

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

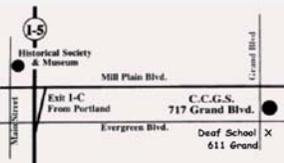
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Hours of operation



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
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
7:00 to 9:00 pm
CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd
Vancouver, WA

Join us to hear about
Garry's Wonderful Adventure
Finding his other family

(Rescheduled from March because of unavoidable scheduling conflicts.)



Our president, Garry Lucas, will tell of his search for his biological parents after not knowing he was adopted until age 17.

Several of our CCGS members know they were adopted. Some have completed their searching, others have not. Find out the where, when, why, and how of Garry's interesting search.

Having two families has given Garry a double amount of genealogical research to accomplish. Remember - this all began before the days of computers in every home and Internet. Join us at the meeting and find out how his search was done and what he accomplished. It's an amazing story.

Election of Officers

Prior to the program, we will have a short business meeting for the election of officers to fill two positions for the next two years. Those nominated are:

President - Stephen Cornick
Secretary - Sherry Warren
Treasurer - Larry Germann

COMPUTER CLINIC

Bill Whalley

Computers—love them or hate them, it's hard to deny that they can really help with genealogy. That is, when they work the way you want them to. When they don't, well, what do you do?

One idea is to bring your problems to the CCGS Computer Clinic. It is held on the first Monday of the month in the afternoon in the CCGS Annex (next door to the CCGS Library). We will have people there who may be able to help.

In our first Computer Clinic we had a good-sized crowd, about 16 people. Several people brought in their laptops and learned to connect to the CCGS wireless network and Xerox copier/printer. One person could not bring in his desktop unit, so he got creative and brought in a digital photo of the error message on his screen. I hope he comes back and lets us know if any of the leads we gave him panned out.

We also worked on a slow start up problem with Windows XP. As it turned out, the laptop had dozens of programs that ran at start up. Each program had to start; some had to check the internet for updates, etc. It was just taking forever and taking up memory space. We didn't have time to complete the clean up, but maybe we gave the user enough tools to do the job herself.

To check how many programs automatically run at start up, at least in Windows XP, Click on the start menu, choose Run, then type into the command line box "msconfig" (without the quotes). Click Ok, then in the System Configuration Utility window, choose the Startup tab. How many programs do you have? I have 8. You may have more or less depending on the software you have installed.

Slow Windows start up is a common problem. Here are some links that you might check out that deal with the issues:

http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/setup/expert/northrup_restoreperf.msp

http://reviews.cnet.com/4520-10165_7-5554402-1.html

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Windows-XP-Startup-Faster>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Alter-Startup-Programs-in-Windows-XP>

<http://vlaurie.com/computers2/Articles/startup.htm>

http://www.pacs-portal.co.uk/startup_content.php

<http://kb.wisc.edu/helpdesk/page.php?id=1688>

I know, I know. You really don't want to have to be a computer mechanic to do genealogy, but just like your car, you need to do a bit of computer maintenance to keep it in top running condition.

The next Computer Clinic will be Monday May 3, beginning at 1:00 PM. Bring your problems and questions, and, if appropriate, your software and hardware.

Gene Kuechmann adds:

To check how many programs automatically run at start up on a Mac, click the System Preferences icon on the Dock (looks like meshed gears).or click on the Apple on the menu bar, then click System Preferences. In the System section of the System Preferences panel, click Accounts. In the Accounts panel, click the button labeled Login Items. In addition to the items listed, the items with icons to the right on the menu bar launch at startup.

For more help with this and other Mac issues go to X-FAQs at <http://www.thexlab.com/>.

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION UPDATE

Jane Germann

Next Cut and Paste: Monday, May 24 from 10 to 2 at the annex

Gaydena Thompson, Lillian Fullerton, Darla Brock, DeAnn Wilson and Jane Germann came for the cut and paste this month. Beth Cross came by to drop off the cut and paste she has been doing at home. Join us for the next cut and paste on May 24!

THANKS FROM TREASURER

Larry Germann

I'd like to thank all the members who have been renewing their membership this spring and have included a special "little something extra". Even though many, many volunteer hours are spent setting up the classes and seminars, providing access to the great library facilities, and having great programs for genealogical enrichment, it still takes money to operate the place. So every little bit helps us to keep open and provide those services. There are no paid employees, so 100% of funds donated are spent on your Society. Renew your membership on time; talk to others who might be interested in joining about the great things the Society is offering; add a donation to your renewal to help us bring you the programs and classes that might help you in your family research.

