



## WAGS President's Letter January 2024

Let's start **2024**

with a big thank-you! As of this writing (the waning days of 2023), WAGS has received \$1,780 in the Community Foundation's GiveNCW campaign, which has been our main fundraiser this year. WAGS members are the best—thank you for your generous support.



*Claire Brisson-Banks*

### Our January meeting

On Monday, January 8 at 2:00, we'll make a new Zoom friend, Claire Brisson-Banks, coming to us from Missouri. She will present **The Quest for Your English Ancestors**, giving us the 30,000-ft. view of English research—starting with the familiar civil, church and census records that take us back to 1837; and then introducing us to lesser-known yet copious resources that will get us into the 1600s and beyond. She also has some new internet sites that we'll want to know about. Claire has been an online Family History professor at BYU, an on-campus professor at Stevens-Henager College, and is currently pursuing her doctorate at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix.

Monday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m.

### **The Quest for Your English Ancestors**

In person at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee  
and via Zoom:

Topic: WAGS General Meeting Zoom Link

Time: Jan 8, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84213032648?pwd=OEdFT0FqNmZKcndVdmV1eUdSTnFIUT09>

Meeting ID: 842 1303 2648 Passcode: January



## The 2024 Budget

Your WAGS board has acted as the budget committee again this year. We will put the finishing touches on it at the January board meeting (Wednesday, January 10, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom). The board will then submit the proposal via email to you, the membership, so that you all have sufficient time to review the proposed budget before voting to accept or reject at the February membership meeting (Monday, February 12, 2:00 p.m.).

## Library news . . .

The library opens after our holiday break on **Tuesday, January 2nd** at 1:00 p.m. We will continue to be open every Tuesday and Saturday from 1 to 4 during 2024. It's been such a mild winter so far! But if the weather should turn on us, we won't risk an accident to open the doors. If the weather is questionable, please check the website or call before you come in.



### ***Books? We've got books!***

New on the shelf: **The Genealogy Handbook** by Ellen Galford, editorial consultant with Ancestry.com. It's good to keep our selection of how-to guides up-to-date—information from the 80s and 90s just won't cut it! This book gives novice researchers practical advice, and serves as an essential reference manual for experienced genealogists. It has an international directory of public and private archives, genealogy associations, ethnic specialists and internet sites, as well as real-life research notes for learning through the experiences of others.

For sale: **"We Left Because the Creek Went Dry," The People of the First Creek District, Lake Chelan, Washington, 1888-1932** by Elizabeth Watson Perry. Formerly a member of the Lake Chelan Gen. Society, Ms. Perry is the great-granddaughter and goddaughter of two early First Creek settlers. She has done an excellent job of researching the old families and collecting early photographs, and her writing style is engaging. Even if you have no Chelan people in your tree, you'll enjoy this book, and gain inspiration for your own writing. A steal at \$5.00.

For sale: Fourth Edition of Sir Richard Musgrave's **Memoirs of the Irish Rebellion of 1798**. Musgrave's original work was published in 1801. This new edition sports a new, 10,600-entry index, making it an important genealogical resource. This book originally belonged to our late-but-fondly-remembered member Lynda Pheasant. I'm guessing she wanted it for research on her Philips family. I can't lie to you—it's a thick book, full of detail on this turbulent time in Irish history. But if you are an Irish history nerd (a

person who is extremely enthusiastic and knowledgeable about a particular subject), then you won't believe you scored this volume for just \$5.00.

There are many more long, dark nights left in this winter—you'll need lots of books! Find them for a great price at the WAGS Library. Come in and see what we have, or shop online at [wags-web.org](http://wags-web.org) under “Shop.”

**Welcome** to the **Upper Valley Historical Society in Leavenworth!** We are looking forward to having them on board, sharing our goal of collecting and protecting local history.

See if you need to **renew your membership** by logging in at [wags-web.org](http://wags-web.org) and go to Members Only. Then click on Membership Account to discover your status and expiration date. You'll be able to renew from this page (or send a check to WAGS, 127 South Mission Street, Annex Bldg., Wenatchee 98801-3039). Thank you in advance for your support!

Wishing you a new year  
full of new discoveries!  
Susan Rumble, your president,  
and the board at WAGS



P.S.: Hank's **Genealogy 101 class** will meet Wednesday, January 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee.

P.P.S.: January's **WAGS board meeting** will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Topic: WAGS Board Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 10, 2024 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89779039860?pwd=a3BoS1k4TjZEUWhlQlFzVnhrb2dvUT09>

Meeting ID: 897 7903 9860 Passcode: Board