

Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)
Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .

President's Letter
March 2025



Dues Increase! Just a reminder, here on the very front page—you voted back in November to approve increasing our dues from \$25 to **\$30** for an **individual membership**—from \$30 to **\$35** for a **family membership**. They've stayed the same for a very long time—I know it's hard to change an ingrained habit!

March Meeting for Members and Guests



Susie Wickman

A Voyage Through Time

What stories are hidden in the ships of the past? Let's explore the ships that carried our ancestors—whether they arrived as immigrants, served in the military, or embarked on daring adventures. We'll look at ship histories, innovations that made sailing faster and safer, get a peek at blueprints and interiors, and learn how to track arrivals and departures using ship mails and newspapers. Susie Wickman comes to us from Colorado Springs.

Monday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m.

A Voyage Through Time

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

Topic: WAGS March General Meeting Zoom Link
Time: Mar 10, 2025 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83095006911?pwd=m5vzgVA1i998dlnA5HFMRgCRF7To4b.1>

Meeting ID: 830 9500 6911 Passcode: March

Some business at the March meeting . . .

We have some official business to take care of after we enjoy our speaker. Actually, it's a coveted opportunity to *give back* to our organization. Of course, I'm referring to **choosing a member representative for the Nominating Committee**. It's the shortest-duration WAGS volunteer job we have—to be part of the 3-member committee and help find candidates for our officer elections in June. Think about it, and then put your name in the hat for this opportunity!

What are our programs the rest of the year?

April 14: Jim Ruud, Douglas County Assessor, will present **Historic Records in Douglas County**.

May 12: WAGS member Cathie Wengreen and her husband will share their experiences on the genealogy trip they took to the **Netherlands** last year.

June 9: We'll end our “school year” with an old friend, Thomas MacEntee, presenting **After You're Gone: Future-Proofing Your Genealogy Research**.

Put these dates on your calendar! We meet at 2:00 p.m., either on Zoom or in person at the FamilySearch Center in East Wenatchee.



Here's your chance to join fellow researchers and experience **RootsTech** on the big screen in the WAGS Library Research Room. Here is the proposed schedule:

Friday, March 7

11:15 a.m. Tell Your Story Like a True Reporter

12:30 p.m. Getting Started: Searching Smarter: Making the Most of Time/Resources

2:00 p.m. Obituaries Reborn—Breathing Life into Your Ancestors

OR So You've Got a Canadian Ancestor, Eh?

Saturday, March 8

12:30 p.m. Using Deeds and Civil Court Records to Trace Your British Ancestors

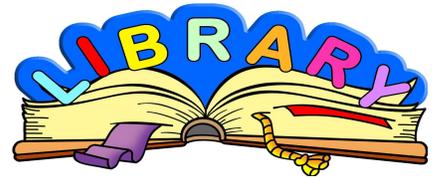
2:00 p.m. Using *Genealogy Center from Home* for Research (Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center)

OR Extracting Evidence: Strategies for Analyzing Genealogical Sources

These selections are flexible, and may change according to group consensus. The presentations will start on time, so arrive early. It would be great if you would RSVP so we can set up the room: email wagslibrarian@gmail.com or Library@wags-web.org.

March at the WAGS Library

Your parents/grandparents were once goofy high school students! Do you ever wish you knew if they were as studious as they pretended to be? Their high school yearbook can tell a lot about their path to adulthood. Now WAGS members can purchase a copy of some **local yearbooks** to share with your family. Come on into the library and see what else we've added to the **Name Your Price Book Sale**. During the last sale we discovered that books specific to North Central Washington were a hit with our members—so we've dug deep into our closets and found more local books to share as part of our sale. Remember, these are duplicates— we're not depleting the rich history and research materials we have in the library!



The **Library will be closed on Saturday, March 22!** We'll be at the **Non-Profit Day at Pybus Market**. Stop in from 10:00 to 2:00 and cheer us on!



News from the Museum

The Museum has raised twelve million dollars so far, and they need another twelve million to move forward with building permits, etc. They are in the early stages of design development, where they figure out things like HVAC and electrical systems. The next draft of designs will come in June. When the design matches the budget, they will move on to the construction document phase. This is the final design phase that typically lasts eight months, altho it can't be started until all the funds for construction are in place. The Museum is still working on finding an offsite location to house their collections during the construction. They will need between 5,000 and 10,000 square feet. They hope to have a site located and secured before the end of 2025. WAGS needs to do the same.

WAGS Bylaws

After a long time of fancying ourselves too busy, we have revised our bylaws to come into compliance with the state RCW that took effect in 2022; plus some changes we wanted to make to reflect our own current procedures. You'll be receiving a copy soon . . .



WAGS is going international!

We received an obituary order from a researcher in Sweden. They accessed our obituary collection through their international subscription to Ancestry.se. It's exciting to see our collection helping genealogists on the other side of the world!

Germans from Russia too . . .

The Seattle Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will hold their Mini-Conference at the Bavarian Lodge in Leavenworth on March 28 and 29. Search AHSGR Seattle Chapter for more information.



Welcome

New members. . .

In February, we were privileged to welcome **Jillian DuFresne** of Bellingham; and **Gregory Day** from East Wenatchee. We wish you productive research at WAGS!

Spring is just around the corner,
Susan Rumble,
WAGS President
and your WAGS Board



P.S.: The March **WAGS board meeting** will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Topic: WAGS Board Zoom Meeting Time: Mar 12, 2025 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US/Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81174314383?pwd=d32wPrDr5DaLKZYnGOH86j1gdAaaEb.1>

Meeting ID: 811 7431 4383 Passcode: Board

PPS: The **WAGS Library Committee** will meet on Tuesday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. Come to the WAGS Library for an in-person experience, or join us on Zoom. Watch the Events Calendar on the website for Zoom information.

And finally, PPPS:

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
Wednesdays 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm (Hank's nite)
Thursdays 1-4 pm
667 10th Street, NE in East Wenatchee