



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)

Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .

President's Letter December 2022

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 already filling up! But we've got the programs for the first quarter of 2023 all ready for you. Brighten up your winter second-Monday-afternoons with these offerings:

January 9: Mary Kircher Roddy of Seattle will give us **The Evergreen State: Researching Your Washington State Ancestors**. This program is especially for our out-of-state WAGS members, but all of us will benefit.

February 13: Dana Palmer from Ohio will start off our mini-series on organization with **Get it Together: Organizing Your Family Research**. She will cover where to start when you receive the dreaded-tho-welcomed box of “family stuff” because you're the genealogist of the family! (WAGS Library receives family stuff too, and wonders along with you how best to organize it.)

March 13: Our new Florida friend, Annette Burke Lyttle, will examine another facet of organizing: **Get Organized to Write Your Family Stories**.

How we celebrated . . .

I don't know if “kicking up our heels” is the right word picture, but I know we did mark WAGS 50th in many different ways—just a year late due to covid . . .

Slide show of WAGS history for the December 2021 meeting

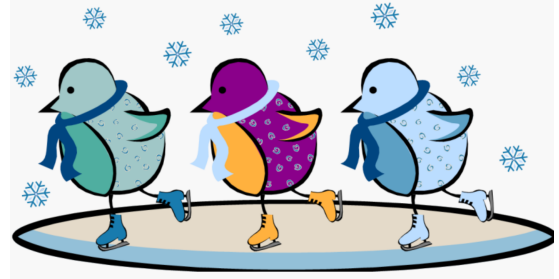
Members submitted WAGS 50th Memories for the website

“Vignettes from WAGS' Past” were highlighted in the President's Letter in 2022

Jill Morelli gave us a program on the history of genealogy

WAGS Swag became a thing (still available on the website!)

A special GladSong concert at the museum in October 2022





We're participating in GiveNCW . . .

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 73 organizations participating. Here's the low-down from the Community Foundation:

How to GiveNCW

- Visit www.GiveNCW.org
- Click or tap on the **Donate** button on the organization you want to support.
- Enter the amount and **Continue Giving** until you are ready to Checkout.
- 100% of your donation** goes straight to the organizations you support - we even take care of the credit card fees! (Unless you opt to do that, which we always appreciate!).
- You'll receive a **tax receipt from the Community Foundation** and we'll send your giving information on to the organization (unless you choose to be anonymous).
- Give on a **FUNDAY MONDAY** and you'll be entered to **win \$1,000** to use on Give NCW any way you choose! We will draw 5 winners each week.
- GIVE TO ALL** and your donation will be **matched** (up to \$50,000, thanks to our [Partners in Giving!](#)) and equally distributed to all organizations.

All [Give NCW](#) nonprofit organizations are 501c3 public charities in good standing and are creating significant value to the quality of life in North Central Washington. Your donations provide vital human services, creative arts and cultural experiences, preserve local history, protect local lands, and support the array of amazing recreation amenities across the region.

And as always, thank you for supporting WAGS now and in the past!

Join the WSGS Pioneer Pursuit . . .

The Washington State Genealogical Society invites you to **pursue** your Washington pioneer ancestors! Go to their website at <https://www.wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=96> to find out more. Here is their introduction:

Join us in documenting the family histories of every man, woman and child that lived in Washington Territory on or before Statehood was declared on November 11, 1889 -- and win a prize!

The Washington State Genealogical Society invites all genealogical societies, historical societies and individuals to research and document every Pioneer who resided here on or before November 11, 1889, and two subsequent generations of their descendants. As an incentive, prizes will be awarded to societies and individuals who submit the most entries.

The contest runs from November 1, 2022 until October 31, 2023. For more information, email WAPioneerPursuit@gmail.com.

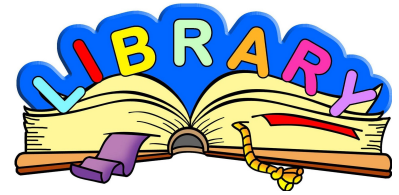
At the WAGS Library . . .

