

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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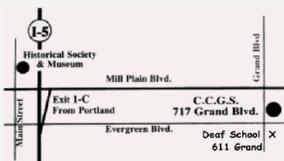
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**CCGS Library**  
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**Vancouver, WA**

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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**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

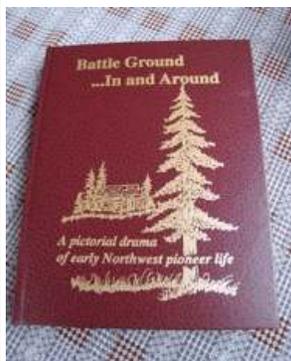
Tuesday, October 27, 2009

10am - noon

CCGS Library Annex

715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

Our speaker will be Louise Tucker,  
the compiler of the famous book  
*Battle Ground. . . . In and Around*



The web page describing this book says, "Welcome to a piece of Pacific Northwest history. What better way to experience history than to see its photos! The area selected for this book is within the boundaries of one of the largest school districts in the state and encompasses 41 early communities of Clark County."

The book is "coffee table size" and 400 pages of history. It's full of photos and stories of pioneers of the area. It was reprinted by popular demand in 2006 and is still available.

See a lot more information about the book on the web page at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/nx9f3d>

## **Research and Preservation**

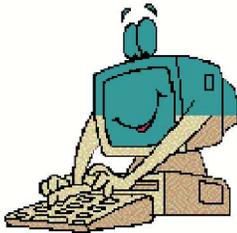
Jane Germann

Many thanks to Beth Cross, who has been gathering, pasting, scanning, etc., this year's *Columbian* vital records. R & P needs a new volunteer (or volunteers) to continue in 2010. If four volunteers would work alternate months, this task would not be as monumental as it has been for Beth working alone. Please be thinking about this project. R&P will reactivate next January with several projects.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed to the success of our projects! We will see you in January.

## Fall Seminar

Are you experiencing numbness in any of your extremities at the thought of buying your very first computer? Will it have an operating system, or is that just for surgeons in hospitals? Do you already own a computer which you are afraid to power on? Are your kids or grandkids bugging you to send them email instead of sending "snail mail" letters via the postal system? Have you used that little tray on your computer as a handy cup holder? Do you think Facebook is a collection of "most wanted" posters down at the post office? Is your computer screen ugly where you tried to use "white out" to erase words? Have you gone to a computer group and not understood the jargon? Do you fear asking simple computer questions that would reveal how little you know about computers? Are you struggling with the notion of placing all your hand-written genealogy data into that mysterious electronic gadget and never being able to find it again? Is that what's troubling you, Bunky?



Well, CCGS has the solution for you! It's our 2009 Fall Seminar coming up on November 7th. Just think of the possibilities ... at the end of the day you will no longer fear computers, you will be a whiz at email, your future genealogical research on the Internet will be productive, and you may even want to twitter. Life will be good, so don't waste another day thinking "Should I attend the CCGS Fall Seminar or not?" Don't delay, just do it now! All those creatures that live inside the tiny parts in your computer (and only come out when it is dark) will thank you.

The team of computer-savvy CCGS members that will be helping you become comfortable with computers at the 2009 Fall Seminar features Pat Bauer, Gene Kuechmann, and Joy Kersteter. Acting as emcee for the event, and giving a quick look at just what is inside a computer, will be CCGS member Steve Aberle (who has been using computers since 1968 and has been on the Internet since 1986). *You're welcome to bring along your own laptop to use.*

## A Story of a Quiet Man

Patricia McKee Bauer

Our sincere condolences go to our CCGS Newsletter co-editor, Gene Swain Kuechmann. Her husband Bill, also a CCGS member, passed away 27 August 2009 in Vancouver. Although this quiet man had been a CCGS member for quite some time, we didn't know the "real Bill!" We are sharing some things about his life here.

Twins Bill and Bob were born 24 Dec 1919 in Burlington, IA, to J. Theodore and Myrtle (May) Kuechmann. Bill was the last survivor of eight children. He grew up in Burlington, earned a BA from the State University of Iowa and an MDiv from Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He retired to Vancouver in 1983 after serving in the Presbyterian ministry and as a social worker for the state of Illinois.

Bill is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Gene (Swain) Kuechmann, and by four children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

While living in suburban Chicago, Bill became a social activist, prompted by such issues as political corruption and racial tensions, the Vietnam War, and the war on poverty. On moving to Vancouver, Bill and his wife became two of the forty founders of Share House, on whose board he served for some years. He protested the invasion of Iraq and helped to establish Vancouver for Peace. He supported efforts against homelessness and hunger, and generally tried to champion constructive efforts to make Vancouver and the world a better place to live and to preserve the Earth for future generations.

Memorial donations are suggested to Share House in Vancouver or to CCGS.

## ***Have Your Holiday Party at the Annex***

Doc Clark

It's not too early to reserve the Annex for holiday parties. Our facility has plenty of open dates and is probably the best value in town. I have personally used the room for family gatherings several times. We set up a decorated Christmas tree, brought food, hotplates, beverages, and gifts and spent a joyful evening with family, and after four hours we headed to our respective homes after a minimal amount of time cleaning up. Everyone (in five families) had a very good time. Remember this can be a warm location. It has plenty of parking and will accommodate groups of up to one hundred people. This year our family is going to meet at a different location, so the Annex will be available Christmas Eve. So reserve early, help the Society, and have a wonderful holiday season. Think ahead

## ***Interesting Class - Enjoyed by All!***

Carol Clark (a.k.a. Mrs. Doc Clark)

Doc and I attended two free genealogy classes put on by the LDS church, held at the church on N.E. 18th Street. The morning class was on Court/Land/Wills & Probate and the afternoon class was on Immigration. The classes are done by a couple, Hal & Barbara Hovorka, and are very well done. Each class was two hours, and we found the time flying by as we listened and learned. I was excited to go home and try out some of the new things that I learned.

