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[Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society](#)

BIGS News - Message from President Betty

Progress on your goals for this year

Did you set some goals for yourself this year - to LEARN, RESEARCH, ORGANIZE, OR SHARE? How is it going? Did you attend a genealogy conference? Interview older relatives? Back up your computer? Write something about person, place or object? You can share your progress and hear from others at the May 13, 2016 special interest group meeting (10 AM - Noon at the Bainbridge Island Library).

News from the Board

Please join us in saying farewell and thank you for a job well-done to our outgoing secretary, Paula Schmidt. We welcome and look forward to working with Rebecca Pratt as our new secretary.

[Betty Wiese](#)

President

Meetings

May 20, 10:00 AM - Noon, Joleen Aitchison, Director of the Family History Center in Poulsbo will be discussing how to use ***FamilySearch effectively***.

June 17, 10:00 AM - Noon, Gary Zimmerman, President of the Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle will be talking to us about ***Using City Directories in your Research***.

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 May 13, 10:00 AM - Noon**, at the Bainbridge Library, upstairs conference room
- **Topic: *Genealogy Potpourri*- time for members to share and work together**
- Leader: Betty Wiese

Evening Discussion (EDG), monthly

- **Monday May 23, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**, at the HomeStreet Bank community room
- Leaders: Mary Ferm & Sue Elfving

All Things DNA, every other month

- **Thursday June 2, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**, at the Bainbridge Library, upstairs conference room
- Leader: Sue Hassenmiller

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

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

Northeast Mid-Atlantic, quarterly

- **Wednesday June 15, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**, at the Bainbridge Library, downstairs conference room
- Leader: Mary Ferm

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***
- Leaders: BIGS Mentors Sara Scribner, Anna DuPen, and Claire Smith

Southern States, quarterly

- **July, date and time to be announced**, at the Bainbridge Library, downstairs conference room
- Leader: Paula Schmidt

Scandinavian

- **On a break for the Summer**, will be re-evaluating the demand for this SIG and possibly have the next meeting in October
- Leaders: Sue Hassenmiller & Mary Ferm

Members' Corner

by Eleanor Wheeler

My grandmother, Kate Kehn, died in a boating accident when my father was 12. Ironically, both her mother and father had died during a typhoid epidemic when Kate, the oldest of three girls, also was 12. You can imagine what a gaping hole this left in my family tree! None of my cousins knew anything more than their great grandmother's name. As I found traces of her life, I also discovered two new 2nd cousins and they filled in more information.

My great-grandmother, Caroline A. Wild, was born in 1837 in the Rheinland-Pfalz, emigrating to Baltimore with her parents at age 3. One of my new-found cousins told me that her marriage in 1860 to my great-grandfather was her second marriage. In 1859, age 22, Caroline's first husband died leaving her to raise their 4 young daughters.

Caroline died in 1874 leaving the seven daughters to be raised by various members of the extended family. Great-grandmother Caroline was buried in Baltimore Cemetery. A month later, her husband was buried next to her. That is not quite the end of the story. In 1902, descendants from her first marriage had her remains disinterred and moved to Lorraine Cemetery where she was buried together with her first husband and two of their daughters.

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

Genealogy News

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- World War II era editions of the Bainbridge Review are now available online, thanks to a partnership between the Kitsap Regional Library and the Bainbridge Island Historical Society. You can now [search the Review, 1941-1946](#). Thanks to Sylvia Nelson for letting us know! You can also find this on our Links page under Places > United States > Washington.
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- [Genealogy Roadshow](#) returns to TV on Tuesday May 17. You can see it locally on KCTS Channel 9 at 8:00 PM.
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- AncestryDNA has updated its matching algorithm to improve the match quality. Read [Randy Seaver's Genea-Musings post](#) to learn more.
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- The website [GENUKI](#), a free site for researching your ancestors in the United Kingdom and Ireland, is undergoing a major overhaul to make it easier to use. If you're researching in England, Ireland, the Channel

Islands, the Isle of Man, Scotland or Wales, check out this wonderful resource.

