

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

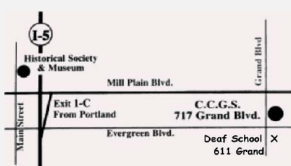
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Hours of operation



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
CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd - Vancouver
February 23, 2010
10am - 12 noon

Double Murder in Arkansas

Our speaker will be Lethene Dennis Parks

Lethene will tell of the 20-year search she and other relatives made and how and what they accomplished in solving the double murder and adding the info to her family story.



The 20-year search for the truth behind this family story involved revenge, land speculation, free vs. slave state politics, changed names and new lives, 19th-century medicine, westward overland migration, widows and fatherless children, western cattle ranching, pioneer high society, and more. A query, a county history, a D.A.R. application, newspapers, census records, naming patterns, on-site and Internet research and serendipity provided clues, and demonstrated that truth is indeed stranger than fiction.



Join us for the meeting and see how they did it!

PRIZES WILL BE DISPLAYED!

Prizes will be displayed and tickets sold at this meeting for the May 1 raffle. Lots of fun, useful prizes including a HP 5300C flat-bed scanner; Magellan Maestro GPS unit; Boston paper cutter; several new or like-new books; Legacy Family Tree Deluxe Edition; basket of chocolate goodies; folding basket type cart with wheels and handle; beautiful hand-crafted pen; new Photoshop Elements program; hand-crafted baby quilt; and lots of other things too numerous to mention here. Prizes have been donated by our CCGS members or excess equipment from the CCGS Library.

CCGS NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The CCGS Board of Directors at its January meeting appointed Richard Engstrom as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, whose purpose will be to nominate officers for the Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 terms. The other members of the nominating committee are Alice Allen, Jane Germann, Bill Whalley, and Marian Thompson.

The offices that are due for election by the membership are President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

If you have recommendations or are interested in running for one of these three positions, please contact Richard Engstrom at Rengstro60 at yahoo.com.

GOOD NEWS FOR AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER USERS

The Australian Newspapers service at <http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/> allows access to several digitized newspapers from major Australian cities and dating as far back as the 1830s and 1840s. There is some interesting reading, whether or not you have a genealogical interest in Australia!

BOOK REVIEW

Pat LaRock

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere and Henry Dawes set out on their famous rides to spread the alarm that the British Regulars were marching to Concord and Lexington, Massachusetts. I just read a marvelous book about this event: *Paul Revere's Ride*, by David Hackett Fischer, Oxford Univ. Press, 1994. Although it is a detailed account of Revere's ride and the ensuing battles, it reads like an exciting novel, especially if you had an ancestor who was involved. It includes a Bibliography of about 100 pages, which contains notes and sources, and it also contains several interesting maps and photos. I am going to donate it to the CCGS Library but have decided I'm not quite finished with it yet, so I encourage you to check the public library, favorite book store or any online discount book seller to get one for yourself.

CCGS ANNEX AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Please help us get the word out about the CCGS Annex meeting room. This is a great option for groups needing conference or meeting space. It can accommodate up to 100 persons. It is also an excellent place for family holiday parties. Tell your friends, your co-workers, and others about the availability of this meeting room.

For further information, go to our website: <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org>. There you can view photos of the annex along with the rate schedule.

Contact Information: Richard Engstrom - Send email to gensoc at ccgs-wa.org with attention Richard Engstrom in the subject line. You can also phone the CCGS Library and leave a message: 360-750-5688.

WEDDING BELLS!



Wedding bells rang November 7, 2009 when Beatrice "Bea" Frahm and Lyman Ritter were married. Congratulations to the newly weds!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome, New Members:

Anita Boyd

Jack Ross

Lester and Toni Davis

Karla M. Adams

Welcome back, Marilyn Fitze

The CCGS Board voted at the January meeting to issue Membership Cards only to New Members, Reinstated Members, and those who specifically request them. This was done both to save the cost of postage and to save room in members' wallets. A member list is always available at the Librarian's desk if anyone needs to look up his or her member number.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OREGON

When: Sunday, February 21, 2010

Where: Ahavath Achim Synagogue, 3225 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland

Time: Doors open at 1:00 PM for schmoozing and assistance with your genealogy problems. Program starts at 1:30.

