



BAINBRIDGE ISLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

News from the Board

New Board Members

Please welcome 3 new members to your Board of Directors:

Betsy Hettich - Director
Position 1 - Ways and Means

Sue Elfving - Director Position 2
- Publicity/PR Chair

Don Scott - Director Position 3 -
Ombudsman

Thank You!

A special thank you to our outgoing board members for their service:

- Bagley Dawson
- Liz Powell
- Melody Truscott

Please also welcome **Pat Scott**, our newsletter editor, as we say farewell to **Mae Gentry** who is leaving Bainbridge Island.

Member's Corner

The Saga of William P. Moore

by Bruce McCain

My maternal Great-Grandfather Farmer Moore was born in 1835 in Jackson County, Tennessee. He lived most of his life in Bolivar, Missouri, where he was a brick mason, as were most of his sons, including my grandfather, Fredrick L. Moore. Early in my research on Farmer, I checked with Ancestry.com, and most of the family trees for Farmer had Farmer's father as William T. Moore, born in 1774. That seemed odd to me because William would have been 61 years old when Farmer was born, but every tree I checked had William T. as his father.

Farmer Moore's death certificate from the state of Missouri listed his father as William **P.** Moore. I contacted one of the most prominent Farmer family trees and told the tree's author about my find. The tree owner, however, was not convinced for he had gotten his information from Farmer's Civil War records. I kept on doing more research and found an 1850 U. S. Census record for Franklin County, Alabama, that listed a Wm. **P.** Moore and his family which included a Farmer Moore, age 14. Plus, William **P.** was listed as a brick mason. This William **P.** Moore was born in 1807. I also checked the census records for Tennessee for the years 1830 and 1840, and, sure enough, there was William **P.** Moore in Jackson County with the information I needed to show that Farmer was born between 1830 and 1840. I had pretty solid proof of the identity of Farmer's father.

I again contacted the "Moore expert" about my findings, and he still wasn't convinced. Understandably, this guy had put

CHECK IT OUT

BI Library's "Plan for Books" during Summer Remodel

Much of Bainbridge Island Library's genealogy collection has been "adopted" by Mary Ferm and Pat Scott until the library begins re-shelving books in the new library, about July 17th. Mary Ferm has already communicated through BIGS-net listing her "adopted" books. Pat Scott has adopted a few and emailed her list to BIGS-net as well. Both Mary and Pat are happy to share what they have with BIGS members. If any other members are also participating and want to share, please let me know; we will put out a message to the whole BIGS google group about what we know. In the meantime, check out the library's webpage for more information. Feel free to use BIGS-NET as an easy link about projects as we get the message out to everyone.

a lot of work into Farmer's family tree and traced William **T.** Moore's ancestors back into the 1600s, so he was not going to give up easily.

My final piece of evidence of William **P.**'s fatherhood came from DNA analysis. I had the Y chromosomal DNA of a male Moore cousin analyzed by Family Tree DNA. In the list of Moores provided by FTDNA, there was the name of a man with DNA markers almost identical to my cousin's markers. I contacted him, and he traced his ancestors to an individual who was common to both of our trees.

By this time, my "Moore expert" friend had at least started a new family tree on Ancestry.com that had Farmer's correct father, although he kept his erroneous tree on the website. I started contacting other Moore genealogists on Ancestry.com who had the wrong father in their Farmer Moore trees even though they had a picture of Farmer Moore's death certificate! Gradually, people started to correct their family trees, and William **T.** Moore faded away.

With further research, I found that the families of both Farmer and William **P.** were living in Bolivar, Missouri, in 1860 according to the U. S. Census. In 1862, Farmer Moore joined the Confederate Army, but in 1863 he was captured in the Battle at Vicksburg, Missouri. Farmer Moore was immediately paroled, and he returned to Bolivar where he built brick buildings until his death in 1912.

The story of William **P.** Moore is not yet complete. The last documentation I have for William **P.** is the name "**W. P. Moore**" on a list indicating support for the Union, published between 1861 and 1864, and called "Men's Loyalty Oath Signatures" for Bolivar. After that period he disappeared. His wife, Naoma Moore, was listed in a "1863 Tax Assessors Book - Polk County, Missouri," the county where Bolivar is located. Her personal property was only \$6.00. William P. was not listed.

I don't yet know what happened to William P. or Naoma Moore. I do know that times were difficult in Missouri during the Civil War. Parts of the state supported the Union, and other parts supported the

Shout-Out for [Sylvan Way Library in Bremerton!](#)

What a great time for us to re-visit The **Kitsap Regional Genealogy Library**, maintained by the Puget Sound Genealogy Society, which holds a substantial number of both non-circulating and circulating genealogy materials. Also check the KRL catalog for books held by other branches. All KRL books can be delivered to Bainbridge Library during this closure period. See additional local research sites in the Events Section of this newsletter.

