



# Road to Spokane: Bing Crosby's Family History

**March 5, 2011 · Gonzaga University  
Spokane, Washington  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

A Program of the Washington State Heritage Center &  
Office of the Secretary of State

Join us for a **FREE** Genealogy Workshop tracing Bing Crosby's Washington roots. This event is open to all who are interested in the fascinating story of Washington's native son, Bing Crosby and his rise to international fame, as well as to those who want to learn about researching family history.

**WHERE: Gonzaga University (Jepson Center/Wolff Auditorium),  
502 East Boone Ave., Spokane, Washington 99258**

**WHEN: Saturday, March 5, 2011, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Gonzaga University, home to the Bing Crosby Archives, Crosbyana Room and family home, along with staff from the Washington State Library, Washington State Archives and Digital Archives, Crosby family members, local heritage organizations and volunteer genealogists will combine resources to unravel the Crosby family history and offer workshops that teach the fundamentals of researching your own family history.

## **Program**

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| 8 a.m.           | Doors open at Wolff Auditorium, Gonzaga University campus. Check-in, Bing Crosby music and images. Scanning station available for free scans of family documents or photos that you bring to the event.  |
| 9 a.m. - Noon    | Crosby family history, Introduction to Genealogy, Reminiscing about Bing with Bing's nephew Howard Crosby.   |
| Noon - 1:30 p.m. | Lunch; tours of Gonzaga's Crosby House and Crosbyana Museum; watch short films featuring Bing; visit with Howard Crosby about his famous uncle; and see a number of displays by local genealogy resources.<br><b>Optional box lunches will be available for pre-order for \$10 each.</b> |
| 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Breakout sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Researching your family history online</li><li>• Get help with your family genealogy with access to expert volunteers and online resources</li></ul>  |
| 2:40 - 3:40 p.m. | Breakout sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Researching your home and community</li><li>• Get help with your family genealogy with access to expert volunteers and online resources</li></ul>   |

## **Accommodations**

For out of town visitors, the Red Lion River Inn is offering a special rate of \$95.95 (single/double occupancy) March 4-6, 2011 specifically for this event. To make a hotel reservation please call Red Lion directly at 1-800-733-5466 and request the Bing Crosby Family History event special rate.

**Space is limited!** For more information and to register (registration required) for this event, go to:  
[www.HeritageCenter.wa.gov](http://www.HeritageCenter.wa.gov) or call (360) 902-4171.



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## JOIN US!

Please join us for this FREE event on Saturday, March 5, 2011 to follow America's beloved crooner on his family journey from Tumwater to Tacoma to Spokane and on to fame in Hollywood.

For more information and to register online, please visit [www.HeritageCenter.wa.gov](http://www.HeritageCenter.wa.gov) and click on EVENTS or contact Laura Mott • [laura.mott@sos.wa.gov](mailto:laura.mott@sos.wa.gov) • (360) 902-4171

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