More information: JGSO website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orjgs> or Barbara Hershey by email at: JGSOregon at gmail.com or 503-249-1976.

Speaker: Natan Meir, Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at PSU

Reading in Another Hand: Deciphering Cyrillic and Hebrew Archival Documents from Eastern Europe

WANT TO BE A LIBRARIAN?

Currently there are over forty persons volunteering as CCGS Librarians but we need more! This part-time activity is a delightful way to:

- ❖ meet other persons interested in genealogy
- ❖ share your expertise with other persons
- ❖ aid a drop-in doing their own research
- ❖ explain the extensive resources at CCGS
- ❖ (you may even have time to do your own research!)

The library operating hours are Tuesdays-Thursdays 10-4:30, Fridays 10-3, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays 10-3. Two librarians are scheduled each opening.

Librarian training has been arranged for Monday, February 22, 10 AM to noon. If you are at all interested in learning more about our CCGS Library, please contact CCGS at 360-750-5688 or e-mail Kara Lynn Rankin at KL-Rankin at comcast.net or 360-901-5331.

NEW AT OUR LIBRARY

The following books will be on the "New" shelf (behind the Librarian's desk) for the month of February.

Donated by Irene Page:

Sweet Oregon
By Elbert Oliver DeMoss

Sheridan County Plat Book & Directory (ND)
By Great Plains Directory Service

Historical and Genealogical Resources in Northwest Iowa
By Wilma J. VandeBerg

Irene also donated *The Great Flood*, on November's New Books list.

Donated by Delores Freeman:

Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800
By Frederic W. Bailey

Vital Records of Bedford, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850
By NEHGS

Wexford County Death Records 1869-1909 (MI)
By Cadillac Area Genealogical Society

Donated by the Estate of Veda DeColon:
Ilium, Shumway Jr. High Yearbook

Clark College Student Directory 1966-67

Clark College Student Directory 1964-65

Clark College Faculty-Staff 1980-81

Donated by Delores Burns

Berkely, California, Finns
By John Perala

Donated by Barbara Redwing
Tracing Your British Ancestors
By Gerald Hamilton-Edwards

Donated by Don Graham
Family Records of Calloway County, Kentucky, and Adjoining Counties, vol. 2
By Calloway Co. Genealogical Society

Donated by James Hurley
Auglaize County, Ohio Abstracts of Obits and Death Mentions from the Auglaize County Democrat 1869-1899 Newspaper A to M, book 1 By Mary Chapman

Auglaize County, Ohio Abstracts of Obits and Death Mentions from the Auglaize County Democrat 1869-1899 Newspaper M to Z, book 2, Wapakoneta Bee 1876-1883, Wapakoneta Union 1867-1870, Wapakoneta Currant 1870-1872, Wapakoneta Republican 1874-1875, Book 2 By Mary Chapman

Auglaize County Ohio Probate Death Records vols. 1, 2, & 3 1867-1898
By Auglaize Co. Chapter OGS

Auglaize County, Ohio Marriages 1848-1898
By Auglaize Co. Chapter OGS

SPRING SEMINAR! SAVE THE DATE: May 1, 2010

Mark Saturday, May 1 on your calendar for the Spring Seminar. This year we are privileged to have Barbara Hovorka speaking. Barbara and her husband Hal teach Family History classes. Her classes are professional, in-depth, and very much worth attending. Barbara is an interesting, dynamic, and knowledgeable teacher.

