



THE HOMESTEADER

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JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Saturday, Sept 21, 10-11:30am

♦ **"Genealogy Websites You Probably Aren't Using (But Probably Should Be)"**, presented by Jessica Stern

Saturday, Oct 19, 10-11:30am

♦ **"Sinking of the Clallam"**, presented by Erik Kosick



**Sunday
July 14,
1-4 pm**

**Join us at the Museum
for ice cream and
hot dogs!**

Friends and Family Welcome!

WOODINVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM OPEN: 1:00-4:00pm

- ♦ ALL Sundays in July
- ♦ ALL Sundays in August
- ♦ Sunday, September 1
- ♦ Sunday, October 6

BOARD MEETINGS: 6:30pm Regular meetings at the museum; open to all members

- ♦ Thursday, July 11
- ♦ Thursday, August 8
- ♦ Thursday, September 12
- ♦ Thursday, October 10



Upcoming Community Programs

September Program (Saturday, Sept 21, 10-11:30am) at Brightwater Education Center, 22505 State Route 9 (Woodinville-Snohomish Rd), just north of Costco.

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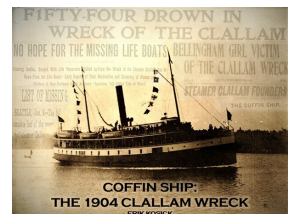
Every genealogist is familiar with Ancestry.com, but there is so much more available for your genealogy research! Learn about other websites that can help you discover your ancestors' stories and break down those pesky brick walls. And the best part? Many of them are free! We'll talk about sites for newspapers, local histories, maps, and more, and review some of the latest artificial intelligence technology and tools to help you understand your DNA results.

Jessica Stern is a professional genealogist and owner of Black Sheep Genealogy in Woodinville. She has extensive United States research experience, particularly in the Midwest, New England, and mid-Atlantic regions. She applies her knowledge of DNA and genetic genealogy to cold case investigations, working with the team at Firebird Forensics, a nonprofit founded by Barbara Rae-Venter, who solved the notorious Golden State Killer case. Jessica was awarded Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist for the Pacific Northwest division by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, in 2016. Jessica lives in Woodinville with her husband Adrian, dog Dash, and two cats who prefer to remain nameless.

October Program (Saturday, Oct 19, 10-11:30am at Brightwater Education Center, 22505 State Route 9 (Woodinville-Snohomish Rd), just north of Costco.

"Sinking of the Clallam", presented by Erik Kosick

In the storm-wracked early hours of January 9, 1904, the steamship *Clallam* sank in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, claiming the lives of at least 56 people, nearly all of them passengers. The jewel of the Seattle-Victoria run, the ship was not even a year old. While a scandalized British Columbia dubbed her the 'Coffin Ship', the *Clallam* was not an anomaly in the North American steamship trade. The wreck's aftermath exposed an environment that would alarm both sides of the border.



Erik Kosick, History B.A., Pacific Lutheran University, has researched the tragedy for over a decade, and will take you through *Clallam*'s short life and her final voyage. Through rarely seen photographs, artifacts and accounts of *Clallam*'s passengers and crew, you will see how this nearly forgotten shipwreck created a watershed moment in the Pacific Northwest's maritime industry.

Not yet a member of your community museum? Your annual dues help support collections, new exhibits and maintenance of the historic DeYoung House, and you will receive quarterly newsletters, emailed event news, program updates, as well as invitations to members-only events.

\$15	Student/Educator/senior
\$25	Individual
\$40	Family
\$500	Single Lifetime

We also very much appreciate support from Corporate and Non-Profit donors. Please contact us at (425)402-0750 to see how you can be involved in this great community asset!



Why Make a Will? by Lucy DeYoung

August is Make-a-Will Month

Many people postpone writing a will. Maybe it's because we don't want such a tangible reminder of our mortality. Or perhaps we view the process as relinquishing the ownership of our property. Whatever the excuse may be for putting off the drafting of a will, many people do not realize that writing one actually prevents what is feared. In fact, a will may be the most important document that you ever write, because it allows you to select the persons or organizations who will receive what you own when you die. August is Make-a-Will Month. If you don't have one in place, you cannot select the recipients of your property and the state you reside in will determine how your property is divided.

What is a Will?

In simple terms, a will is a legal document that dictates how you want your assets to be distributed after you die. It's a fluid document because it has no effect until you die—you can change it whenever you want.

