



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

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September 2023 President's Letter

It's September! We've almost made it through the hot summer. It will be good to get back into our routines again, and especially to see YOU again at our meetings and in the library.



Mary Kircher Roddy

September meeting

Our friend from just over the mountains, Mary Kircher Roddy, will be our speaker for **Recreating Your Ancestor's World**. We all know that, in genealogy, context is everything when you want to dig deeper into your ancestors' lives. Mary will show us how maps, city directories, census records and other documents can help us understand their environment, thereby understanding *them!*

Here is the meeting information:

Monday, September 11, 2022 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

**A hybrid meeting via Zoom, or in person at
the Wenatchee FamilySearch Center,
667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee**

Time: Sep 11, 2023 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89256908163?pwd=T1ljTE9tUkF3V1A2ODdCOEZZZjhTZz09>

Meeting ID: 892 5690 8163

Passcode: 609306

New Digs!

The Douglas PUD Auditorium has served us very well for many years, so we were most disappointed to learn that they were closing their building to outside meetings as of July. They were having serious security issues, and felt they could no longer guarantee safety, either for their employees or meeting attenders.



667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee

We approached our friends up at the FamilySearch Center, remembering how bright and pleasant their room was (and just the right size for our current in-person meetings) when we met there in the past. They have graciously agreed to let us have our meetings there once again.

So remember to go up, up, to Eastmont and turn uphill again on 10th Street. The LDS Church will be quickly on your left. The meeting room is in the northwest corner of the building.



This is a reprint from last September, but it's still timely information!

Cheat sheet for WAGS subscriptions . . .

We would never cheat, but sometimes it's hard to keep track of the intricacies of the three WAGS subscription sites that are available to our members.

At home, on your own computer:

MyHeritage.com Library Edition Access MyHeritage on the Members Landing Page after you login. Find the password on the WAGS website by going to Members Only, then click on "Discounts and Passwords."

At WAGS Library computers (waiting for you to come in and use them):

Ancestry Library Edition

AmericanAncestors.org

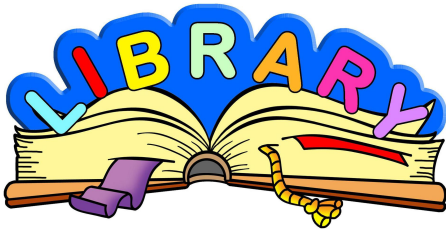
(You can use **MyHeritage.com** at WAGS too.)

Also note that **HeritageQuest Online** is available to all on **ncrl.org**. You'll need a library card ID and your associated password.

Website: A new look . . .

Now when you login to our website and reach the Member's Landing Page, you'll be greeted by a long green button that says **Latest Member News, Including Lisa's Genealogy Community News**.

Click on that and you'll see the **Latest Member News** on the left—the upcoming WAGS program and/or other events. AND on the right you'll see **Lisa's Genealogy Community News**—the first four of many items from the **Places to go, things to do . . .** page which is in the dropdown under Members Only. Our secretary, Lisa Vollrath, has faithfully assembled all the genealogical events around the state for us every week. We're giving it an additional name and an additional place so that you'll be sure to see it when you visit wags-web.org.



Library news . . .

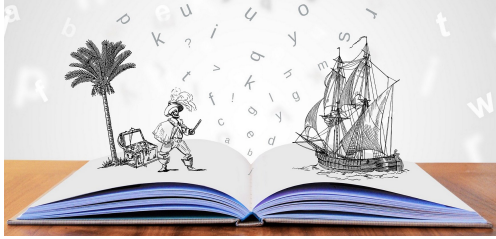
Some key people are just getting back from some very interesting vacations. Library News will resume in the October newsletter. We're accepting volunteers and suggestions at Library@wags-web.org.

Being strategic . . .

With your help at our special July planning meeting, and a lot of board discussion, we have settled on some of the directions we want to go in 2023-24. First is a general desire to complete as many unfinished projects in the library as possible. Sounds like a fairly general genealogical goal for organizations as well as individuals! **(Hint: We'll be needing some indexing and proofing people.)** Secondly, we need to increase the awareness of WAGS in the community. **(Hint: We could use some help with Promotion!)** Thirdly, we would like to revitalize our volunteer structure. **(Hint: We sure could use a Volunteer/Project Coordinator!)**



We'd like to build on the Learning Sessions we had this spring (we watched some RootsTech and Tax Day videos together). What part of genealogy is your passion? Are you willing to share that passion with others? **(Last hint: We'd love to have you teach a small session at the library.)** Write to us at Info@wags-web.org if you'd like to get more involved at WAGS.



Everyone's got stories . . .

Let's share stories and reports from our research! You could share about a recent genealogy trip—or what you found on the 1950 census—or your quirky ancestor—or how you solved a knotty problem. We have no stories this month, but we hope to hear from you soon! Send your tall tales and down-to-earth solutions to info@wagsweb.org.

Welcome

to our newest member, **Lisa Burham**, of Larkspur, Colorado. She gets the prize for the cleverest email handle—she is the “Snoopologist!”

Happy Fall,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President



WAGS Library hours . . .

Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Located in the Museum Annex Building, corner of Mission and Yakima.

FamilySearch Center hours . . .

Tuesday 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm (Spanish-speaking available)
Wednesday 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm (Hank's night)
Thursday 1-4 pm



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee
(entrance is located on the west side of the building)