



BAINBRIDGE ISLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

News from the Board

MEMBERSHIP

Renewal and Reminder of the "goodies" that come with membership

It is time to renew memberships for 2018; the deadline is February 16, 2018. You can give your check to any board member at a meeting or mail it to **PO Box 135 Rolling Bay Washington 98061**. Dues remain at \$35/single and \$50/family. If you want to give the gift of membership, check out the details on our website or ask a board member.

Here are some benefits of membership.

- Sylvia Nelson, Program Chair, is developing the plan for **monthly program meetings**. The January 19th meeting will be a presentation by three mentors about Ports and Passenger/Ship Lists. Other topics under

Member's Corner

A Puritan Named Bathsheba?

by Mary Ferm

When my grandparents introduced me to genealogy when I was in high school, it was the names that first appealed to me—names like Scots Irish Laura Ella McElhany and German Katerina Bibelhausen. Even some of the Puritan ancestors had great names, like Adonijah Pangman, Thomasina Lumpkin, and Bathsheba Pratt. Wait a minute—Bathsheba?

Wasn't Bathsheba the gorgeous woman from the Bible who bathed naked on the roof of her house, whom King David watched and desired so much that he arranged to have her husband killed? King David then married her, and they had a son, Solomon. What were the parents of this Puritan ancestor thinking? (Bathsheba married Joshua Pratt before 1630 in Plymouth Colony, so she was definitely Puritan.) This was a question that has been tickling me in the back of my mind for years.

So here's an example of how social history is helpful—in this case *"Good Wives: Image and Reality in the Lives of Women in Northern New England 1650-1750"* by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, which I recently read. Ulrich says that Puritans took for their model of the perfect wife a passage from Proverbs (31:10-31) believed to be written by Solomon. And who would Solomon be describing but his own mother? The Puritans

consideration include military records and court records.

- We plan to offer 10 **skill-building** meetings on the 2nd Fridays of the month for members to learn and maintain skills, including technology skills. Three members will share their tips and tricks for searching Ancestry.com. Watch for a message asking for your help to share your knowledge with other members.
- Special Interest Groups (**SIGs**) offer opportunities to bring questions and discoveries to small group settings (e.g., DNA, Southern States, Evening Discussion Group).
- Our **website** www.Blgenealogy.org is a resource with over 1500 links to a wide variety of genealogical resources, in addition to notices of our meetings, and local area classes.
- We offer up to four small **scholarships** each year (\$25-50) to support members to attend a class or seminar. See our website for more information.
- **BIGSNet** (email group of members who want to communicate with other members) is a great place to ask questions or get help. You can join BIGSNet from our webpage or by contacting Susan Hassenmiller suzy1943@gmail.com
- You can get matched with a **mentor** at least once a year;

conveniently ignored the story about the hot babe on the roof, and adopted the perfect wife role for Bathsheba.

“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies...

She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands...

She also riseth while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household...

With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard...

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness...”

It was this paragon of female virtue and industry who was cited as an example for women in many Puritan sermons and writings.

This was another reminder for me, that when something in my family history seems funny or odd, it is likely that something is missing in my understanding.

Do you have a story you would like to share in a future BIGS newsletter? Please contact [Sue Hassenmiller](mailto:Sue.Hassenmiller)

Book Review

The Arc of an Oligarchy

by Kathy Penn

Bound Away, by David Hackett Fischer and James C. Kelly, University of Virginia Press, Charlottesville and London, 2000

Fischer is the author of Albion's Seed, Four British Folkways in America, a ponderous academic work based on the premise that migration of four different cultural and geographical groups of England migrated to different parts of the early American colonies and established four dominant cultural identities. Bound Away is an elaboration and development of the section of this book on the settlement of Virginia by the

more often is also possible. In these focused one-on-one meetings, an experienced mentor can help you with a specific issue or question and help you decide your next steps. To explore whether a mentor might help, contact Betty Wiese bettywiese@comcast.net.

- Small group **getting started** classes are offered on an as needed basis by Mary Ferm or Paula Schmidt. These 1-2 hour sessions cover the fundamentals of genealogical research and are geared for members new to genealogy. Contact Mary Ferm mmferm@gmail.com to request a class.
- Our **monthly newsletter** highlights upcoming meetings and local events, new website links, news from the board and contributions from members.

Thank you for your membership and contributions to this wonderful community of hobby genealogists.

Betty Wiese

President

distressed Cavaliers of Southern England.

Bound Away is also an authoritative, academic work. But, besides continual references to Fredrick Jackson Turner and his "frontier thesis", this is a very readable book. Fischer and Kelly tell us the Virginia story: who came to Virginia, where they moved within Virginia, where they moved to from Virginia. He describes the various peoples who arrived and their prejudices, the social hierarchy and its positive and negative impact on society, and the effects of all of this on the settlement of the other states. There is a whole section on the movements of African Americans.