One of the classes that Barbara will teach at the Spring Seminar is "Google Genealogy." I know we will be amazed at all the things we do not know about searching for our ancestors using Google. The other classes Barbara will teach are "Directories, Newspapers, Obituaries, and Cemeteries" and "Is there an Index to THE Index of the Immigration Index?" Look forward to an entertaining and informative day!

Registration details later.

OLD CITY CEMETERY UPDATE

We are pleased to announce the receipt of a grant from the Clark County Historical Promotion Program. This is the second grant that the CCGS has received in our effort to restore and improve the Old City Cemetery. This grant for \$7,000.00 will allow us to purchase and place small granite markers at selected grave sites. Many markers cannot be read or have been destroyed due to weather, vandalism, etc. In addition, a portion of the grant will be used to develop a walking map and brochure for the cemetery highlighting some of the significant individuals buried there.

We need your help in this endeavor!! If you are interested in volunteering to assist in this project, please contact Richard Engstrom by email - Rengstro60 at yahoo.com.

HOW MANY MEMBERS DOES IT TAKE TO PRODUCE YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER? PROBABLY MORE THAN YOU REALIZE!

First, someone (usually a member) must write (or copy) the material that is to be used and submit it. Submissions must be sent by email to both Editors, **Gene Swain Kuechmann** and **Patricia McKee Bauer**, with "CCGS Newsletter" in the subject line. (The email addresses to use are at the top of the first page of each Newsletter.) Gene does the copy editing, which includes checking spelling, punctuation, word usage, "flow" – everything to do with language – as well as accuracy of references and the like. She must also keep in mind the limited space available. The editing process may require only a few changes or even a complete rewrite. When Gene is finished, she emails the edited copy to Pat Bauer, her Co-Editor.

Pat puts the edited copy into a template that has been set up with the header on the first page, as well as the side panel with its information about the Library. Pat makes any needed changes in these and corrects the date and volume number in the footer. The template of the last page includes the calendar of events, which Pat updates; this page also has the postal information, a return address, and space for the address label. Using WordPerfect, Pat next arranges the copy Gene has sent, modifying spacing and type as necessary. Sometimes it takes a lot of "cutting and pasting" to get everything to fit correctly. When this process is finished, Pat emails copies to Gene and to **Steve Aberle** for proofreading.

Meanwhile, our Membership Chairman, **Patricia Blake LaRock**, prints the labels to be used for the "snail-mail" version and leaves them at the Library. She also notifies our Newsletter Printer, **Janis Robertson**, of the number of

Newsletters to print. We must mail at least 200 copies each month in order to use our non-profit mailing permit, and we keep a few in the Library for new members and visitors.

As soon as any corrections called for by the proofreaders have been made, Pat changes the final copy to a PDF format and emails it to Janis. Janis saves the file to a thumb drive, brings it to the Library, and prints the copies that will be mailed. About the time the copy is sent to our Printer, Pat Bauer puts the two versions of the Newsletter [PDF and TEXT] on the web page and notifies **Bill Whalley** of the location so he can send notices to the members who prefer an electronic version.

When Janis is finished printing, she notifies **Missy Hammond**, our Mailing Chairman, that it is ready to prepare for mailing. When Missy and her helpers have finished assembling, folding, taping, and labeling the Newsletters, Missy takes them to the Bulk Mail section at the Vancouver Post Office, 2700 Caples, where they are processed for delivery.

And then we all breathe a sigh of relief until next month.

We welcome submissions to the Newsletter. They may be either "filler" (material that is not time-sensitive and that may be held for future use), or they may be time-sensitive announcements or articles. If they originate with someone other than the submitter, please acknowledge the source. And please realize that all submissions are subject to editing. If you request otherwise, your copy may be labeled "Printed as submitted."

