

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

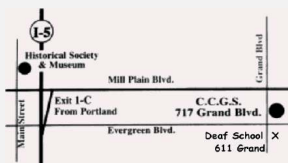
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Hours of operation



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
Tuesday, June 22, 2010
Beginning at 6:00 pm

ANNUAL POTLUCK *and* **SHOW and TELL TIME!**



Bring a potluck dish of some kind to
share (main dish, dessert, salad or ??) along
with your own table service.

Coffee & tea will be furnished and
bottled drinks will be available for a
small donation.

The highlight of this annual meeting will be
the "show and tell time" when we display items
we've recently discovered in our family research.

Maybe you have a treasured photo, piece
of jewelry, a special book, a census record
you've recently uncovered, military or land
records or some other item of interest.



Welcome, New Members

Terri G. Johnson
Alice Hilby

And Returning Member

Rudy Ebert

WHY JOIN A GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Pat LaRock

Reason #1: I meet fellow enthusiasts. They are all addicted to genealogy research, too, and they understand completely why there's this urge to do a "happy dance" when I discover some obscure ancestor who's been hiding from me.

Reason #2: I'm learning new stuff. CCGS has speakers at meetings who have succeeded in breaking down brick walls and written their findings in readable form. I learn from them, and they are happy to teach me.

Reason #3: I've found out about new resources: websites, computer software, books, and library services that I didn't know how to use before.

Reason #4: I've become part of a network of more than 300 local "experts" who can help with nearly any problem I encounter in my research. I'm not alone wandering out there in Research Land. I can get assistance with research problems or at least talk to others who understand frustration and can brainstorm possible solutions.

Reason #5: I can help others develop their family histories. I've learned a lot in my own researching, and being a Librarian or sharing at workshops lets me pass on what I've learned. It keeps surprising me that every time I share, I come away with some ideas from others to help my own research.

Getting to know . . . Jim Cochran

I have been involved in genealogy research since 1981, when my mother started looking at her family tree. Unfortunately, we started a year after the death of my grandmother. We should have started five years earlier, as my grandmother would have enjoyed helping us with her knowledge of her parents and the stories about earlier generations and people.



Although I currently live in Santa Rosa, California, I have deep roots in Washington. Both my wife and I are Washington State natives. My paternal great-grandparents moved to Walla Walla County in 1871 when the state was still a Territory. My maternal grandfather moved to Vancouver, Washington, with his parents and siblings in 1898. My mother and her siblings were born in Vancouver. (Pat Bauer has always said that she is related to or went to school with many people in Vancouver. Well, she did graduate from high school with my mother's youngest brother!) I have two grandparents and three great-grandparents as well as other relatives buried in various cemeteries in Vancouver. Every summer I still spend one or two weeks in Clark County enjoying family-owned property.

I have belonged to CCGS for the last 15 or so years. I assist the Society by organizing the obituaries and their indices that are posted to our cemetery web pages. This is a job that can be performed from long distance! I also am a regular visitor to the Thursday night CCGS Chat Room on the Internet.

I have belonged to my local Sonoma County Genealogical Society here in California for about 20 years. For several years, I have handled the raffle at our monthly general meetings as well as the raffle at our spring seminar. I also have chaired our German Special Interest Group for the past 10 years.

I graduated from WSU with a degree in Civil Engineering and accepted a position with Pacific Gas and Electric Co. I still enjoy the work here after 39 years of service and probably will retire within the next 3 years. I am currently working as a Senior Civil Engineer in our Project Engineering Department. I retired from the US Army Reserves in 2008 after serving 37 1/2 years.

My wife of nearly 40 years, Sue, and I have two grown children. Our daughter lives in the Buffalo, New York, area and our son lives in Camas, Washington.

CCGS Meetups - Summer 2010

We are only doing one meetup per day during the Summer months. Please note that CCGS meetups are simply a suggested time to meet other members researching the same genealogical topic.