UPCOMING CLASSES

All are held at the CCGS Library Annex on Tuesdays from 10 until noon.

May 4, *Land and Tax Records* (Federal, State and Local): Jane Germann Last time this class was given, Jane did on-line look-ups in class. It was exciting to find names that the class was researching. If you had an ancestor with a Donation Land Claim, you may have a wealth of information available by sending away for the records. Come see what a "dlc" or homestead file may contain. Names/relationships can also be found in local court and land records.

May 11, *Following the Family* (Whole Family Genealogy): Lethene Parks

Welcome New and Reinstated Members

New Members

Dr. Milada Allen
Lynda Maguire
Nita Freeman

Yvonne Muchmore
Tim & Lynn Tolle
Amy Scott

Reinstated Members

Nona Clark
Dawn Bliss

NEW BOOKS ON OUR SHELVES

The following books are new to CCGS, and will be found on the "New Shelf" during the month of May:

Donated by the Family of Judith Worthington

Domesday Book - Herfordshire

Author: John Morris

Domesday Book - Essex

Author: John Morris

Donated by Don Graham

Great Old Soldiers Sons - Goss

Author: Billie Gene Horner Hunter

Captain John Goss (1628) - An Outline of Descendants

Author: Gary Goss

Goss Family History and Newsletters
by the Goss Family Newsletter Assn

Compiled & Donated by CCGS Research & Preservation Committee

Vital Records of Clark County, Washington:

1998 Obituaries, vol. 1

Vital Records of Clark County, Washington:

1998 Obituaries, vol. 2

Donated by Stanley R. Clarke

Flying Finns: Columbia Helicopters, the First Fifty Years

Authors: Jim Peterson, John Zezmar, Dave Skinner

Donated by Deenie Nugent

Boone County Marriages, Books 2 & 3

by the Boone County Genealogical Society

New England Historic Genealogical Society Membership

The CCGS Library Committee would like to join NEHGS as an institutional member for a one-year trial period; the cost is \$150. For this amount we will have unlimited access to all NEHGS online databases on all computers in our library, as well as subscriptions to the NEHGS Register and New England Ancestors. An individual research membership with these same benefits costs \$75 and is well worth it for anyone with New England ancestors. We are soliciting donations to raise the \$150 for a one-year membership. To date we have pledges for \$75 – half the amount needed. If you would like to see CCGS have this membership and have access to the NEHGS databases and periodicals and wish to contribute, please send your name, e-mail or snail mail address, and the amount you want to pledge to Lethene Parks at lethene at comcast.net As soon as we have the necessary funds we will ask you to send your money and will then ask NEHGS to start our membership.

We would also like to complete the CCGS Library's set of *The Great Migration...1634-1635*, published by NEHGS. These are essential tools for early New England research, and have an excellent reputation for accuracy. To date six volumes of this set have been published; the CCGS Library has three of them. The total cost for volumes 4, 5, and 6 is \$166.38. Again, if you would like to help with this purchase by making a pledge, send your name, address, and the amount you are willing to pledge, to Lethene Parks. When we have pledges sufficient to purchase these books, we will ask you to send in your money and we will then purchase these volumes.

CCGS members have ancestors from virtually every state in the United States and from many foreign countries, mostly European. We have over 100 members with New England ancestry, so we feel the New England databases and books will be valuable additions to the CCGS Library. If you agree, please help acquire these valuable resources for CCGS.

Lethene Parks, CCGS Library Director

CCGS Meetups - May 2010

CCGS meetups are simply a suggested time to meet other members researching the same genealogical topic. Some of the meetups during the first three weeks in April had 4 to 5 people show up, while others had none. Please note that these sessions depend on members helping members. The librarians on duty may not be able to assist a meetup group in identifying special research resources and techniques related to the topic.

Meetup Date & Time		Meetup Topic
Tuesday, 4 May	10:30 AM	California
	12:00 PM	Sweden
	1:30 PM	French and Indian War
	3:00 PM	Wisconsin
Wednesday, 5 May	10:30 AM	Cinco de Mayo
	12:00 PM	Lithuania
	1:30 PM	New England
	3:00 PM	Czechoslovakia
Thursday, 6 May	10:30 AM	Pennsylvania
	12:00 PM	The Quakers
	1:30 PM	Unfocused Focus Group
	3:00 PM	
Friday, 7 May	10:30 AM	Texas
	12:00 PM	Virginia
	1:30 PM	North Carolina
Saturday, 8 May	10:30 AM	British Isles Focus Group
	12:00 PM	Indiana
	1:30 PM	Poland
Tuesday, 11 May	10:30 AM	Spain
	12:00 PM	Iceland
	1:30 PM	Arizona
	3:00 PM	Oregon Trail Pioneers
Wednesday, 12 May	10:30 AM	Revolutionary War
	12:00 PM	Korean War
	1:30 PM	Native Americans
	3:00 PM	Connecticut
Thursday, 13 May	10:30 AM	Oklahoma
	12:00 PM	China
	1:30 PM	Spanish–American War
	3:00 PM	Iowa
Friday, 14 May	10:30 AM	Arkansas
	12:00 PM	French and Iroquois Wars
	1:30 PM	Netherlands

