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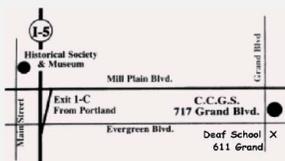
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calendar*

for unexpected closures.

Tues, Wed & Thurs:
10:00 am 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 10 am - noon Tuesday, February 22, 2011 CCGS Library Annex 715 Grand Blvd - Vancouver

The public is always welcome at our General Meetings.



Gustave Anjou and other genealogy frauds of the past 120 years

*There are 114 family histories by Gustave in the Family
History Library.*

Have you incorporated one of these into your family tree?

The late 19th century saw a renaissance in public interest in genealogy. As with any market for a product, increased popularity brings scammers and shysters out of the woodwork. Gustave Anjou was one of the most renowned genealogical forgers of his era, if not of all time, taking prestige relationship enhancement to a whole new level. But there were other forgers as well. Who were they? Have you inadvertently incorporated any of their fraudulent genealogies, or extracts from those lineages, into your personal database? What factors help give away the fake information? Is there a comprehensive list of the fakes?

CCGS Member Larry Dean will present a most informative talk about fraudulent genealogies, and how you can avoid them, at our February General Meeting.

SOME OF MY FAVORITE ALMOST-GENEALOGICAL WEB SITES

Gene Kuechmann

Lost a camera or memory card? Found a camera or memory card? Either way, go to <http://www.ifoundyourcamera.net/> Otherwise, search for Found Cameras and Orphan Pictures. Be sure to look through the contributed photos to see if you recognize anyone. You just might help reunite a friend with his or her pictures.

Looking for a grave? Have some good cemetery or grave photos? Want to memorialize a friend, relative, or ancestor? Go to <http://www.findagrave.com/> to search or to contribute. It's surprising what you can find there.

Google Maps and MapQuest are great for current maps, but as often as not, I want a map from the mid-19th-century. For those I go to David Rumsey's Map Collection at <http://www.davidrumsey.com/>

If your ancestor's life was touched by calamity, you might want to look at GenDisasters at <http://www3.gendisasters.com/> I haven't yet found anything useful to me there, but you might.

Getting your Best Results from Ancestry.com

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon,
the Genealogical Forum of Oregon and MJCC

Date: March 13, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Presented by: Crista Cowan, Community Alliance Manager of Ancestry.com

Where: Mittleman Jewish Community Center 6651 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR

Cost: \$18 per person in advance, \$25 at door, payable to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon; send to: JGSO, PO Box 19736, Portland, OR 97280

Have you seen recent TV shows focusing on family history? If so, you may be wondering how you can get started on your own family history. Or you may be a long time user of Ancestry.com and are wondering how to get more from your membership. Crista will give a series of presentations that will demonstrate how to maximize your successful family history research using Ancestry.com, a prominent genealogy tool available at local public libraries and at home by subscription.

YOU FOUND IT WHERE?

Gene Kuechmann and Steve Aberle

There was a time, before the Internet, when whatever appeared in print was taken by many amateur family researchers as fact. If it appeared multiple times in print, it became “proven” fact, and this frequently happened with genealogy books produced in the late 19th century. As a result, many a genealogical myth or speculation was carried down through the generations as family history. The Internet has compounded this problem many times over, redistributing incorrect information faster than ever before possible.

We all need to remember, “I found it on the web” is NOT a valid source citation. There are many guides to correct source citation, most of which show examples. Also, many established genealogy sites advise the preferred method for citing their databases. One of these is FamilySearch.org which gives the following example, to which you might add the name(s) of interest and a comment on the readability of the image:

United States. Bureau of the Census. 12th census, 1900, digital images, From FamilySearch Internet (www.familysearch.org - September 29, 2006), Arizona Territory, Maricopa, Township 1, East Gila, Salt River Base and Meridian; sheet 9B, line 71.

