

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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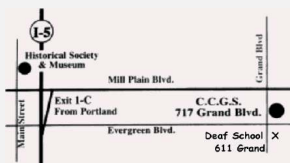
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Hours of operation



Closed Sunday & Monday

*Check the on-line library
calendar*

for unexpected closures.

Tues, Wed & Thurs:
10:00am to 4:30 pm

Friday
10 am to 3 pm

Saturday
2nd & 3rd Saturdays only
10 am to 3 pm

How to get here:

From I-5, take the Mill Plain exit, go east about 1 ½ miles to Grand Blvd and turn right. We are in the strip mall on the left side, north of Evergreen.

General Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2009
7:00 to 9:00 pm
CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

Come and learn about our
Furry Friends!



This meeting is about four-legged family members. This group specializes in rescuing and finding homes for cats of all ages.

You are invited to share stories about your own special family members, either in the present or in the past. Pictures to share are welcome, too.

Visit their web page to see learn about Furry Friends, what they need and what they do. It's an interesting group.

www.furryfriendswa.org/

WSGS Conference in Spokane **September 11-13.**

Carol M. Nettles of the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society tells us that information about the Washington State Genealogical Conference for 2009 is on the EWSG website. Look for it at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waewgs. She says this promises to be a super event. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak is a great speaker and at the top of her field in DNA genealogy. There are optional meals where Megan will be the speaker. In addition we will be having some interesting break-out sessions. If you have not had the opportunity to stay at Spokane's Davenport Hotel, this is the perfect opportunity. (However, there are many other hotels and motels in town.)

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS READY!

Bill Whalley, Membership Directory Editor

The Membership Directory is free to all CCGS members. We offer five ways for you to get your copy. We encourage you to take advantage of electronic delivery, since it saves the society money.

1. If you currently get the Newsletter by e-mail, you can download a copy of the Directory from <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCGSNEWS/>
Click on "Files" in the box at the left. The file name is "Directory_ 2009.pdf". If you don't have a Yahoo account, you will need to register for one. It's free.
2. Send me an e-mail at wgwhalley@gmail.com and I will email you a copy. It is a 440 K PDF file. Please include "CCGS Directory" in the subject line and mention your CCGS membership number.
3. If you visit the CCGS library, you can copy the Directory yourself from a library disk. Look for posted directions or ask the librarian for directions. The directory will fit on a 3.5 inch floppy, or you can use a USB thumb drive.
4. We will have some printed Directory copies in the CCGS Library. Ask the librarian. Although the directory is free, a small donation to defray the cost of duplication would be appreciated.
5. If none of the above works for you, we will mail you a copy. Please be sure to include your mailing address and membership number and send your request to: Clark County Genealogical Society, Attn: Membership Directory Editor, PO Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668-5249.

CCGS Members

Welcome, New Members:

Larry Germann
Walt Griffith
Victoria Hamilton
Pepper Kim
Michael Scheetz.
Elizabeth Black
Sherry Warren
Joyce Brownlow
Wayne Kleidosty

Welcome Back, Reinstated members:

Susan Mills
Carolyn Womack Rinta.
Joanne Bortniak
Carolyn Sorter
Warren MacGregor
Dolores Dougherty
June Nack
Joan DeCamara
Steve Aberle

**Fall Seminar
A special event!**

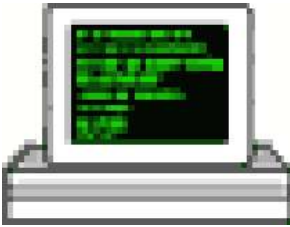
A B C's of Email & the Net

Saturday, November 7, 2009

9:00 - 4:00 pm

CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

(A flyer with a registration form is included on the next page. You can also find it on the web page at: www.ccg-s-wa.org/fall2009.pdf It will not be available with the text file on the web page.)



How many times do you receive (and forward) those Email messages with the >>>>>> marks galore? Or perhaps with line after line of Email addresses of people who have also received this same message? We refer to those as "naked Email addresses" which can be made available to spammers all over the world.

You might have been using Email for years but do you really know how to use it to the best advantage and the safest way? Attend our seminar and you'll learn lots of ideas and tricks for using Email and for researching on Internet.

Your instructors for the Email sessions will be the CCGS Newsletter Editors - Gene Swain Kuechmann and Patricia McKee Bauer. They are both long-time computer users. Gene specializes in the use of a Mac and Pat uses a regular Windows PC so they should be able to answer most questions regarding computer use for Email. Each has commented how she has learned from the other! We're never too old to learn something new.

Another instructor with a special afternoon session will be Joy Kersteter - our GenChat specialist who has found so many things for the weekly visitors. She continues to amaze us each week with the information she can locate.

The other afternoon session will be a special one by Gene Kuechmann when she shows how to use Google Maps plus whatever else we can think of to help you with your Internet searching!