Meetup Date & Time		Meetup Topic
Saturday, 15 May	10:30 AM	Austria
	12:00 PM	World War II
	1:30 PM	Turkey
Tuesday, 18 May	10:30 AM	California Gold Rush
	12:00 PM	Nevada
	1:30 PM	Japan
	3:00 PM	King William's War
Wednesday, 19 May	10:30 AM	Alaska Gold Rush
	12:00 PM	Duchy of Schleswig
	1:30 PM	Immigrations
	3:00 PM	Kingdom of Württemberg
Thursday, 20 May	10:30 AM	Croatia
	12:00 PM	Middle East
	1:30 PM	Australia
	3:00 PM	Lewis & Clark
Friday, 21 May	10:30 AM	Finland
	12:00 PM	Bulgaria
	1:30 PM	Montana
Tuesday, 25 May	10:30 AM	The Amish
	12:00 PM	Kentucky
	1:30 PM	Nebraska
	3:00 PM	Kansas
Wednesday, 26 May	10:30 AM	Migrations
	12:00 PM	Missouri
	1:30 PM	Fort Vancouver
	3:00 PM	Russia
Thursday, 27 May	10:30 AM	Pequot War
	12:00 PM	Mississippi
	1:30 PM	The Crusades
	3:00 PM	South Pacific
Friday, 28 May	10:30 AM	World War I
	12:00 PM	Hawaii
	1:30 PM	Multnomah (county)

RIDGEFIELD LIVING HISTORY PROJECT

WHAT: Formation of the Ridgefield Living History Project. Citizens and friends of Ridgefield are invited to participate as members or contributors in a broad effort to add to the historical information about our area. The group's focus will be on collecting and preserving stories, memories, pictures and other historical and current information that captures the living history of the Ridgefield area and its residents.

WHO: Anyone with an interest in preserving and adding to the Living History of Ridgefield and its area residents, including new members to our community and their family stories.

Contact/Info: Elizabeth Madrigal @ 360-887-4530

Email: RidgefieldLivingHistoryProject at gmail.com

Wednesday Blurb and GenChat

Patricia McKee Bauer

Are you on the email list for the "Wednesday Blurb"? In this weekly reminder of the GenChat session that is held each Thursday evening, we also try to include pertinent information about events that might be happening before the next Newsletter is published, and, in addition, we remind you of meetings that are important to the workings of CCGS. If you're not receiving the Blurb, please let me know with an email to apmb at pacifier.com and I'll add you to our growing list. And do join us in GenChat. It has been around since 2000 and everyone is welcome to attend. Access it via the CCGS home page at <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org>

Also, if you have a "brickwall" you'd like help with, send us your information. If we receive it no later than Tuesday, it can be posted in GenChat and also included in the Blurb. Many times someone among us is able to help you break down a brickwall - or remove the rock where your ancestor has been hiding!

Recently, member Betty Ramage, who now lives in Florida, wrote:

A while back there was a project from Gene Kuechmann. Stephen Lafayette Wilder supposedly drowned March 9, 1885, in the Indian River. I wondered if she found the information she needed. I ... have found that Central Brevard Library, Cocoa Beach, does carry the Titusville paper on film for 1885. It was a weekly; it seems to be the only paper published in the area during that time. It was called "The Florida Star." Betty obtained and forwarded to Gene the newspaper items that dispelled the mystery around Wilder's drowning and cleared up the inaccuracies in the stories that had been passed down in the family. Success is sweet!

SPECIAL PERSONAL HISTORY DAY AT THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Explore life story preservation and make a gift for Mother's Day with activities presented by the Association of Personal Historians and the Oregon Historical Society

Learn about recording memoirs and family history at the Oregon Historical Society on Saturday, May 8 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at *Personal History: Celebrating Life Stories*. Regular museum admission will give visitors access to a variety of events put on to celebrate May's Personal History Month. The Oregon Historical Society and the Association of Personal Historians have joined together to give visitors a unique chance to enjoy lectures by expert personal historians, take part in discounted digital photo restoration, and make a gift for Mother's Day. Many activities are planned. Visit <http://www.ohs.org> for more information.