<i>Meetup Date & Time</i>	<i>Meetup Topic</i>
Tue., 1 Jun Noon	Wyoming
Wed., 2 Jun Noon	South America
Thu., 3 Jun Noon	The Quakers
Fri., 4 Jun Noon	New Jersey
Tue., 8 Jun Noon	Portugal
Wed., 9 Jun Noon	The 13 Colonies
Thu., 10 Jun Noon	Minnesota
Fri., 11 Jun Noon	Lewis & Clark
Sat., 12 Jun Noon	Australia
Tue., 15 Jun Noon	Mayflower descendants
Wed., 16 Jun Noon	Lithuania
Thu., 17 Jun Noon	Greece
Fri., 18 Jun Noon	Florida
Sat., 19 Jun Noon	War of 1812
Tue., 22 Jun Noon	Canada
Wed., 23 Jun Noon	Oregon Territory
Thu., 24 Jun Noon	Norway
Fri., 25 Jun Noon	Ireland
Tue., 29 Jun Noon	Winthrop Fleet
Wed., 30 Jun Noon	Alabama
Thu., 1 Jul Noon	Pennsylvania
Fri., 2 Jul Noon	North Dakota
Tue., 6 Jul Noon	Tennessee
Wed., 7 Jul Noon	South Carolina
Thu., 8 Jul Noon	West Virginia
Fri., 9 Jul Noon	Fort Vancouver
Sat., 10 Jul Noon	Denmark
Tue., 13 Jul Noon	Wales
Wed., 14 Jul Noon	Kingdom of Württemberg
Thu., 15 Jul Noon	Romania
Fri., 16 Jul Noon	Louisiana

<i>Meetup Date & Time</i>	<i>Meetup Topic</i>
Sat., 17 Jul Noon	Alaska
Tue., 20 Jul Noon	Africa
Wed., 21 Jul Noon	Central America
Thu., 22 Jul Noon	Maryland
Fri., 23 Jul Noon	King Philip's War
Tue., 27 Jul Noon	Germans to America
Wed., 28 Jul Noon	Oregon
Thu., 29 Jul Noon	Georgia (state)
Fri., 30 Jul Noon	New Hampshire
Tue., 3 Aug Noon	Washington (state)
Wed., 4 Aug Noon	Colorado
Thu., 5 Aug Noon	The Amish
Fri., 6 Aug Noon	Rhode Island
Tue., 10 Aug Noon	Maine
Wed., 11 Aug Noon	Duchy of Schleswig
Thu., 12 Aug Noon	England
Fri., 13 Aug Noon	Clark (county)
Sat., 14 Aug Noon	Prussia
Tue., 17 Aug Noon	Scotland
Wed., 18 Aug Noon	Illinois
Thu., 19 Aug Noon	Vermont
Fri., 20 Aug Noon	Delaware
Sat., 21 Aug Noon	Michigan
Tue., 24 Aug Noon	Italy
Wed., 25 Aug Noon	South Dakota
Thu., 26 Aug Noon	The Palatines
Fri., 27 Aug Noon	Ohio
Tue., 31 Aug Noon	Switzerland
Wed., 1 Sep Noon	Belgium
Thu., 2 Sep Noon	New Mexico
Fri., 3 Sep Noon	Civil War

There is no pre-selected discussion leader or guarantee of a subject matter specialist attending a meetup. These sessions depend on members helping members. The librarians on duty may or may not be able to assist a meetup group in identifying special research resources and techniques related to the topic.

***The following books were added to our library recently
and will be on the "New" shelf during the month of June:***

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

Donated by Harry Howarth:

Blakeslee-Blackesley: Misc. Collection of Sources
By various authors

Blakeslee

By Russell J. Blakeslee Sr.

Donated by Betty Ramage:

Greene County, Illinois, Cemeteries - Carrollton Township

By Greene County, Illinois, Historical & Genealogical Society

Chalmers Church Registers: 1857-1900

By Ontario Genealogical Society, Kingston Branch

Gentry County, Missouri, Births: 1868-1900

By Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society

Hale Township, Hardin County, Ohio, Cemetery Inscriptions

By Hardin County Genealogical Society

Donated by the family of Judith Worthington:

Durbin and Logsdon Genealogy with Related Families, 1626-1991

By Betty Jewell Durbin Carson

The River Towns of Connecticut

By Charles M. Andrews

Lawrence County, Missouri, Marriage Record Book, ABC: 1845-1870

By Fred G. Mieswinkel

Donated by CCGS Research & Preservation Committee:

Vital Records of Clark County, Washington: 1998 Obituaries, vol. 2

By CCGS

Donated by Pat Wildman:

Marriage Records, Fulton County, Kentucky: 1845-1861

By Fulton Genealogical Society

Gibson County, Tennessee, Marriages: 1824-1860

By Brenda Jordan Raymond

Donated by Irene Page:

Guthrie County, Iowa, Early Marriages: 30 March 1852-31 Dec. 1899

By Guthrie County Genealogical Society

Donated by Deenie Nugent:

Boone County, Iowa, Transcripts of Deaths: Indexes, 30 June 1906-1921

By Boone County Genealogical Society

Donated by Dorothy Wear:

Missouri Heartlands Family Records, vol. 1

By Don Vincent

Donated by Margaret Denny

An Address Guide to the Catholic Parishes of Ontario

By Robert J. Quintin

Donated by Delores Burns

Finnish Settlers of Long Valley, Idaho

By Finish American Historical Society of the West

The following books became separated from the donations slips, so we don't know who donated them for our use.

Fifteenth Census of the United States – 1930:

Washington State

By NARA

My Lynch Research, pt. 1

By Carl Debs Lynch

My Lynch Research, pt. 2

By Lois Davidson Hines

Armstrong: Colonel James "Trooper" Armstrong

By Zella Armstrong

Memorials of Family Scott of Scot's Hall, in the County of Kent

By James Renat Scott

A History of Barrington, New Hampshire

By Morton H. Wiggin

Getting to know . . . Larry Germann

I was born and raised right here in River City (East County) and attended Battle Ground schools. I attended Oregon State College/University (it changed names while we were there) on a Navy ROTC scholarship. I met Jane there at the beginning of our freshman year and we went together all four years. We were married 2 days after graduation and my commissioning into the Navy. Our first duty station was in San Diego, followed by Long Beach, California. At the end of that tour I was assigned to a ship in Viet Nam for a year, so Jane went home to Bandon and taught school. When I returned from Viet Nam we traveled to Key West Florida for a 6-week school, then came back to Pacific Beach, Washington, for two and a half years at a Navy facility there. We then went to Bremerton for my final tour on active duty.



Upon my leaving active duty, we moved to Vancouver, and within a short time we bought a house out near where we live now. I continued in the Naval Reserve for another 19 years. Within a year of leaving active duty, I went to work for Albina Engine and Machine at the Portland Shipyard. Over the course of the 33 years I worked at the shipyard I was employed by three different companies, two having gone out of business. During that time I was an estimator and project manager, ending up as the Manager of Estimating and Contracts for Cascade General, also now known as Vigor Industrial.

Throughout all these years, I have not been much of a genealogist. Thankfully, I didn't have to be, because I have a wife who is. During the course of Jane's researches into my family, she has found that my maternal ancestry includes both Washington pioneers and American Revolution-era pioneers. One of my ancestral families was part of the infamous "Meek Cutoff" wagon train that took what was claimed to be "a shorter route" to the Willamette Valley.

Since retirement in 2006, we have traveled by car across the U.S. three times, and during those trips we have made a WHOLE LOT of stops at libraries and cemeteries, and even met living relatives we never knew we had. Besides helping Jane at times while she is doing her searches in the libraries, I have become interested in the history aspect.

How I became Treasurer for the Society is a whole other story!

CLOSE TO HOME AND ONE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

The Genealogical Council of Oregon will host the Oregon Statewide Biennial Genealogy Conference on July 31st at Lane Community College in Eugene. The featured speaker will be Elizabeth Shown Mills, internationally recognized genealogy expert, speaker, author, and researcher. More information and registration forms can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/>

THE TRAIL BREAKERS ARE IS COMING

Watch for the upcoming issue of the Trail Breakers. Several members have submitted articles that will be fun to read. Members will be given the link when this issue is available on line.

THANK YOU TO A SPECIAL LIBRARIAN WHOMEVER YOU ARE!

