



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

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June 2021

President's Letter

This time last year, the WAGS board had its very first Zoom gathering. The hot topic was how to conduct our election without an in-person meeting. We managed to put together a ballot, and were just a month late getting it all done.

This year we're on schedule. The ballots have been sent out, and, at the June 14 meeting, after asking the customary THREE TIMES (thank you, Robert's Rules) if there are further nominations from the floor, a final vote will be taken (if need be) and the vote will be announced.

But first, Gratitude!

I want to thank the 2020/21 board for their support and for hanging in there during a challenging year. We are very fortunate to have such talented, energetic folks giving 100% to seeing that WAGS survives and flourishes, even in the pandemic.

Special thanks to:

Lynn Heminger, Vice President

Mary Swartz, Recording Secretary

Shirley Acheson, Treasurer

Hank Lubean, Member at-Large

Patty Ostendorff, Corresponding Secretary

Diane Gundersen, Head Librarian

Kris McGregor, Member at-Large

Sandie McBride, Member at-Large



Elections for 2021-22

Tremendous thanks to Pat Thomas, Kris McGregor and Cynthia Ward, for taking on the difficult task of being the Nominating Committee. This year, we needed a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Head Librarian and a Member at-Large to complete our board. These people were nominated and have been submitted to you for your vote:

Vice President **Vacant**

Recording Secretary **Lisa Vollrath**

Head Librarian **Pat Thomas**

Member at-Large **Diane Gundersen**



Julie Miller

June Program

All the horrible weather in Texas last winter gave one of our members a great idea: let's have a program on saving our research from a disaster. We were able to book Julie Miller, of Broomfield, Colorado, who will give us "An Ounce of Prevention: Making a Genealogy Disaster Plan." This talk will be good for us, since Colorado has much the same threats as we do here in NCW.

Monday, June 14 – 2:00 p.m. via Zoom
(Zoom information will be distributed soon.)

Library Moment II

In last month's President's Letter we showed you how to browse copies of the various online DAR magazines. Since they're now easily accessible online, we're planning to remove the paper copies from our library.

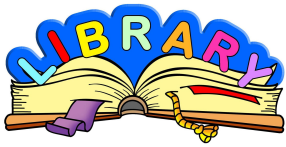
The same situation exists for the *Connecticut Nutmegger*, *American Ancestors Magazine*, *The New England Historical Register*, or any other New England Historic Genealogical Society published magazine. Here is the online way to access these research gems:

1. Log in to your WAGS Member Page and click on the American Ancestors icon. (Wait—you're not a WAGS member yet? Click on Join/Renew and Join. You can join for two days, one week or one month as well as for a full year.)
2. Enter the user ID and password you received for your WAGS American Ancestors account in your welcome-to-WAGS-membership email (or see #1 above).
3. Hold your cursor over the blue "SEARCH" on the left side of the page just under the American Ancestors title.
4. Stay focused! It's easy to get distracted by all the database search options—but if you want to look at a specific magazine, look to the bottom of the icons and choose the "Browse Databases A to Z" option.
5. Type the title of the magazine you're looking for in the search line—or just start looking through the titles for the one you want.
6. Once you've chosen your title, the "Volume" drop down menu will allow you to choose a year to browse.



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Plan a library visit . . .

We're taking another step toward fully opening the WAGS Library. It will now be open every Tuesday from 1 to 4, and by appointment on Saturdays—keeping to our old familiar days. (If no one is planning a visit, we may not be there on Saturday—so be sure to make an appointment for Saturday.) Masks will still be expected in the library to ensure the health and safety of our members and volunteers.

Please note: If you would like to work as a librarian, contact us at library@WAGS-web.org and we'll get you trained and teamed with a seasoned librarian to work with our patrons.

The Chadbourne Files—open for your inspection!

Florence Dart Chadbourne was a longtime WAGS member and researcher of renown. When she passed away in 2010 at age 94, she left WAGS a trove of information, both from her own research and from what she found for others. For many years these files were under lock and key. Happily, after recent consultations with the family, this wealth of genealogy information is unlocked and ready for your perusal. All areas of the country are included—come in and see what a lifetime of skillful research has produced!

Summer has arrived!

The WAGS Library is cool!

Susan Rumble

WAGS President