Washington State Cemetery Association

Chris & Cheryl Webber, Directors, recently announced the formation of the new Washington State Cemetery Association. The announcement continues: We look forward to working with Washington's genealogists, historians, societies, museums, and with our state's cemetery associations and authorities. Several projects are already underway. Please see our website for more information including our mission statement and membership information. Website: www.wastatecem.org Email: info@wastatecem.org

Clark County Genealogical Society Fall Seminar



Saturday, November 7, 2009
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ABCs of Email and the Net

8:30 to 9:00 - Registration

9:00 to 12:00 - *Ins & Outs of Email*

12:00 to 1:00 - Brown bag lunch

1:00 to 4:00 - *You & the Internet*

There will be breaks at 10:15 & 2:15



Make checks payable to CCGS and mail to:

CCGS Fall Seminar

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Vancouver, WA 98668-5249

or you may register at the CCGS office, 717 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, WA. See web page for hours we are open and for information on the seminar. www.ccg-s-wa.org

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Telephone: _____ (Required)

Check Money Order Other
(Lunch on your own - brown bag or visit a local restaurant)

\$30 member, CCGS member number _____

\$40 nonmember

Deadline for pre-registration: Monday, November 2, 2009

No syllabus will be guaranteed with a late registration.

Our Heartfelt Condolences

We are sad to report the deaths of six current or former CCGS members or spouses of CCGS members in recent months. We extend our condolences to their families and friends.

Verneice Smith Adams, a long-time CCGS member living in Dallesport, WA, lost her valiant battle with pancreatic cancer May 28, 2009. Her photo will remain on the CCGS web page with other GenChat visitors. (Local classmates of Verneice Adams pooled their donations and bought a book on the quilt in her memory.) Her son Mark reports a memorial in the form of a potluck lunch starting at 12:00 noon for his mom on Saturday, Sept. 5 at Columbia Hills RV Park on the west side of Highway 197, south of I-84. Info: 541-980-8180

Former CCGS member **Marianne Van House** and the mother of Life Member **Amy Seyfried** of Carmichael, CA, died in Vancouver on June 5th at the age of 80.

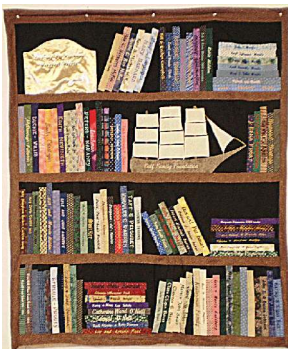
Vernon L. Person, husband of long-time CCGS member **Dorothy Person**, died on June 14.

Leuella Russum, wife of CCGS member **Charles D. Russum**, passed away on July 21, 2009.

Michael (Mike) Finley, an active CCGS member, died of liver cancer on July 25. He was a volunteer in the Library until just a few weeks before his death. He is greatly missed by all.

Mildred H. Beck, 88, a Life Member of CCGS, died July 24, 2009 in Hillsboro, OR, where her daughter Mary resides. She is survived by three daughters and nine grandchildren. Her husband William preceded her in death.

Contributions to our Library or to our Quilt are appropriate ways to remember friends who have gone before us on the ultimate search for ancestors.



BOUGHT ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Many books on the shelves of the CCGS Library were bought and donated in memory of relatives and friends. But there is also a group of memorial books in the Annex, in the quilt bookcase hanging on the wall. A “quilt book” may be purchased for a donation of \$50 to CCGS and is labeled in memory of the person(s) designated by the donor(s).

Recently, books on the quilt were given in memory of Betty Mackmer Hart and June Short Andrews, using funds left over from the purchase of “real” memorial books at the suggestion of Pat Bauer. Bea Frahm gave two quilt books, one in memory of John E. and Selma Johnson and the other in memory of G. William and Annie Belt. Susan Mills contributed quilt books in memory of Helen McCallum Duncan Cloud (1893-1977) and Daniel Edward Cloud (1881-1955). Larry and Jane Germann donated a quilt book in memory of T.J. and Anna Wilson, pioneers of 1864.

This is a lasting memorial to a loved one. A plant or bouquet has a short life. A book on this quilt will be a permanent memorial for years to come.

So, have you bought any good quilt books lately?

NO CUT-AND-PASTE WORK PARTIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Jane Germann

At the June 15 Cut and Paste, Flo Martocello, Loreli Metke, Doc Clark, Carol Clark, Bea Hicks, Nina Williams, Lillian Fullerton, Diana Cruz, and Jane Germann worked on completing the obituaries and data entry. Beth Cross is keeping us current with the Columbians' obituaries by doing them one week at a time at home.

In July, Lillian Fullerton, Bea Hicks, and Jane Germann spent a day doing cut and paste projects. Beth Cross came down and we discussed the Camas cemetery.