JGSO Event

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon Invites you, your family and friends to our Sunday, May 16, 2010 Brunch with presentations by guest speaker Hal Bookbinder. Enjoy two programs with a tasty brunch sandwiched in between

Why did our Ancestors Leave a Nice Place like the Pale? and Locating Lost Classmates: or how your missing people can be found

Date: Sunday May 16, 2010

Time: 10:30 am to 2:00 pm doors will open early for schmoozing and research help

Place: Ahavath Achim, 3225 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland, Oregon

Cost: \$7 for members, \$9 for non-members. New members are invited to join at sign-in.

Please RSVP for this Annual Brunch Program so that we can be prepared for all attendees. To RSVP, or for more information, send an email to JGSOregon at gmail.com with your name and the number of attendees. Alternatively, you may call Barbara Hershey with the same info at 503-249-1976.

UNITED KINGDOM RESEARCH

Pat LaRock

The January issue of the BBC magazine called "Who Do You Think You Are?", available at Barnes & Noble and other locations, lists some websites for United Kingdom online research. Some of these websites won't come online until the end of 2010 or even 2011, but keep your eyes open for them. Most of the sites require a membership fee, but some features are free and/or you can subscribe for a short period of time.

- (1) [http://http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)
- (2) [http://http://www.origins.net](http://www.origins.net) - to include a national wills index;
- (3) [http://http://www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com) - burial & cremation records;
- (4) [http://http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk) - official Scottish records site, being revamped;
- (5) <http://www.ancestry.co.uk>;
- (6) <http://www.findmypast.co.uk> --includes Chelsea pensioners and Merchant Marine & others;
- (7) <http://www.scotlandspplaces.gov.uk> --maps, plans, photos, etc.;
- (8) <http://newspapers.bl.uk/blcs> - British Library Newspapers including some 17th through 19th Century papers;
- (9) <http://www.sog.org.uk> - Society of Genealogists including some wills;
- (10) <http://www.TheGenealogist.co.uk> - will add records of nonconformist church members, more;
- (11) <http://www.nationalarchives.ie> -The National Archives for Ireland adds the rest of 1911 census and then the 1901 census for Ireland;
- (12) <http://www.familyrelatives.com> - army, navy, clergy, more;
- (13) <http://www.proni.gov.uk> - more on 18th century Northern Ireland;
- (14) <http://www.british-history.ac.uk> - more on early London;
- (15) <http://www.1914-1918.net> - British Army in WW1;
- (16) https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page - a place to share knowledge;
- (17) <http://www.llgc.org.uk> -The National Library of Wales;
- (18) <http://workhouses.org> - encyclopedic survey of poor laws, workhouses et al;
- (19) <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oro> -1910/11 survey of land ownership;
- (20) <http://www.bbcwhodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com> - tutorials, freebies, etc, from the BBC.

The March issue of the BBC magazine features wills and includes a disk on *London Ancestors part one: East*. Cost \$9.99 for magazine and CD (which works on either Mac or Windows). The CD includes some parish registers from around the docklands area including Southwark, Shadwell, Wapping, Limehouse, Isle of Dogs, Stepney, and Whitechapel. This CD has been donated to the CCGS Library.

EMAIL SAVES US MONEY!

Pat LaRock, Membership Chair
(and database maintainer).

Please put ptb4rk3 at yahoo.com into your email Address Book. Then, if you change your email address, please send a message to me so that we can continue to use email as a cost-saving method of communicating. Thanks!

Genline Sweden Visits U.S.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon, 1505 SE Gideon, Portland, Oregon
Sunday, May 2, 2010 - 4 PM to 6 PM
Event is free
Call 503-963-1932 to reserve a seat.

FamilySearch.org Wiki

by Michael J. Leclerc, NGHS

FamilySearch has been working very hard to create new services for the genealogical community. One of their major efforts has been the creation of the FamilySearch Wiki. The Family History Library (FHL) has long been a source of guidance and research assistance for genealogists. They have offered research outlines, guides, word lists, and more on paper for decades. Many of these were migrated to digital form on FamilySearch.org.

Now FamilySearch has created a wiki to replace these old guides. The wiki will allow many more users to contribute to the already incredibly valuable information created by the staff at the FHL. The wiki is easy to use. You can easily search for specific topics, or browse to the information you need. You can either browse by country or by topic.

