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Archaeology in Tumwater

What did they find when they dug up an old homestead?

One hundred and seventy years ago, George and Isabella Bush came west by wagon train from Missouri, heading for Oregon Territory. Arriving in 1845, they were one of the first families to settle in the place we now called Tumwater.

Last summer, a group of students from The Evergreen State College, led by faculty member and archaeologist Ulrike Krotscheck, excavated the site of the Bush family farm. Team member Lexi Walsh will describe the experience in a program titled **“Digging Up George Bush’s Homestead” at the Olympia Timberland Library on Thursday, January 14 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.**

Walsh will describe what is known about the Bush family, how the site was identified, the field and lab work, and the preliminary findings. She will also share her personal experiences working as part of an archeological team.

All Timberland Regional Library programs are free and open to the public.

The [Olympia Timberland Library](http://www.TRL.org) is located at 313 8th Avenue SE. For information, contact the library at 360-352-0595, www.TRL.org.

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