Education Committee Meeting

Glen Jones, Education Chair

The Education Committee met January 19, 2010. In attendance were Glen Jones, Steve Cornick, Pat Dye, Lethene Parks, and Kara Lynn Rankin. Classes were discussed and dates chosen for Winter-Spring Classes. See the enclosed flyer for the dates and subjects for the classes or on the web page at: <http://www.ccgswa.org/class10s.pdf> All classes meet from 10 a.m. to noon. We still need Instructors and suggestions for future classes. If you have a suggestion for a class or would be willing to teach one, please contact Glen Jones by email - glenkc7mbm@comcast.net

HELP NEEDED

Glen Jones, Education Chair

Is there anyone willing to take over the Education Committee at least for a short period of time? Because of some health problems and treatment, my time is going to be limited for a while and I probably will not be able to give education my full attention.

RESEARCH & PRESERVATION

Jane Germann

R & P will resume "cut and paste" workshops on **Monday, February 15** (President's Day), from 10 to 3 at the Annex. There will always be something to cut and paste, but we are also in need of one person to write page numbers on the vitals, another to copy pages for putting into a book, and still others to take home pages and make an index for the book. Also, no one has stepped forward to take over the vitals for 2009 that Beth Cross has been doing to keep us up to date. We thank our other volunteers for the work they have done in compiling records so that you could have resources available for your research.

On January 30 the LDS Church will send a group of women to do a service project for CCGS. They will be cutting and pasting the 2009 vitals from the Reflector. Thank you, ladies, for contributing your skills and working on this project. We appreciate you.

JOIN THE HUNT FOR SANBORN MAPS

The Wikipedia article on the Sanborn maps begins "Sanborn Maps were originally created for assessing fire insurance liability in urbanized areas in the United States. The maps include detailed information regarding town and building information in approximately 12,000 U.S. towns and cities from 1867 to 1970."

There isn't room here to list all the details covered by a Sanborn map. The data are specific to the date of the map, and the footprint of every building in the subject area is shown, along with details of its construction. Imagine getting that kind of information about your ancestors' homes, regardless of whether or not they are still standing!

Many Sanborn maps are being digitized and made available online. Locally, the Oregon and Washington maps are available at <http://www.fvrl.org> with a local library card. Princeton has made the New Jersey Sanborn maps available. You can download an Excel spreadsheet, used to find individual maps at: <http://libweb.princeton.edu/libraries/firestone/rbnc/aids/sanborn/sanborn-web.xls>.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County has three volumes of Cincinnati Sanborn maps digitized and online in their Virtual Library.

We want CCGS members to join the hunt for Sanborn maps online. You may find a complete collection or a site that is putting them online as they digitize them. Whichever you find, we would like to publish an ongoing list of your finds in the Newsletter. Send your finding to the CCGS Newsletter editors.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Washington State Library is facing a serious situation. As genealogists we need to be aware of it and respond by helping the Library remain stable and healthy. Although many of us do not reside in an area where the library is easy to use, many of the services they provide are important to us. They have the largest collection of Washington newspapers anywhere, census records for Washington, donation land claim records, and many other unique Washington materials. They interlibrary loan most all of these and those they don't, they will search. Washington State Library also provides access to government documents and federal funding that supports libraries throughout the state. For more complete information on the situation, go to <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/StateLibraryBudgetCuts.aspx>

WHIDBEY ISLAND SPRING SEMINAR

The Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will be holding its Spring Seminar on Saturday, 10 April 2010. The speaker will be Dr. Stephen Morse, who has created the One Step Search Method for genealogical searches. For further information, including location, registration forms, etc., see <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wagsswi>

Lethene's List of Essential Genealogy Reference Books

Lethene Dennis Parks is our Library Director

Here is my "top ten" list of genealogy reference books from my personal bookshelf—the books I consult often and use over and over as I am doing research. The CCGS Library has copies of most of them.

Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 3rd ed., by Val D. Greenwood. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1999. o.p. (CCGS has both the 2nd and the 3rd editions, call no. 001)

As close to an intermediate-level genealogy textbook as you'll find, and a very good one. Covers the research process, evaluating evidence, using libraries, various types of records, and more.