When browsing by country, you will find the information in a drill-down format. First there is a discussion of federal level records; then down to state, province, or equivalent level; and so on. Topics are divided into 88 categories, with many categories having further subdivisions.

The Community Center is a great source of information for those new to the wiki. They have information about the wiki, how to contribute, and other helpful news. There are discussion forums and even live online community meetings to help you get used to the wiki, and to assist you in your research.

To contribute to the wiki, you will need to create a user ID and login. This ID will work in the future across all of the FamilySearch websites. Registration is quick and simple. The wiki is still being developed, so you may notice that some sections are not as fully shaped as others. What more perfect place for you to contribute your own knowledge? Check out the wiki today at <http://wiki.familysearch.org>.

WISH LIST FOR THE CCGS LIBRARY

These books have been requested for purchase by members. Funding is totally dependent on donations. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of any of these books, please contact the library. Any check contribution would need the title specified. These prices are approximate.

Osage Indian Bands and Clans by Louis Burns \$25

East Prussians from Russia by Michael Anuten \$40

The Genealogist's Address Book 6th Edition by Elizabeth Petty Bentley \$70

Managing a Genealogical Project by William Dollarhide \$15

Hispanic Confederates 3rd Edition by John O'Donnell-Rosales \$20

Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Charleston by Brent Holcomb \$18

Later Scots-Irish Links 1725-1825 by David Dobson \$13 each Parts 1, 2 & 3

Barbados and Scotland, Links 1627-1877 by David Dobson \$19

Ships from Scotland to America 1628-1828, Vols. II and III by David Dobson \$40

Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina by Paul Heinegg 2-volume set listed at \$67

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Dying to Know...

Things you have always wondered about Death & Burial Customs, Cemeteries, Coffins, Headstones & Corpses

A Fund Raising Event for the Vancouver Old City Cemetery
Mill Plain Blvd at Grand Ave., Vancouver, Washington

August 14 & 15, 2010
Old Oaks & Dead Folks

Sponsored in part by
Vancouver Central Park Neighborhood Association,
Clark County Genealogical Society
Vancouver Heritage Ambassadors



Plan to join us for two days of learning, sharing and fun!

Saturday, August 14th,

Fries Auditorium, Washington State School for the Blind,
2214 East 13th Street Vancouver, Washington

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| 8:15 – 8:45am | Registration |
| 8:45 | Opening Remarks |
| 9:00 – 9:45 | Bob McKechnie, <i>History of Vancouver's Old City Cemetery</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Karen Bouton, <i>Saar Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Project</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Gwenneth Anderson, <i>Stones, Stories & Symbols</i> |
| Noon – 1:00 | Box Lunch (\$10.00) |
| 1:00 – 1:45 pm | Nancy Wright, <i>Victorian Burial Customs</i> |
| 2:00 – 2:45 | Don Houston, <i>History of the Masons & the Mason's section at the cemetery</i> |
| 3:00 – 3:45 | Joey Fuerstenberg, <i>The Craft of Stone Carving</i> |
| 3:45 | Closing remarks/maps to Vancouver Granite Works/instructions for next day |
| 5:00 – 6:00 | optional - Tour of Vancouver Granite Works (attendees must provide own transportation to tour) |
- Cost for Saturday lectures
\$35.00 if registered prior to August 1, 2010
\$45.00 for registrations received after July 31, 2010

Sunday, August 15th, at the Old City Cemetery, Mill Plain Blvd at Grand Ave, (two blocks from the school)

10:00 – Noon **Old Oaks & Dead Folks**, costumed character tour cemetery residents

Cost for Cemetery Tour
\$15.00 if registered prior to August 1, 2010
\$20.00 for registrations received after July 31, 2010

1:00 – 3:00 Workshop on gravestone cleaning.

Cost for Gravestone Cleaning workshop
\$10.00 if registered prior to August 1, 2010
\$15.00 for registrations received after July 31, 2010

Registration forms will be available May 15, 2010. To have one emailed to you or for questions or more information send an email to **Dying2Know.2010@ymail.com**



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

May 1 Annual Spring Seminar - see web page for information
May 3 Legacy Users Group - 10am-noon, CCGS Library Annex
May 6 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30, CCGS Library Annex
May 8 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30am - noon, CCGS Library
May 10 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
May 19 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please
May 24 Cut & Paste work party - 10am - 2pm, CCGS Library Annex
May 25 General Meeting - 7pm - 9pm, CCGS Library Annex
Oct. 3-10 Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip

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

Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 pm.

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

Notify Jeanine Bailiff, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. [jgmb at pacifier.com](http://pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.