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- The National Genealogical Society has just added two more states, Florida and Texas, to its [Research in the States](#) book series. They will be available, along with the entire series, in the NGS store after May 10.
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- Watch for the publication of [Genetic Genealogy in Practice](#), a handbook on using DNA research to assist in genealogy research, this summer.
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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:](#)
 - - [U.S., Applications for Seaman's Protection Certificates, 1916-1940](#)
 - [Northern Territory, Australia, Probate Index, 1911-1994](#)
 - 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.
 - - [Arkansas Ex-Confederate Pension Records, 1891-1939](#)
 - [Georgia Confederate Home Records, 1901-1930](#)
 - [Illinois, Cook County, Birth Certificates, 1871-1940](#)
 - [Massachusetts Town Records, ca. 1638-1961](#)
 - [Minnesota Marriages, 1849-1950](#)
 - [Missouri, Civil Marriages, 1820-1874](#)
 - [Montana, Chouteau County Records, 1876-2011](#)
 - [Montana, Granite County Records, 1865-2009](#)
 - [Nebraska Marriages, 1855-1995](#)
 - [Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic Membership Records, 1865-1936](#)
 - [South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1965](#)
 - [Tennessee Church Marriages, 1810-1965](#)
 - [Australia, Victoria Coastal Passenger Lists, 1852-1924](#)
 - [Germany, Hesse, Frankfurt, Civil Registration, 1811-1814, 1833-1928](#)
 - [China, Imperial Examinations and Related Papers \(Han Yu-shan Collection\), 1646-1904](#)

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- [Findmypast](#) - This month's additions include:
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 - [Queensland Births 1829-1919](#)
 - [Britain, directories and almanacs](#)
 - [Dorset, England Baptisms](#)
 - [Dorset, England Marriages](#)
 - [Dorset, England Burials](#)
 - [Easter Rising & Ireland Under Martial Law 1916-1921 Collection](#)
 - [Ireland, Society Of Friends \(Quaker\) Births](#)
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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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- 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.
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- This month, five new sketches have been added to [Western Massachusetts Families in 1790](#).

Tip of the Month

It's so tempting to look at those new online records!

Instead of looking for something new, try looking at something you already have. Have you read it thoroughly? Added it to your database? Filed it? Analyzed it? Hmmmm...

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.

- [Reclaim the Records](#) is a group of not-for-profit genealogists, historians, researchers and others who are filing Freedom of Information requests to get public data back into the public domain. Their pilot project, the [New York City marriage index, 1908-1929](#), is now online and free for public use on archive.org. Go to Places > United States > New York on our Links page.
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- [The Legal Genealogist](#) is the website and blog of Judy G. Russell, a genealogist with a law degree. Her purpose is to help us understand the law and how it relates to genealogy research. Her articles range from court cases to DNA to methodology and are a great way to learn. Go to Genealogy News > Blogs on our Links page.
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- [MeasuringWorth](#) is a purchasing power calculator. Use it to find out what the relative worth of a U.S. dollar amount is today.
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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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- **Monday May 16, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 PM** [Digging Deeper Into Your German Roots](#) with Dee Haviland Fournier at the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, \$15.
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- **Wednesday May 18, 2016, 10:00 AM - Noon** [Germans from Russia](#) with Jean Roth at the Fiske Library in Seattle, \$5 for non-members.
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- **Saturday May 21, 2016, 9:45 AM - 3:30 PM** [Seattle Genealogical Society Spring Seminar](#) with Bill Dollarhide at the Fairview Christian School in Seattle, \$70 for non-members.
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- **Wednesday May 25, 2016, 10:00 AM - Noon** [Virginia](#) with Gary Zimmerman at the Fiske Library in Seattle, \$5 for non-members.
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- **Wednesday June 2, 2016, 10:00 AM - Noon** [Field Trip to the Coast Guard Museum](#) with the Fiske Library in Seattle, \$5 for non-members.
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- **Wednesday June 8, 2016, 10:00 AM - Noon** [Advanced Techniques for Searching Libraries Around the World](#) with Gary Zimmerman at the Fiske Library in Seattle, \$5 for non-members.
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- **Monday June 20, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 PM** [Digging Deeper into your German Roots](#) with Dee Haviland Fournier at the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, \$15.
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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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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