It is interesting to watch the arc of an oligarchy, Virginia: from the early adventurers and the poor of London, the arrival of King Charles' Cavaliers, to the great leaders of the Revolution and their high society, to the inevitable degradation. The authors effectively balance their facts and charts with a flowing narrative, leading

us into the lives and times of America's early history. One can feel the pressures to migrate, the played out land, economic hardship, bad neighbors, and lack of opportunities. We follow particular families on their travels into specific parts of Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina, etc. Individuals take on an additional dimension when we learn their circumstances. If your research is stuck in or near colonial times, in America, check out this book.

Editors note: Have you found a book particularly helpful in your research, whether through the specific details it provided or a more general sense of time and place? We are hoping to include books reviews in our newsletter on a regular basis. If you have one to share, please contact Andy Hoskins, andrea.kay.hoskins@gmail.com

New Website Links

Added in October

[Find My Past Newspapers and Periodicals](#)

British, Irish, US and World Newspapers and PERiodical Source Index

[Internet Archive/EBooks and Texts](#)

Free digital books and texts

[Library of Congress Digital Collection](#)

Books, documents, and manuscripts

[National Library of Scotland](#)

Find maps of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland

[Online Books Page](#)

Facilitates access to digitized books that are freely available online

[UKBMD Online Parish Clerks Websites](#)

Links to websites that offer on-line indexes and transcriptions of UK births, marriages, deaths, censuses, parish records, wills, monumental inscriptions etc.

Meetings

Friday, November 17, 10:00 AM to Noon

LDS Church, 8677 Madison Ave. NE

Presented by Steven Morrison

Now What? Options for your Genealogy Education

Ready to move your Family History research up to the next level? This session will provide an overview of ways to advance your genealogy skills and knowledge. It will review available seminars, conferences, and training courses.

Friday, December 15, 10:00 AM to Noon

Join us for our Holiday Gathering in the gym at the LDS Church. It is time for our Annual Show & Tell plus Resource Exchange. Be thinking about a discovery you would like to share - a photo, a relic, a story, a tree? Gather up any books, maps, or other references you are ready to hand off to someone else, and bring them to the exchange.

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

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

Special Interest Groups

For BIGS Members Only

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

Skill Building, second Friday of the month

Friday, November 10, 10 AM to Noon,

Bainbridge Library Upstairs Meeting Room, 1270 Madison Ave NE

Topic: **Spreadsheets for Genealogy**

Leader: Mary Kircher Rodd

The next Second Friday Skill Building Group will be held January 12, 2018.

There will be no meeting the second Friday of December.

Evening Discussion Group (EDG), third Monday of the month

Monday, November 20, 7 PM to 9 PM,

HomeStreet Bank on Hildebrand Lane

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

Leaders: Sue Elfving and Mary Ferm

Great Britain, first Friday of the month

November meeting cancelled

Next meeting Friday, December 1, 10 AM to Noon,

LDS Church, 8677 Madison Ave NE

Leader: Joleen Aitchison

New England-Mid-Atlantic Special Interest Group

Next meeting Monday, December 4, 10 AM to Noon,

HomeStreet Bank on Hildebrand Lane

Leader: Mary Ferm

Tip of the Month

Contributed by Claire Smith

Have you hit a brick wall with one of your ancestors? Try going sideways by researching your collateral ancestors, relatives who you're not directly descended from like siblings. So if you can't find your great-great-grandmother's maiden name, try researching all of her children, not just the one you're descended from. Maybe one of their birth, marriage or death records will list mom's maiden name.

Happening Around the Sound

Seattle Genealogical Society

Irish Special Interest Group

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2017 - 10:15am to 12:15pm

Chair: Jean A. Roth

Scandinavian Special Interest Group

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017 - 1:30 to 3:30pm

Chair: Karen Knudson

Confirm event: <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/>

Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - 1-3pm

Kitsap Regional Library, Sylvan Way Branch

Topic: ***The Evergreen State: Researching Your Washington State Ancestors***

Speaker: Mary Kircher Roddy

This talk covers the basics of Washington State history, geography, ethnic groups and where to find Washington State genealogical records both online and offline. We will cover research strategies and some of the unique collections that can be found in the Evergreen State.

Confirm event: <http://www.pusogensoc.org/>

Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2017 - 9:30 - 11:30am

Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum

Topic: ***Brick Walls with Jesse Stewart: Focus on Women's Maiden Names***

Speaker: Jesse Stewart

Confirm event: <http://wajcgs.org/>

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