Besides the usual web sites at [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com), [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org), and [www.castlegarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org), here are some other sites mentioned that might be of interest. These are more informational and learning sites.

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild: <http://www.immigrantships.net/>

The Ships List: <http://www.theshipslist.com/>

BYU Center for Family History and Genealogy: <http://familyhistory.byu.edu/>

Select Immigrant Ancestors Project, select a language, then select Search for Ancestors under Action Options on the left.

Finding passenger lists and Canadian and Mexican border crossing records:

<http://www.genesearch.com/ports.html>

Ships Lists Online: <http://www.thegenealogyspot.com/ShipsLists-Online/usa/usa-mexico.shtml>

More on border crossing records

Stephen P. Morse: <http://www.stevemorse.org> has info on how to search for immigration records and almost any other topic.

### ***From The World's Funniest Epitaphs by Ronald Bremer***

Here lies my wife,  
Here let her lie,  
She is at rest,  
And so am I.

## ***New in the Library***

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

The following books are new to the CCGS Library, and will appear on the New Books shelf beginning October 1.

**Donated by Doris and Bill Wastradowski:**

*Washington Pioneers*, vol. 1 and vol. 2

By Washington State Genealogical Society

*Corrections to the Two Volume Set of*

*Washington Pioneers*

By Washington State Genealogical Society

**Donated by Kenneth Doane:**

*Gackle Diamond Jubilee 1904-1979*

By Gackle Jubilee Committee

*Roscoe, the First 100 Years 1883-1983*

By Roscoe Centennial Committee

*Long Lake Golden Jubilee 1929-1979*

By Long Lake Jubilee Committee

*Bowdle Centennial 1886-1986*

By Bowdle Centennial Committee

(Note: The above books are about towns in either North or South Dakota.)

*Huether - Der Herr Ist Mein Hirte*

By Elsie Louise Schuetzle Huether

Note: This book is a Family History about the Huether family

**Donated by Betty Ramage:**

*Buchanan Co. Missouri Will Index 1839-1910*

By NW Missouri Genealogical Society

**Donated by Deenie Nugent:**

*Pension Lists of 1792-1795*

By June Clark Murtie

**Donated by Steve Cornick:**

*Internet For Seniors*

By Michael & Sue Price

**Donated by Stephen H. Smith (Author):**

*Barshingers in America*

By Stephen H. Smith

**Donated by Lawrence Gray:**

*The Heritage of Randolph County, North Carolina*

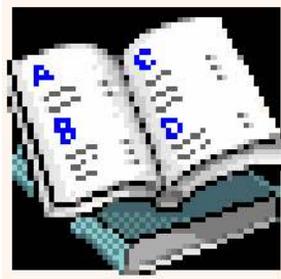
By Cheryl Lynn Martin

## ***We Need Your Help!***

On Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., after the librarians' meeting, we would like to have an at-least-two-hour work party. The purpose is to organize resource materials that are languishing in the corners of the storage room. I don't intend throwing away any of these materials. I would like to, sort, identify, and mark items so they can be reviewed by our acquisition and preservation people at a later date. I would like to invite all members to help in this fall clean up. Also, if you have empty, lidded, computer-paper storage boxes that you can donate, it would be helpful. We don't know what we have. I expect there are some treasures among the items "stacked in the back." Come help us find them.

As always, thank you for your support. Doc Clark

# Fall/Winter 2009-2010 CCGS Genealogical Classes



Classes have been scheduled for Fall 2009 at CCGS

## **FREE Beginning Genealogy Classes**

Saturday, October 3, 2009 - 10 am to 12 noon  
Saturday, November 14, 2009 - 10 am until 12 noon  
Friday, December 4, 2009 - 7 pm to 9 pm.

No pre-registration necessary for beginning classes, just show up

## **ADVANCED CLASSES**

(Subject matter for TBA classes to be announced later.)

Friday, October 16, 2009 - 7pm to 9 pm - Preserving Your records.  
Friday, October 23, 2009 - 10 am to 12 pm - Organizing Your records  
Saturday, October 31, 2009 - 10 am to 12 noon, TBA  
Tuesday, November 3, 2009 - 10am to 12 noon - Researching your ancestors  
in America before 1850.  
Tuesday, November 10, 2009 - 10 am to 12 noon - TBA  
Tuesday, December 1, 2009 - 10am to 12 noon - TBA

**Advanced classes \$12.00 members, \$15.00 non-members.**

***Join CCGS at first class and get member cost for all classes.***

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED  
OR HANDOUTS and CLASSES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.  
If not enough interest in a class, it may be canceled.**

For more information, refer to our CCGS web page at [www.ccg-s-wa.org](http://www.ccg-s-wa.org),  
phone the library at 360-750-5688 or send e-mail to [gensoc@ccg-s-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccg-s-wa.org)



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and Cheryl Brooks

Past President: Diana Cruz

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### *CCGS Meetings and Programs*

- Oct. 1 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30, CCGS Library Annex  
Oct. 4-11 Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip  
Oct. 5 Legacy Users Group - 10am-noon, CCGS Library Annex  
Oct. 10 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library  
Oct. 12 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex  
**Oct. 21 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please**  
Oct. 27 GENERAL MEETING - 10am - noon - CCGS Library Annex  
Nov. 7 **FALL SEMINAR** - see web page for information or phone the library

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 any 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.