Discover Your Family's Story, Today

Tips and tools to get you started down the right path

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Agenda

1. Share some tips or best practices
2. Demonstrate using the forms
3. Open Q & A

Tip 1: Start now

- Do as much or as little as you want
- Focus on what most interest you
- Save artifacts while you can
- Talk to the eldest members of the family

Tip 2: Be stingy

- Don’t invest a lot of time/money
- Leverage free resources
  - FamilySearch website, Wiki and Library
  - Sno-Isle Library
  - Washington Digital Archive
  - Capture research on paper, word processor, or spreadsheets

Tip 3: Start with what you know

- Start with you and work your way back
- Write down what you already “know”
- Look for family records to document facts
- Records, stories, remembrances create a web of evidence that supports the facts

Tip 4: Document your work

- Genealogy without documentation is Mythology
- Record your research in a log
- Document where you found records
- Organize digital or physical records

Tip 5: Do it your way

- This is your hobby, enjoy it
- Research as deeply or as broadly as you want
- Research one person/story or everyone
- Tell your story in unique ways: video, audio, scrapbooks, quilts, etc

Tip 6: Make it a team sport

- Research need not be a singular endeavor
- Share the work/output with others
- Many options
  - Collaborate with known/unknown family
  - Engage in online groups
  - Join a local genealogy society

Demonstration

- **Pedigree chart** documents the vital records of you and your direct ancestors
- **Family group sheet** documents more details about a family unit, like all family members or other marriages
- **Research log** keeps a record of your research and provides links back to resources.

Q & A

- About the forms and their use?
- About how our tips can be applied to you?
- About other research issues you have?

In closing

- Start now, even if you only do a little
- Basic research skills ensure your story isn't fiction
- Connect with other to be more effective and fun
- There's no one "right way" to capture and tell your family's story — put your stamp on it

If you have more questions

- Coffee Klatch every Monday at 10a on Zoom
- Tool Shed discussion group on 3rd Wednesday of the month (Sept 18th) at 7p on Zoom
- Open library hours 11a-3p on Thursdays and Saturdays
- Check our website www.snoislegenealogy.org for times, places, and Zoom links

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Cheat Sheet

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Free Resources

- Sno-Isle Genealogical Society
  - Member portal - https://snoislegenealogy.org/index.php
  - Library Catalog - https://www.librarycat.org/lib/SNOISLEGEN
  - Edmonds Tribune-Review digital collection - https://etr.stparchive.com/
  - Presentation handouts - https://snoislegenealogy.org/fileDownload.php?cid=9&sid=2
  - Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/snoislegen/
  - Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/SnoIsleGenealogicalSociety
  - YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/@Sno-IsleGen
- Family Search
  - Website/records research (free account required) - https://www.familysearch.org
  - Wiki - https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page
  - Mountlake Terrace research Library - https://locations.familysearch.org/en/us/wa/mountlake-terrace/22015-48th-ave-w?qp=Lynnwood%2C+Washington+98036%2C+United+States&lat=47.827439&lng=-122.307059&r=25
- Washington Digital Archives - https://digitalarchives.wa.gov/
- Sno-Isle Library System Genealogy - https://www.sno-isle.org/resources/genealogy/?_gl=1*1eyvgbe*_ga*MTgxNjQxODQ4OS4xNzI1NDc2NDM1*_ga_G99DMMNG39*MTcyNTQ3NjQzNS4xLjEuMTcyNTQ3NjQzNy4wLjAuMA..

SIGS Activities https://snoislegenealogy.org/eventListings.php?nm=76

- **Coffee Klatch** - Monday mornings at 10am on Zoom. An information gathering to share experiences and ask questions.
- **Tool Shed** - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm on Zoom. An information study group focusing on tools and techniques for genealogical research.
- **General Meeting** - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in-person and on Zoom. Social gathering and formal presentation.
- **Library Hours** - Every Thursday and Saturday from 11am to 3pm at the Humble House library in Heritage Park, Lynnwood. Volunteers are on hand to answer questions, show the collection of books and discuss your objectives.

Pedigree Chart

You (or main person) | Parents | GrandParents | Great-Grandparents

Name:
Birth
Place of Birth
Married
Place of Marriage
Death
Place of Death

Name of Spouse

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Family Group Record

Document Person			
Birth Date		Place	
Married		Place	
Died		Place	
Father's Name		Mother's Name	
Other Info			

Spouse's Name			
Birth Date		Place	
Married		Place	
Died		Place	
Father's Name		Mother's Name	
Other Info			

Children *(listed whether living or dead, in order of Birth)*			
Name		Male/Female	
Birth Date		Place	
Married		Place	
Died		Place	
Spouse's Name		Male/Female	
Name		Male/Female	
Birth Date		Place	
Married		Place	
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Always document female's by their maiden name

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Research Log

Ancestor Name		Objective	
Date	Description	Comments	Source