Bequests

Many people make charitable bequests in their wills. If you do so, we hope you will remember the Woodinville Heritage Society. We are very fortunate in that we own the DeYoung House free and clear. However, along with that ownership is the responsibility to maintain the house. To make sure we have funds to do so in perpetuity, we have established an Endowment Trust Fund for the improvement, operation, maintenance or embellishment of all or any part of an asset owned by the Heritage Society of which the value of that asset is greater than \$100,000 (DeYoung House). In addition, the Trust principal and contributions shall be irreducible and inviolable. The allowable distributable amounts are only from the income and interest of the Trust.

Please help us build up the Endowment Trust Fund so we have the ability to maintain the DeYoung House for future generations by remembering us in your will. You can designate a bequest to the ENDOWMENT CARE TRUST FUND OF THE WOODINVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY. We thank you and are very grateful to you for helping perpetuate Woodinville's history for future generations.

WHS Annual Meeting

Preceding the excellent April community program on the History of Boeing, President Kevin Stadler reviewed some of our successes in 2023. He also announced the results of the Board elections. Continuing as Board members will be Rick Chatterton, Lucy DeYoung and Phyllis Keller. Thanks to all the members who voted!

At the May Board meeting, officers were elected. They are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Kevin Stadler
Carrol Harris
Kristin Gullede
Lucy DeYoung

Repertory Theater Class at Museum

This Spring the Heritage Society has been hosting an 8-week, Sunday morning course on writing 10-minute plays. Ten-minute plays have become increasingly popular and many community theater companies now stage festivals of 10-minute plays. The course was sponsored by the Woodinville Repertory Theatre and was taught by UW Professor Emeritus David Farkas. Dave and Jean Farkas, life-long theater enthusiasts, manage an informal Lake Forest Park-based theater group, the Goat Hill Theater. For the past five years (outdoors during the worst of Covid) the Goat Hill Theater has staged programs of 10-minute plays written by group members. They performed one of Dave's plays at the 2023 Woodinville Winterfest.



This year their six participants were taught seminar-style with lots of lively conversation around a table in the very pleasant DeYoung House living room. Each participant finished at least one script for a 10-minute play, and Dave says, "The quality of the scripts was high!" Actors and directors from the Woodinville Repertory Theater performed a staged reading of these plays on June 1.

The Woodinville Heritage Society welcomes groups to use the museum. There is no fee, but donations are gladly accepted. Contact (425)402-0750 to schedule.

General Store

Books:

- Images of America: Woodinville \$15
- Village in The Woods \$10
- A Glimpse of Woodinville \$5
- Woodinville Coloring Book \$3

DVDs (all \$5):

- The DeYoung Family
- John Emil Halver III
- School Days – The '40s & '50s
- Woodinville Methodist Church History
- Life on Hollywood Hill
- Woodinville – The Early Days
- The Molbak Story

Send check to WHS, POB 216, Woodinville 98072, or pick up at the museum on Sundays.

New Items Coming Soon - Stay Tuned!

Susan Woodin - Part III, by Terri Malinowski

Early Days in Woodinville Featured Romance, Tragedy

(Cont'd from the April-June edition of *The Homesteader*)

On Sundays, the Woodin residence became the local church and Sunday school. The first recorded services were conducted in 1884 by a Reverend A. Anderson, a Swedish Methodist missionary. He probably also presided at the wedding of Mary Woodin to Thomas Sanders that same year. Sanders was a 26-year-old Englishman who had homesteaded on Bear Creek, a man with driving ambition and a keen mind. He lost his heart to pretty Mary Woodin, however, in probably the only instance where his heart triumphed over his mind. Later he became partner with his father-in-law after Ira Woodin opened a general store on pilings near the river. The couple presented the Woodins with their first grandchild, Guy, in 1886, increasing Woodinville's population to 61.

The Sanders eventually moved to a magnificent home on the hill above the present Snack Bar. This home was the result of Sanders' success in several business ventures, including timber enterprises here and in Ballard. With his later associates, he was to become a millionaire in years to come.

The settlement still had no doctor, nor were there any along the river, so Ira Woodin doubled as a doctor and his wife as nurse. Records show that she delivered John Beckstrom, born to Bothell pioneers Andrew and Augusta Beckstrom in 1885. The first doctor for the area arrived in 1889 when Dr. Reuben Chase set up practice in Bothell. His fees were \$1.50 for a house call, including medicine, \$10 for delivery of a new baby, and \$5 to \$10 for operations and bone setting.

