

July 8, 2016

[Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society](#)

News from the Board

Since many of us will be attending the Northwest Genealogy Conference in Arlington, there won't be a program meeting on August 19. Maybe we'll see you at the conference in Arlington, Washington. There will be a Computer Skill Building SIG on August 12 from 10 AM until noon.

You may be aware there are plans for some remodeling at our Bainbridge Library. We don't yet have specific details about how it might impact us nor the planned schedule. We are staying informed and looking into other meeting room options should we need to temporarily meet elsewhere.

[Betty Wiese](#)

President

Meetings

Our monthly meetings are held at the Bainbridge Library in the upstairs conference room.

July 15, 10:00 AM - Noon, Ginny Majewski, from the Clallam County Genealogical Society, will be presenting ***Names and Naming Practices***. We will not be holding our regular monthly meeting in August since many BIGS members will be attending the Northwest Genealogy Conference in Arlington from August 17 to 20.

The [complete meeting schedule](#) is on our website.

To get a copy of a handout from one of our guest speaker presentations, contact our historian, [Rebecca Pratt](#).

Special Interest Groups

Here are our upcoming SIG meetings in chronological order. Go to [our website](#) for the complete schedule.

Skill Building, second Friday of every other month (odd numbered months)

- **Friday July 8, 10:00 AM - Noon**, at the Bainbridge Library, upstairs conference room
- **Topic: *Watch those Assumptions***
- Leader: Anna DuPen

Southern States, quarterly

- **Thursday July 21, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**, at the Bainbridge Library, downstairs conference room
- Leader: Paula Schmidt

Irish, monthly

- **Friday July 22, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**, at the Bainbridge Library, downstairs conference room
- Acting Leader: Sue Hassenmiller

Computer Skill Building, second Friday of every other month (odd numbered months)

- **Friday August 12, 10:00 AM - Noon**, at the Bainbridge Library, upstairs conference room
- Leader: Claire Smith

Northeast Mid-Atlantic, quarterly

- **Wednesday September 14, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**, at the Bainbridge Library, downstairs conference room
- Leader: Mary Ferm

Evening Discussion (EDG), monthly

- **September, date and time to be announced**, at the HomeStreet Bank community room
- Leaders: Mary Ferm & Sue Elfving

All Things DNA, every other month

- **September, date and time to be announced**, at the Bainbridge Library, downstairs conference room
- Leader: Sue Hassenmiller

Scandinavian, quarterly

- **October, date and time to be announced**, at the Bainbridge Library, downstairs conference room
- Leaders: Sue Hassenmiller & Mary Ferm

Members' Corner

- by Darlene Burke
I use Google frequently to research family surnames. One evening as I googled my great, great, grandfather, Samuel Campbell, (1804-1882) from Centre Co., Pennsylvania, much to my amazement, I was connected to an antique dealer in State college, PA. John R. Snedden Ltd. Antiques had

sold a folk art picture of a birth announcement for the Samuel Campbell family. I read the birth description several times and realized it was the correct family, my Samuel Campbell.

I called the dealer for information and learned that it was part of the estate of James Campbell that the antique dealer handled several years ago. Campbell had rented his house to a couple for a number of years. After he died, the couple inherited the house and contents which they subsequently sold. The artist, Henry Young, was a local school teacher in the 1840s. He painted the folk art paintings called fraktur designs and gave them as gifts.

You can see the picture [here](#).

If you'd like to share your story in a future BIGS newsletter, please [contact Sue Hassenmiller](#).