Organizing Your Family History Search, by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. Betterway Books, 1999. o.p. (CCGS call no. 001)

The sub-title says it all: Efficient and Effective Ways to Gather and Protect Your Genealogical Research. The book is chock-full of good information, tips, and resources. Includes several useful forms you can photocopy.

Redbook, 3rd ed., edited by Alice Eichholz. Ancestry, 2004. (CCGS call. no. 001)

My first choice for state-by-state information on history, records and their availability, sources of further information, and major archives, libraries and genealogical and historical societies. Useful information on each county, dates of formation and boundary changes, county records, and contact information. Clear outline maps that can be useful in determining migration routes.

Handybook for Genealogists, 11th ed. Everton, 2006. (CCGS has the 10th edition, call no. 001)

Information is similar to that in *Redbook*, but differences make it a good idea to check both. In the 11th edition of the *Handybook*, the maps are in a separate section at the back. (I keep the 9th edition too, because the maps are clearer and they are located with the rest of the state information.) At the back, there is a section with brief descriptions of major migration trails and maps that show them.

Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-815, by William Dollarhide. AGLL Genealogical Services, 1997. o.p. (CCGS call no. 912)

This little gem has excellent descriptions and clear maps of early migration routes from colonial roads to the early roads west of the Appalachian Mountains into the Ohio Country and south and west to Kentucky, Tennessee, the Carolinas and Georgia.

Map Guide to U.S. Federal Censuses 1790-1920, by William Thorndale and William Dollarhide. Genealogical Pub. Co., 1987. (CCGS call. no. 001)

Outline maps of each state, with county boundaries, for each census, so you can see boundary changes, which helps you know where to look for census records. There is also a brief history of federal censuses and what information was asked for in each one.

Land and Property Research in the United States, by E. Wade Hone. Ancestry, 1997 (CCGS call. no. 973)

Everything you ever wanted to know about land records, from pre-U.S. possessions (Spanish, British, French, and Mexican) to state-land states and federal-land states, the kinds of records created by each, and strategies for using the records. There is a tract book and township plate map guide to federal-land states and a land office boundary map for federal-land states.

Evidence Explained, by Elizabeth Shown Mills. Genealogical Publishing Co., 2007.

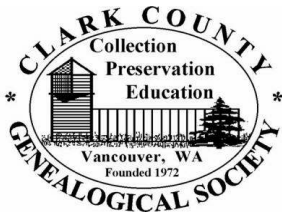
(CCGS has her 1997 title **Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian** (CCGS call. no. 001))

The 2007 book is the "Bible" for analysis of evidence and citation of sources. It has more on analysis of evidence than the earlier title and rules and examples for every conceivable sort of citation, with more on citation of online sources than the earlier book.

Bringing Your Family History to Life Through Social History, by Katherine Scott Sturdevant. BetterwayBooks, 2000. o.p.

Much excellent information on how to view your family history in a social history context. She discusses artifacts, family photographs, correspondence, oral history, and writing family history, as well as how to use college libraries to do social history research. There is a bibliography and some forms you can photocopy.

Research guides to states where I am researching. The LDS Family Search website and *Family Tree Magazine* have pamphlets for each state. There are many books that are guides to research in specific states. Look for them in the CCGS Library under the 970s history call numbers.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Feb 1 Legacy Users Group - 10 am-noon, CCGS Library Annex
Feb 2 CCGS Class - FREE for beginners - 10 am - noon
Feb 4 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30, CCGS Library Annex
Feb 8 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
Feb 9 CCGS Genealogy Class - 10 am - noon
Feb 13 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library
Feb 15 Cut & Paste work party - 10 am - 3 pm, CCGS Library Annex
Feb 17 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please
Feb 23 General Meeting - 10 am - noon, CCGS Library Annex
May 1 Annual Spring Seminar - see web page for 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 in April (because of the May 1 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. Contact her at: JoyFamily06 at msn.com or call Joy at 360-576-9290.