Patricia McKee Bauer

A very delighted lady stopped by the CCGS Library when I was librarian May 14. She stopped by just to say a BIG thank you for the help she had received earlier in the week. The librarian that day introduced her to the Washington Digital Archives web site at <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx> and she had been busy using it the next few days. She found so much material on her family she felt she had to give that librarian a special thank you! While she was there, I introduced her to the Fort Vancouver Library web site and showed her how to enter her library card number so she can use Heritage Quest at home. That site is at <http://www.fvrl.org> If you have or had kin in Washington state, you're working too hard if you don't use either or both of these sites!

HOW YOU CAN HELP PRESERVE THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL RECORD

A recent edition of eNews from the NEHGS advises that the Preserving the American Historical Record (PAHR) Act has been introduced in both the House (HR 2256) and the Senate (S 3227). This bill would "authorize the Archivist of the United States to make grants to states for the preservation and dissemination of historical records." The NEHGS article urges us to contact our senators and representatives to ask them to endorse and support these bills, and also urges us to ask our genealogical and historical societies to endorse them.

Further information about the PAHR Act can be found on the web site of the Society of American Archivists at <http://www.archivists.org/pahr>

GENETICS, GENEALOGY, AND THE WILDERS

Gene Kuechmann

The spring issue of *American Ancestors*, published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, has an article of particular interest to the descendants of Edward and Thomas Wilder, who both settled in Massachusetts in the early 1600s. There has been a long tradition that the two were brothers who came from England at about the same time as their mother and their two sisters. This "fact" has been widely published and accepted. However, in recent years genealogists of the new breed, on both sides of the Atlantic, have found that there is no documentary evidence of a connection between Thomas and the other Wilders. Now, DNA evidence shows that the descendants of Thomas and Edward are not patrilineally related within the last 1,000 to 2,000 years!

Since Edward's English background seems to be at least somewhat known, this new discovery leaves the numerous descendants of Thomas – of which I am one - without roots in the English Wilder family tree. Did I really need another brick wall?

REMINDER

The next Newsletter will be September 2010. It has been a practice for many years to not have any July or August Newsletters. See you here in September! The **deadline for submissions** for the September issue will be **Wednesday, August 18**, with copies to both editors and CCGS Newsletter in the subject line.

NEW LINK!

A new link is posted on our page of good tools for researching our genealogy. It lists 50 great sites and many are free. <http://www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2010.htm>

The link is on our web page at: <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org/p883.htm>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH CCGS CLASSES

In order to maintain a strong education program, we need more instructors. If you are interested, but unsure of your teaching ability, come attend a class to see what's involved. The chief qualifications of a good teacher are enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn – plus a willingness to pass on to others what you have learned! Contact Glen Jones by email at glenkc7mbm@comcast.net for details.

SUMMER CLASSES

June 1	10 am-noon: Beginning and Refresher Genealogy,	Free
June 8	10 am-noon: Organizing Your Records,	\$12.00 Members \$15.00 Non-Members
June 8	7- 9 pm: Beginning and Refresher Genealogy,	Free
July 8	10 am-noon: Preparing for a Field Trip (mainly Salt Lake City, but information good for any research trip)	\$12.00 Members \$15.00 Non-Members

Please! Register in advance so that we may have enough handouts ready. If in doubt, register ahead and plan to pay at the door if you do make it.

To register: CCGS Library at 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98668-5249
Or phone 360-750-5688

YOU CAN HELP PUT DATA ON LINE!

Carol Clark, Vice President

After their excellent presentation, our speakers at the Spring Seminar, Barbara and Hal Hovorka, requested our help in indexing records for the familysearch website at <http://indexing.familysearch.org/newuser/nuhome.jsf>.

You will need to register, and then download a program that will allow you to pick a batch of records and work on it as time allows. Two people index each batch and there are many to do. After the batches are submitted, they are compared and differences are reconciled by a third person. By helping with this effort, we can make more information available for free online research. I have already downloaded a batch of marriage records for New York State.

AMSTERDAM'S ARCHIVES ONLINE

PRESS RELEASE

Received from stadsarchief.amsterdam.nl

Amsterdam City Archives presents its award-winning Archives Database: a wealth of digitized archival material, directly available online. The easy-to-use website provides quick access to Amsterdam's historical documents. Find your Dutch ancestors with just the click of a mouse, with the help of a straightforward search system and instructions in English. Now, the Amsterdam burial registers, another indispensable source for genealogical research, have been added to the Archives Database, bringing the total number of scans to more than seven million. Visit https://stadsarchief.amsterdam.nl/english/archives_database/introduction/index.en.html.