Genealogy News

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- Did you know that the library edition of [Fold3](#), the premium website known for its collection of U.S. military records, is free on the [King County Library System](#) website if you have a card? All of the county library systems in Washington have reciprocal agreements so you can get a free card.
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- Ancestry competitor, [MyHeritage](#), now allows you to upload your DNA data to your family tree for DNA matching. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.
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- The [Historical Society of Pennsylvania](#) is building a searchable database of William Still's Journal, the "conductor of the Underground Railroad". This journal lists biographies of some 400 fugitive slaves who Still aided in the 1850s. If you can't wait for the database, you can see [photos of the journal online](#) now. Read more about this story [here](#). Find the link under Ethnic Groups > African Americans on our Links page.
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- Here are links to the latest updates from some of the major genealogy websites, with highlights in areas BIGS members are researching:
- - [Ancestry](#) recently added and updated these collections:
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 - [U.S. Naturalization Records](#) - Many states added and others updated
 - [North Carolina, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960](#)
 - [Gloucestershire, England, Land Tax Records, 1713-1833](#)

- [Gloucestershire, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1974](#)
- [Germany, Lutheran Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1564-1938](#)

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Subscription required. Access the library edition for free at the Kitsap Regional Library or any Family History Center if you're not a subscriber.

- [Familysearch Historic Records Collections](#) - Click on "Last Updated" to sort by date to view the latest records.

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- [United States, Freedmen's Bureau, Freedmen's Court Records, 1865-1872](#)
- [Arkansas Marriages, 1837-1944](#)
- [Indiana, Civil Marriages, 1828-1957](#)
- [Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992](#)
- [Kentucky Deaths and Burials, 1843-1970](#)
- [Kentucky Marriages, 1785-1979](#)
- [Michigan Probate Records, 1797-1973](#)
- [Minnesota, County Marriages, 1860-1949](#)
- [Missouri, Reports of Separation Notices, 1941-1946](#)
- [Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885-1950](#)
- [Texas, County Marriage Records, 1837-1965](#)
- [West Virginia Will Books, 1756-1971](#)
- [Wisconsin Marriages, 1836-1930](#)

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- [Findmypast](#) - This month's additions include:

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- [Arizona Deaths](#)
- [Canada Census 1911](#)
- [British Royal Air Force, Gallantry Awards 1914-1919](#)
- [Prisoners Of War 1715-1945](#)

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Subscription required. Access the library edition for free at any Family History Center.

- [GenealogyBank](#) - You can access the library edition, America's GenealogyBank, for free from home with your [Seattle Public Library](#) card.

Kitsap County residents are eligible for free Seattle Public Library cards. Click [here](#) to sign up for a card.

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- [MyHeritage](#) - Subscription required.
 - [1911 Canada Census](#)

- [180 million Birth, Marriage, and Death records from England and Wales](#)
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 - [The New England Historic Genealogical Society \(NEHGS\)](#) - Although a subscription is required to access many databases, there are quite a few that you can access free of charge.
 - They are continuing to add 10 new sketches each week to [Western Massachusetts Families in 1790](#).

Tip of the Month

Did you know that Familysearch has a free [index to GenealogyBank's United States Obituaries from 1980 to 2014](#)? It's even better than the one on GenealogyBank's own website since this one is an every name index. That means that you can search for anyone mentioned. On GenealogyBank, you can only search for the person who died. This index could be quite useful to track down living relatives. Thanks to Sue Elfving for letting us know about this.

[GenealogyBank](#) is a subscription website but you can get free access to the library edition, America's GenealogyBank, if you have a Seattle Public Library card. Any Kitsap County Library card holder can get a Seattle Public Library card for free. Go [here](#) to apply.

BIGS Website

New Links

- Websites for genealogy research are listed on our [Links](#) page.

Here are this month's new links. All new entries are tagged with * on our website so it's easy to see what's new.

- Looking for living relatives perhaps to have DNA tested? Take a look at the [United States Public Records, 1970-2009](#) on FamilySearch. Search for yourself to find out what information is available about you! Go to Directories > Current on our Links page.
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- Sue Elfving says that [Index to Fraternal Order Death Notices](#) from the Kansas Historical Society is "quite valuable...since Kansas was quite the crossroads following the Civil War. Folks came from everywhere including Europe. It also demonstrates the value of fraternal order publications and records." Thanks for sharing this Sue. Go to Places > United States > Kansas on our Links page.
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- If you're researching early Rhode Island ancestors, you'll be excited to hear about new digital archive [Colonial Justice: Preserving and Digitizing Early Rhode Island Court Records](#), recently launched by the Rhode Island Historical Society. The earliest documents are those from 1729-1741 for the Providence County Justice Court at Warwick and those from 1730-1739 for the Kings County Court Records. Go to Places > United States > Rhode Island on our Links page.
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- The University of Virginia recently completed the second phase of digitizing the past editions of Charlottesville's [The Daily Progress newspaper](#). This recent phase of the project adds 1923 to 1964. They'd already completed digitization of the newspaper from 1893 to 1923. Go to Places > United States > Virginia on our Links page.

