only** Oh no! Do I have to pay something? No! As a WAGS member, your dues make you “paid.” You will be able to view and print the digital images.

So off we go on our well-deserved **Paid Search**. First, you'll see a page called **Digital Archive Paid Search Member Check** which is something the computer program wants to do to make sure you are a member. Go ahead and click on **Paid Search Page – Members Only**.

Now you have arrived at **WAGS Digital Archive Search Results**. You'll click on one of the small dots. Let's make sure we're clear on the different kinds of searches:

**AND search:** The program will look for all the keywords you have entered. Not in order,

necessarily, and not together, necessarily. If I were to enter Fred Rumble on an AND search, for instance, I'd get every Fred and every rumble seat and every description of the sound of a thunder storm it could find! Maybe better to use a phrase search:

**PHRASE search:** In the old days, this was where we would put our search terms in quotes. Now quotes are not necessary, and you'll just click on the small dot. The program will look for exactly those words in exactly that order. This is probably the best way to search for names.

**OR search:** The program will look for one or more keywords, but not necessarily all.

**Tolerant search:** Of course we want our computers to be tolerant of our human frailties. But a Tolerant Search is for foreign language searching where there are accents, umlauts, etc. (diacritical marks, they call them). The program will not tolerate more than one word.

Now that you understand, select the kind of search you want, and type your search terms in the white field at the top that says **Query** and hit the **Search** button next to it. And your results will be shown!

The first line that you see is numbered, and starts at the left margin. That's the page the program has found. Below that, indented, are your snippets. All the snippets below the numbered page will be found on that page. Then you'll see the next page (if any), numbered and on the left margin, with its little brood of snippets. And on and on.

You may click on any of the pages and see what you've got. If you'd like to see the page before or after, here's what to do: go to the address bar at the top of your browser and change the page number that is in parentheses (at the end of the url); then hit the enter key and that page will be shown (if it exists). This way you can view or print adjacent pages such as from a bulletin or book.

The names of the results pages are given and briefly explained back on the **Search the WAGS Digital Image Archive** page. Click on the skinny bar that says **Click this button to see what is included in the Digital Archive**.

And now you know the basics of finding things on the WAGS Digital Archive!

### **Board meeting December 13**

We'll Zoom at 5:30 on Wednesday evening, December 13. All members are welcome to attend!

Topic: WAGS December Board Zoom Meeting  
Time: Dec 13, 2023 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81663522872?pwd=NWI3U3B1dHE2aTZEZ1FHK0hUL1pZdz09>

Meeting ID: 816 6352 2872 Passcode: Board

### **WAGS Library hours**

Tuesday and Saturday, 1-4 pm  
Wednesday afternoons, digitizing by appt.  
127 South Mission, Wenatchee  
(corner of Yakima and Mission)

### **FamilySearch Center hours:**

Tuesdays 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm  
Wednesday 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm  
(Hank's night, and Spanish-speaking available)  
Thursday 1-4 pm  
667 10th Street, NE in East Wenatchee

***Hank's Genealogy 101 class takes place on the first Wednesday evening of the month —December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the FamilySearch Center.***



SAVE THE DATE FOR  
**RootsTech**  
**2024**  
FEBRUARY 29 – MARCH 2

### **RootsTech**

February 29 to March 2, 2024  
Live at Salt Lake City and via Zoom  
See more information at  
<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/home>

***On behalf of the WAGS board,  
wishing a Merry Christmas to all,***  
Susan Rumble  
WAGS President

