



# TPCGS NEWSLETTER

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS SCHEDULES

TPCGS monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month September through May. Meetings are held at Bates Technical College, South Campus, 2291 South 78<sup>th</sup> St, Tacoma, Building E. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm, with an educational session followed by a brief business meeting. After a short break the main presentation begins. *Guests are always welcome!*

Our 2018 programs will continue to focus on building our genealogical research skills.

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018 ... "I Have My DNA Results – Now What?"  
Presented By: Jill Morelli*

## Message from the President

By: D Becker, TPCGS President

### NOT ALL DNA TESTERS ARE ANCESTOR HUNTERS

Have you ever had this happen: - you're checking the results of your DNA tests, yet again, and you find a promising match for a third cousin; there is no family tree attached to the match, nor a list of family names? You send a message contacting the potential cousin, and wait for a reply.

And you don't hear back, or (what might be worse) the reply is that the individual isn't interested in researching the family, and doesn't know anything anyway! To quote Charlie Brown: *AArrrgh!*

The lines I would most like to trace – my mother's maternal line – has "daughtered out". I know the second cousins who have tested; no help there. The other match possibilities fall into the categories described above.

As a forester, I have learned to be patient while waiting for results, but all too often a wildfire comes through and destroys everything before it can be harvested.

It may be time to make a target on my brick chimney, and mark it "Hit Head Here"

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***Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society***

***Spring Seminar 2018***

***Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>***

***La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1425 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA***

**We are pleased to announce that our speaker will be J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA.**

J. Mark Lowe describes himself as a lifelong genealogist. He is a full-time professional genealogist, Author, and lecturer who specializes in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee just north of Nashville near the Kentucky border.

***Topics:***

***Pioneers of the Frontier: Using Online Newspapers to Find Early Settlers***

See how free and commercial newspaper databases may help you find early family members. Learn the techniques and tips that will bring you research success.

***Is It Really Online? Finding and Using Original Sources at Home or Library***

Take advantage of new online resources while developing your research skills. Learn about simple techniques that can improve your methodology and accomplishment.

***The Migration Triangle: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee***

Discover what prompted our ancestors to follow the Migration Triangle and continue westward. Learn the paths they followed and the process for finding those elusive travelers.

***Using that Brick Wall as a Foundation***

Feel like you are at a dead end? By reviewing our research, and taking a fresh approach, we can often see new opportunities for finding our family. Use the very evidence that stops you in your tracks to spring over the wall.

For more information contact Jane Irish Nelson at: [jane\\_irish\\_nelson@yahoo.com](mailto:jane_irish_nelson@yahoo.com)

***Relatively Speaking***

***If you don't know who the black sheep is in the family,  
it's probably you.***

## TPCGS Volunteers Needed

TPCGS needs your help! There are currently 3 positions open on the TPCGS board and we are looking for volunteers to fill those positions. The positions, and a small description of what they do are:

**Library Committee Chair** - This person would be a liaison between the Society and the local libraries. This is an appointed position

**Publications Committee Chair** - This person would keep track of and sell all the books the Society has published over the years. This is an appointed position.

**Policy and Procedures** - This person would keep track of the official documents of the Society. This is an elected position.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the positions listed above, please send us a note with any questions you might have, and the best way to contact you, to: [tpcgs3@gmail.com](mailto:tpcgs3@gmail.com), and someone will be in contact with you to answer any questions you might have.

**Volunteers are what make TPCGS great!**



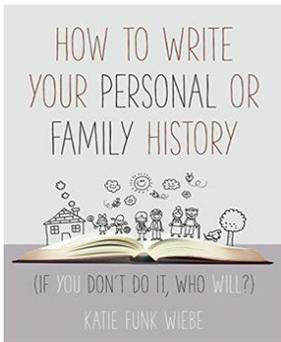
## TPCGS Membership Dues

Annual dues are \$22 per year for an individual membership, \$25 for a joint membership at the same Mailing address and \$30 in US Funds for membership outside of the United States of America.

**Pay by Check or Pay Pal**

Mail checks to: TPCGS  
PO BOX 1952  
Tacoma, WA 98401

Visit the website at [www.tpcgs.org/membership.html](http://www.tpcgs.org/membership.html) to pay using PayPal



## ***Recommended Reading:***

**By: Diane Bertram, Newsletter Editor**

For the past two years, I have enjoyed taking Memoir classes at Tacoma Community College. I'm always prowling Amazon.com hunting for resources to help me someday write my family history.

I recently stumbled on to the book "***How to Write Your Personal or Family History***" (***If You Don't Do It, Who Will?***)" by author Katie Funk Wiebe.

Although, I have yet to read this little gem, I'm encouraged by the following review on Amazon.

*"This is a practical—and encouraging—how-to book from a long-time teacher of personal and family history writing. Katie Funk Wiebe helps beginning memoir writers get started collecting the stories of their lives. She gives hints for recalling distant memories and tracking down family heirlooms. This is a serious but accessible resource for undertaking your personal or family history writing..."*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **Upcoming Local Events:**

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.**

Gig Harbor Pierce County Library

4424 Point Fosdick Dr. N.W., Gig Harbor, WA 98335 (253) 548-3305

Meet Author and Storyteller Nick K. Adams "***My Dear Wife and Children***"  
***"Civil War Letters from a 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnesota Volunteer"***

Author Nick K. Adams reads excerpts from his great-grandfather's letters.

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m.**

Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Kitsap Regional Library

1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310 (360) 874-8813

***Class: Naturalization & Ship Passenger Lists***



**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Seattle Genealogical Society Presents: D. Joshua Taylor**

Featured Genealogist on "Who Do You Think You Are" & the PBS series "Genealogy Roadshow"

For more information visit: [www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org](http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org)

## BUDGET GENEALOGY

*Printable Charts & Forms*

Visit: *Cyndi's List*



<https://www.cyndislist.com/free-stuff/printable-charts-and-forms/>

## To Remove or Not Remove Tape from Documents

Do you have documents, photographs or ephemera that have been mended with sticky cellophane tape?

A blog by a Professional Genealogist who is the Houston County, TN archivist working in a county archives every day.

<https://agenealogistinthearchives.blogspot.com/>

Shared by TPCGS Member Carol Rikerd

### *TPCGS BOARD MEMBERS*

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