Betty Wiese
President



[BIGS Website](#)



Confederates. I have heard that the Union supporters would automatically shoot anyone suspected of being pro-Confederate. William P. was in his early 50s and vulnerable to suspicions from

both sides. He and Naoma may have left the state, or they may have been killed. I am trying to find their fate, and the saga of William P. Moore continues.

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

Meetings

Until further notice, our monthly meetings will be held at the LDS Church, 8677 Madison Ave. NE, Bainbridge Island. Park on the northwest side of the building, and enter through the northwest corner door by the bike racks.

Friday, May 19, 10:00 AM to noon

Janice C. Lovelace, Ph.D.

"Beyond Online: Beginning Courthouse Research"

Friday, June 16, 10:00 AM to noon

Deanna Egeland Dowell

Finding Social Security, Naturalization, and Homestead Applications

Contact Historian [Betsy Hettich](#) for presentation handouts.

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

Special Interest Groups

For BIGS Members Only

Upcoming SIG meetings in chronological order.

All meetings will be held at the LDS Church, unless otherwise noted.

Go to [our website](#) for the complete schedule.

MAY - JUNE

Skill Building, second Friday of the month

Friday, May 12, 10 AM to Noon,

Topic: ***Planning for a Research Trip***

Leader: Sue Hassenmiller

Friday, June 9, 10 AM to Noon,

Topic: ***Palentine (German) Migration - What we are learning***

Leader: Andy Hoskins and Kathy Penn

Evening Discussion Group, third Monday of the month

Monday, May 15, 7 PM to 9 PM, Homestreet Bank on Hildebrand Lane

Topic: ***Active problem solving and updates on research progress***

Leaders: Mary Ferm and Sue Elfving

Great Britain, first Friday of the month

Friday, June 2, 10 AM to Noon

Leader: Joleen Aitchison

New England Mid-Atlantic, quarterly

Next meeting TBA

Leader: Mary Ferm

Southern States, quarterly

Next meeting TBA

Leader: Paula Schmidt

All Things DNA, every other month

Next meeting TBA

Leader: Sue Hassenmiller

Irish, monthly

Next meeting TBA

Acting Leader: Sue Hassenmiller

Happenings Around the Sound

Find list of events offered statewide at www.wasgs.org.

May 20 Seattle Genealogy Society Annual Spring Seminar

"Voices from the Past" Presenter: Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A.

Registration Deadline is **May 14**

- Diseases, Disasters, Distress: Bad for Ancestors, Good for Genealogy!
- Writing Your Family History Step-by-Step
- Silent Voices: Telling the stories of Your Female Immigrant Ancestors
- Make Those Skeletons Dance, Exploring Your Family's Dark Side'

Brochure, Location, Registration seattlegenealogicalsociety.org

Email questions: seminar@seattlegenealogicalsociety.org

Wednesday Classes at the Fiske Library

May 17 *City Directories* Mary Roddy

May 24 *Naturalization: The Process and Research* Evelyn Roehl

May 31 *Military Pension Records* Jim Johnson

June 14 *Newspaper Research* Karl Krumm

All classes meet 10:00 AM to Noon in the street-level room of Pioneer Hall, 1644 43rd Ave, E, (Madison Park), Seattle.

Details: <https://fiskelibrary.org/2017springclasses.html>

June 3 Heritage Quest Research Library

ALL DAY DNA SEMINAR with Janet O'Connor Camarata

Saturday at HQRL, 1007 Main Street, Sumner, WA, [map](#)

Reservations are required. \$50.00 includes lunch, snack, and drinks.

Email: hqrlinfo@gmail.com

June 5 Seattle Public Library Central Library - 4th Street

[Tour the Genealogy Section](#)

Monday 2 - 4 PM

Registration Required: [Sign-Up On Their Website Here](#)

June 10 New England Historic Genealogy Society**A Day with NEHGS Researching Early New England Ancestors**

Saturday 9:00 am to 6:30 pm

The Bellevue Club, 11200 SE 6th St., Bellevue

Conference website: [NEHGS website](#)

Cost \$125.

Spend a day with NEHGS genealogists and discover essential resources for 17th-C. New England research, understand early settlement and migration patterns, gain new strategies for researching your patriot ancestors, and more.

Registration includes five lectures, lunch and an evening reception.

July 23-28 Jewish Genealogy Society of Washington State www.jgsws.org

IAJGS Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Registration is open and the conference schedule is online

Details: <http://iajgs2017.org/>.

Tip of the Month

[NYC Space/Time Directory](#).

The New York Public Library's new New York City Space/Time Directory displays the library's collections of maps and geospatial data through **interactive** tools. **'Maps by Decade'** plots 5,000 digitized New York City street maps across the five boroughs, organized by decade **from 1850 to 1950**.

Thanks, Claire Smith!

And don't forget about elephind.com!

Elephind adds newspapers from new sources every month. Ask *Marie Spearman* about her GEM of a find in this month's newly added Michigan paper!

Feedback and ideas from our members are always welcome.

BIGS is YOUR group so let us know what you'd like to see!

Pat Scott

Newsletter Editor