The Amsterdam City Archives (Stadsarchief Amsterdam) is the largest municipal archives in the world. It preserves documents pertaining to the history of Amsterdam and provides information about the city and its inhabitants, now and in the past. The Amsterdam City Archives is a pioneer in the field of digitizing archival material. Apart from the Archives Database, the website of the Amsterdam City Archives features an Image Bank, containing more than 260.000 photos, drawings, and prints related to the city.

EDITOR'S NOTE

You don't have ancestors from Amsterdam? Visit this web site anyway to see how archival records should really be presented on line. This site is fabulous.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

Thanks to Peri Lane Muhich for setting up a Facebook account for CCGS. You can access it by clicking on the What's New section on our web page and then click on the Facebook icon. See our web page at <http://www.ccgswa.org>

Emigrant Novels ***If you have Swedish Ancestors, this is for you!***

Pat LaRock

The Emigrant Novels by Vilhelm Moberg, are "must reads" for anyone having Swedish emigrant ancestors. These historical novels tell the compelling story of the trials and tribulations of the Swedes who left their native land for the harsh wilderness of Minnesota. I was so completely engrossed in reading each of the four books that I devoured them one after the other. Much of what Moberg wrote was based on letters sent to and from America by the emigrants, and he brings the people to life in ways few writers succeed in doing. You can buy the books used from Amazon.com. The titles are *The Emigrants*, *Unto A Good Land*, *The Settlers*, and *The Last Letter Home*.

LIBRARIANS' TRAINING SCHEDULED

SAVE THE DATE: Librarians' training is scheduled for Monday, June 28, from 10 am to 12 noon. Do you have any suggestions for the training? Please e-mail them to KL-Rankin at comcast.net and Lethene at comcast.net Also, if you know someone who would like to volunteer to be a librarian, please encourage him/her to attend the training.

ARE YOU 62 OR OLDER?

Pat LaRock, Membership Chair

If you are 62 or older, let me tell you about the best bargain out there in the world of traveling and visiting historical and natural sites in America. The federal Golden Age Pass costs \$10. It is a lifetime entrance pass to fee areas of the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Mgt., Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service, Corps of Engineers, TVA, and Fish and Wildlife Service (including Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge). It also includes a 50% discount on user fees (camping, etc.). But it is only for those 62 and older.

You can get this terrific pass by applying in person at any National Park Service office, or visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/age.shtml> for more information. Two little-known facts about how the Pass works:

- 1) Everyone in the same car with you gets in free, also!
- 2) The park that sells the pass to you gets to keep some of the money for its own funding.

So please stop down at the Fort Vancouver visitor center or the entrance building at the Fort to purchase your Golden Age Pass (part of your \$10 stays right here locally). And have fun using it!

EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER

One of the most informative emails you can receive is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter. George Eastman has had a version of his newsletter on line for many years. It includes news, how-to articles, links to interesting items, and more. Some weeks there are only a few items, some weeks there are as many as 13. The email is actually a table of contents with brief descriptions. You choose what you want to read, and a link takes you to the corresponding item on Eastman's blog. (This is one case in which you can safely click the email link.) The blog also gives you access to an archive of past articles. To subscribe to this newsletter go to http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/standard-edition.html

GRAB A GOOD OLD BOOK

Pat LaRock

A college world history textbook and a United States history textbook should be on every family historian's shelves. You can pick them up cheap if they are used, and it doesn't matter much how old they are. After all, "history" is old, too. For historical context, I find myself turning to *Civilization Past and Present* (world) and *A People & A Nation* (USA) frequently while researching families. The maps in these are useful, too.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- June 3 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- June 7 Legacy Users Group - 10 am-noon, CCGS Library Annex
- June 7 Computer Clinic - Beginning at 1 pm - all members welcome
- June 12 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library
- June 14 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
- June 21 Cut & Paste work party - 10 am - 4 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- June 22 General Meeting - Potluck, Show & Tell Beginning at 6 pm
- Aug 18 CCGS September Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please**
- 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](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.