Local Events

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- **2nd Thursday of every month, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM** [Brick Wall Workshop](#), at the National Archives on Sandpoint Way in Seattle, FREE.
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- **Wednesday June 22, 2016, 1:00 - 2:00 PM** [Trails West: Crossing the Continent, 1840-1869](#) Mary Kircher Roddy at Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Kitsap Regional Library, 1303 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310. Mary will show how to map overland and water migration routes, relive journeys and discover your ancestors' travel timelines. Visitors are invited to remain for the June meeting, 2:00 to 3:00. FREE.
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- **Saturday June 25, 2016, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM** [Genealogy 101](#) Webinar Class with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen at Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Kitsap Regional Library, 1303 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310. She will show us how to get started in genealogy, use compiled sources, obtain, evaluate and organize information into a genealogy to benefit future generations. Registration required: call 360 475-9172, or visit the Genealogy Center, Sylvan Way Branch of the Library. FREE.
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- **August 7-12, 2016, 10:00 AM - Noon** [36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#) in Seattle, hosted by the [Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State](#)
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- **August 17-20, 2016** [Northwest Genealogy Conference](#) in Arlington, hosted by the Stillaguamish Genealogical Society
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- **Monday August 29, 2016, 2:30 - 4:30 PM** [Beginning Your Family History Research](#) at the Seattle Public Library, downtown. Registration required, FREE.
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- **Monday September 12, 2016, 2:30 - 4:30 PM** [Genealogy Databases: Ancestry Library Edition](#) at the Seattle Public Library, downtown. FREE.
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- **Monday September 12, 2016, 7:15 PM** [Janice Lovelace - topic TBD](#) at Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State at th LDS Factoria Building. FREE.
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- **October 8, 2016,** [AutumnQuest](#) HeritageQuest's annual seminar at the Emerald Queen Ballroom and Conference Center in Fife, \$60. FREE.
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Members

Check out our [Members page](#) to find out what other BIGS members are researching. If you'd like to add or change your interests, just [let us know](#).

Library

See our [Library page](#) if you'd like to borrow a book or CD from another BIGS member. If you're willing to loan or do lookups of your books or CDs, just [email us](#) to have them added to the list.

Other BIGS Business

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- **BIGS-net**
- BIGS-net, is an email discussion group, where BIGS members communicate with other members, e.g., post a question, identify a resource, carpool to a class, meet informally. We often post about free access to premium websites and discounted genealogy subscription deals there too. Join the network by clicking the Network button on [our website](#) or [contact Sue Hassenmiller](#), the BIGS-net moderator, if you have questions.
- **Mentors**
- Would you like a new perspective on your genealogy research? An annual consultation with a mentor is a benefit of BIGS membership. Contact [Betty](#) to find a mentor who can best help you.

- **Basics Class**
- If you're a new BIGS member or would like to attend a **Basics class**, please contact [Mary Ferm](#). Basics classes are open to all members. Sometimes we all need a refresher.
- **Facebook**
- Visit us on Facebook. Just scroll to the bottom of the page on [our website](#) and click on the Facebook logo!

BIGS scholarships are available. Any member in good standing can apply to the **BIGS Scholarship Fund** for funds to take a genealogy related class. Up to four individual scholarships may be awarded. There's a maximum of one scholarship per membership each year. Funds may be used for transportation, class materials and class fees. You can submit your [application](#) by email or in person to [Betty](#) or [Claire](#).

Feedback and ideas from our members are always welcome. BIGS is your group so [let us know](#) what you'd like to see!

[Claire Smith](#)

Vice President & Newsletter Editor