I hope to go back east this fall. We will not have any cut and paste work parties while I am gone as we have been very successful and have "caught up." We still have some page numbering, copying, and data indexing to do and will need volunteers for that. *Beth Cross will NOT be doing the 2010 obits, and we will need a volunteer to keep up with this project.*

Thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed to the success of our projects!

Washington State Genealogical Resource Guides

Do you have Washington State ancestors or distant relatives that you are researching? Well, you're in luck, because the Washington State Genealogical Society is producing the free, online Washington State Genealogical Resource Guides to help researchers find the resources they need in nearly every county in Washington. This ongoing project was started by Kathleen Allen O'Connor of Gonzaga University (Spokane) and has been taken over by her fellow EWGS blog team member Charles Hansen, and currently has guides for 34 out of 39 counties.

When completed, each guide (in .pdf format for easy downloading and/or printing) will list the following information, many with hours of operation, physical address, mailing address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and website address:

1. Historical overview of that county
2. Names of counties/states that border it
3. County seat
4. Chambers of commerce
5. County government information
6. Genealogical societies
7. Health department
8. Historical societies
9. Libraries - academic, public, and special
10. Museums and Historical Sites
11. Selective bibliography: a long list of printed resources and published works that are available within that county that are useful for research, such as atlases, city directories, census records, land, military, and probate records, etc.

Now don't you think this is a treasure trove of genealogical goodies? Be sure to check them out...and please be patient if the guide for your county of interest is incomplete.

(Charles Hansen is a weekly visitor in GenChat. Join us some Thursday evening and meet him!)

News from our CCGS Library

Alice Aultman Allen

Due to the inventory of our Library holdings that has been ongoing for most of the summer, no new books have been added to our collection. Stay tuned for new additions in the coming months.

SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH TRIP; OCTOBER 4-11, 2009

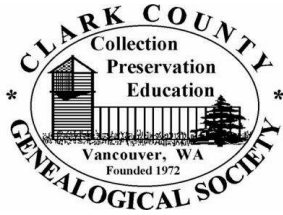
Contact: Bea Frahm: cell 360-600-7581 or bfracm@imagina.com

The time is drawing near to make those final plans. Each person will be responsible for making his or her own travel arrangements, whether traveling by car, plane, or train. If you are traveling by air, make your reservations ASAP. Most use Southwest or Delta. We get group discounts at the Carlton Hotel, about a 3-long-block walk from the library. I will make the hotel reservations at the Carlton, so I will need to know your preferences by September 1. Diana has reserved 5 double rooms and 1 single room. So far we have requests for 3 doubles and 2 singles. One lady would like a roommate. Would you prefer smoking or nonsmoking, single, double, or triple room? I will pass that information on to Linda at the Carlton Hotel. Cost for 7 nights is: single, \$371; double, \$415; and triple, \$460. (There may be some changes in these prices) If you are in a double or triple you split the cost with your roommates. I also need to know how you are traveling. If you are arriving by airplane, let me know the arrival time and airline. A shuttle will pick you up at the airport, but you have to call the hotel when you arrive. The Carlton has an exceptional breakfast each morning and provides shuttles to the library.

I have arranged for an orientation meeting at 9 am at the LDS Family History Library on Monday after we arrive. I have gone three times and felt it was worth it each time, as things change. This year I understand that there are new film readers and new procedures for them. The LDS Family History Library is an extraordinary place to do research. If you are researching foreign countries, they have people on the International floor who speak most of the languages. I have had great success finding Swedish films and plan to take letters written in Swedish to have translated for me.

I hope each of you is using the website familysearch.org to locate people, places, and events in their database. I have the best luck when I search using "key words." The results will include books (get the call numbers) and microfilms (get the film numbers). Make a list of the books and films you want to find. It will save you many hours of research time. The volunteers and paid staff are most helpful.

I will be out of town from August 12 until September 20. I will have Internet connection at times, but can't guarantee to return messages. I will contact you when I return and make the final arrangements with the Carlton Hotel. If you have questions about research or the trip, check with the librarians at CCGS. There is a video and a book that you can check out at the library. If you need to contact me, call my cell phone. If you miss me, leave a message and I will return your call. If you have not signed up yet, please contact me by phone as soon as possible. I will need to know your name, address, phone, and e-mail address. Good luck with your research preparation. I'll be in touch with those who are on my list.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Sept 3 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30, CCGS Library Annex
Sept 7 Legacy Users Group - NO MEETING BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY
Sept 12 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library
Sept 14 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
Sept 16 CCGS October Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please
Sept 22 GENERAL MEETING - 7 to 9pm - Library Annex
Oct. 4-11 Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip
Nov 7 Special Fall Seminar on computer use - see enclosed information

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at CCGS Library Annex.

Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 p.m..

No General Meeting is held the month of the Spring Seminar, July, August, or December..

Notify Joy Porter, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. JoyFamily06 at msn.com or call Joy at 360-576-9290.