We've been receiving some interesting things!

Thanks to **Diane McKenzie** and the **Friends of the Library**, we

have four new books in our Family Room, all showing

ancestral information for families that settled in North Central Washington. Do you have any **Workosky, Loudon, Hale** or **Kellogg** people in your family tree? You'd better come on in and investigate.



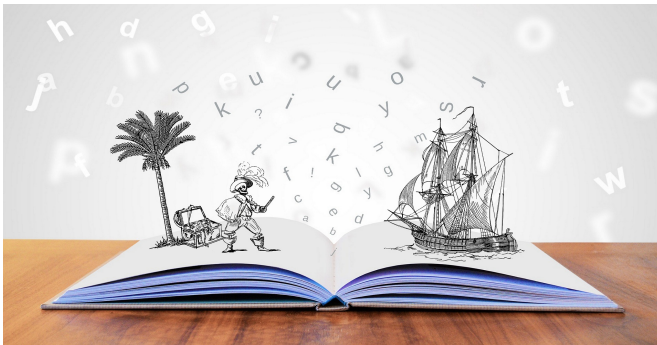
Thanks to **Shirley Acheson**, we have a new **1959 Chelan County Plat Map** to help you add the history of your ancestors' land or homestead to your family story.

Note: **The library will be closed from December 21 to January 4.** Our online databases are always available at www.wags-web.org.

New on our website . . .

Mary Kate McKerney has donated photos of her family's 1917 journey from Oklahoma to Monitor, Washington. Go to **Historic Photos** and click on **The Cauby Collection**.

There you'll find the **1917 Trip Journal by George Milton Cauby's Family**. Pretty cool.



Everybody's got stories!

This is the place to share the interesting things you've run into as you do your research, or trips you've taken, or things that defy categorizing . . . Things that only another genealogist would appreciate!

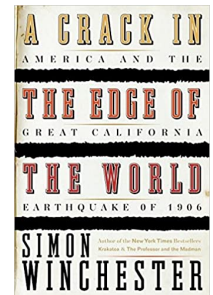
No submissions from you this month, so I'll share a couple things:

San Francisco earthquake

I was visiting my brother recently, and he was reading *A Crack in the Edge of the World* by Simon Winchester, about the SanFran earthquake of 1906. My SIL dug out a copy of two letters written shortly after the quake

from her great+ uncle and his wife who lived on Shrader Street. Their

house was intact, but like others who were so lucky, they took in the homeless. They had 21 people in their house and 4 camped out in the yard! They said abundant food was arriving daily by the wagon and train load, but clean water was difficult to come by. And they didn't dare cook any of this food because of persistent winds causing fire danger. They reported that everyone was good-natured, helpful to others, and hopeful that the city would be rebuilt quickly.



Clever freshmen at Waterville High School

At the WAGS Library, I was perusing the 1906 edition of *Sagamore*, Waterville High School's yearbook. The sophomores, juniors and seniors wrote glowing, high-sounding descriptions of themselves, and what an incredibly bright future awaited them, etc. The freshmen, however, were more realistic. I quote, preserving the spelling and punctuation:

Freshman History

Dear Editer:--We aint got no histry. We only been here a short time and hav been studyin so hard that we haint had no time to make histry only we licked the Softmores two or three times & always knows all about everything when the prof. calls on us.

I haint got time to rite more I must be studying or the profs. will flunk me.

Yours in haste, F. Resh.

Their Class Yell was Zip! Boom! Rah! Right in Line! We're the class of 1909!!

Welcome . . . to our newest WAGS member: **Cynthia D. Carlson** of Eugene, Oregon. Wishing you happy NCW hunting!

Board meeting December 7

We'll Zoom at 9:30 on Wednesday morning, December 7.

Topic: WAGS BOARD Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 7, 2022 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87474117716?pwd=TzRNSUZKTG9TTXZjOU44UIJ3cDBndz09>

Meeting ID: 874 7411 7716

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

Susan Rumble

WAGS President