In the meantime, Emanuel Neilson opened another general store, located where the present Snack Bar stands. He took his grandson, Bill Jaderholm, into business with him and their store was a popular gathering place for those who wished to hear the latest news, the store remaining well into the early 1900s, although Woodin gave up his interest in 1898.

Woodinville was now no longer a "settlement up the river," for steamboats had begun plying the river regularly. The side-wheeler "Mud Hen" began in 1876, followed by the "Minnie Mae" in 1879 and the "Everill" in 1880. The one that best typified the area was the "Squak Valley," built at the Kirkland docks for a Mr. Bergstrom of Woodinville. She was a sturdy, flat-bottomed scow with a small house on top and a steam engine operated off twin propellers. She was piloted by Captain O'Conner and made occasional trips up from Seattle to Bothell, Woodinville, Derby, York, and McRedmond to Squak Lake. Her shallow draft allowed her to travel up all rivers and streams, and the towns along the river were depended on her for supplies, transportation and mail. The "Squak Valley" was the subject of many strange tales, and her end was just as strange, for she sank at the Kirkland dock in a storm on Christmas Day, 1890.

By 1883, Woodinville pupils had graduated to a one-room log cabin school on the Jacobson homestead where Gust Jacobson had donated a tract of land. Miss Clayton and Miss Emma Clark were the earliest teachers on record, and the first pupils were Mary, Clara, Andrew and Jake Jacobson, John, Theodore, and Rosa Calkins, Annie and Bill Jaderholm and Frank Woodin.

The children, their tin lunch buckets swinging on their arms, came to school along woodland paths, and school often closed up during snowy winters. In 1885, Woodinville School District #23 was divided to form Bothell School District #46, also.

As a sideline, several of the settlers in the valley began raising hops. They hired Indians to clear the land and plant the hops, and soon hop kilns dotted the landscape, their pointed roofs resembling "prim churches," in the words of historian Elmer Carlberg. The Indians were employed, too, to pick the hops, both in the valley and further up toward Issaquah, or Gilman as it was known then.

Welcome to Our
Newest Members!
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Dennis Mimier
Kay Mimier

And Our Newest
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Sandi Knafla

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Thank you!

A Letter from Sarah Jacobsen Fogh - Part 1 of 2

The Museum received a handwritten letter from Sara Jacobsen Fogh in 1966. It was transcribed and is printed here in part:

Father: Gustav Martinius Jacobsen, 1845-1903

Mother: Maiden name in Norwegian Christina Andreas Datter Hamre – translated to English Christina Hammer, later went by Anna, 1845 -1921

Both born in Norway, married in Norway – migrated to the United States in 1872.

Eight children born from 1870-1886.

First settled in Chicago but my Mother couldn't stand the climate there so migrated to Oakland. She thought she had come to heaven; the climate was so different and wonderful.

When they came to America they had two children, Jacob, and Mary. While they were in Oakland, Bolete was born; they called her Lettie. After she died Andrew was born. In 1876 they moved to Seattle because my father's brother and family were there. My father came first and left my mother to come alone with 3 small children on a sailing vessel. It took 2 weeks to come from Oakland to Seattle. My mother fell down an open hatch and almost was killed.

They stayed in Seattle a short time and moved out into the country and landed on Squak Slough now known as the Sammamish River. The reason for going out there was because my Uncle Emanuel Neilsen, my father's brother was out there. His son-in-law was logging. My family homesteaded 160 acres; they were the 4th family to settle on the banks of Squak Slough at Woodinville.

When my family first landed on the banks of the Sammamish River they built a bark shanty. It was very inadequate and when my mother complained of the river water coming thru at night, my father pulled the covers over his face and went to sleep. Later they built a 26 x 14 room and built on from time to time. Emanuel, Clara, Edwin and Sara were born in Woodinville.

(To be continued in the October newsletter)

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Come visit us at the Woodinville Heritage Museum

Located in the DeYoung House

14121 NE 171st Street
Woodinville, WA 98072,

One block east of 140th Ave. NE.

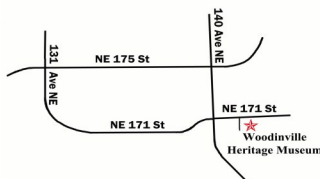
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Admission is always FREE!



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Our *vision* is to be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community.