While we're on the subject, where should one look for historical context for a family's history? On the Internet? Or maybe in a textbook? Well, The Washington Post recently published an article about the inaccurate information found in history textbooks approved for use in Virginia. The author of one of these books is quoted, in fact, as saying she found her mistaken information on the Internet! To read the entire article, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/28o2kcb>

And for an interesting example of the real dangers of misinformation on the Internet, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/4dzcxdk>

ABOUT TINY URLs

If you entered into your browser either of the URLs given above, you may have noticed that they instantly changed into great long URLs before you were sent to the articles they referred to. The first one became:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/article/2010/12/28/AR2010122804332.html>

And the second became:

http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Security-Industry/2010/11/08/Nicaragua-Costa-Rica-tense-over-Google-map-war/UPI-49561289255748

The secret to shortening URLs is found on the CCGS web page at: <http://www.ccgswa.org/p883.htm>

Note of caution: tinyurl.com does not post a privacy policy on their site.

RESEARCH & PRESERVATION

Jane Germann & DeAnn Wilson

The Cut and Paste contingent of Research and Preservation met on Monday, January 17, 2011, to continue working on reducing the bulk of the periodicals that have been removed from the Library shelves. This task was assigned by the CCGS Library Committee. Those helping were Vicki Schwab, Nina Williams, Gaydena Thompson, Yvonne Muchmore, Evelyn Campbell, Pat LaRock, Toni Hansen, DOC Clark, and De Ann Wilson. The next cut and paste get-together will be on February 21, 2011, from 10-2 in the annex, under the direction of Jane Germann.

Thank you to DeAnn Wilson, who took charge of Cut and Paste in January.

Cut and Paste is on the third Mondays from 10 to 2 at the annex. In February and March it will be on the 21st. Hope to see you there!

Getting to know . . . Gene Kuechmann

I was born a long time ago in Cincinnati and named Gene Clarkson Swain (my parents already had a girl). I grew up on Long Island, New York, moved to Florida in high school, met Bill Kuechmann at the State University of Iowa, and married him in 1945. We lived in Illinois, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, Iowa, suburban Chicago, and finally Vancouver. He died 27 August 2009 of congestive heart failure, 4 months short of his 90th birthday.

Here are a few of the things I did along the way –

- I was a Radio Technician for the Signal Corps;
- gave birth to four children;
- won a few awards for drawing and painting;
- earned a BA in mathematics at the University of Tulsa;
- earned an MA in mathematics at UCLA;
- taught secondary school mathematics and tutored mathematics at many levels;
- was a writer/editor for mathematics textbooks (Laidlaw);
- in 1979, got my first of a long line of Apple computers;
- was a writer/editor for technical publications at a national laboratory;
- wrote *Programming in Basic* with Jerry Cummins (Merrill, 1983);
- designed educational computer software;
- got my first Mac (128k, slowly upgraded to a Super Mac with 512k memory);
- was a mathematics consultant and editor on mathematics software for Sensei;
- did my first stint as editor of the *CCGS Newsletter*;
- designed “The Fort” on my Mac and assigned exclusive rights for its use to CCGS;
- entered my genealogical data into PAF;
- did genealogical research in the USA, England, and Germany;
- for reasons too complicated to explain here, switched to Family Tree Maker on a Toshiba (and I still have no love for Windows);
- taught physically challenged people the use of computers for independence;
- published a book on my husband’s German ancestry (1990);
- taught classes for CCGS on the use of computers, on German and English research, etc.;
- again became editor of the *CCGS Newsletter* – a task now shared with Pat Bauer;
- switched to Reunion, a genealogical database program for the Mac;
- reveled in the information and documents found on the Internet and on the rapid increase in the availability of genealogically useful materials.
- bemoaned the misinformation found on the Internet and on the rapid increase in the availability of contributed, undocumented family trees



CCGS Library Additions

compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

The following books are new to the CCGS Library, and will be found on the "New" Shelf after the first of February.



Donated by Don Finel

*Cremations Performed at Park Hill Crematorium
1983-1999*

By: Don Finel, Sandy Thompson

Donated by Glen Jones

Clearbrook, A Memoir of Place

By: Marion Johnson West

Donated by Paul Larsen

Crash Course in Family History

By: Paul Larsen

Donated by Joy Porter

Genealogy Online for Dummies

By: Matthew & April Helm

Donated by Anita Daniels

Genealogy as Pastime and Profession

By: Donald Lines Jacobus

Donated by the Estate of Jean Langowski

Cowgill History

By: Beatrice Eleanora Cowgill

*Abstracts of the Records of the Society of Friends in
Indiana: Index*

By: Willard Heiss

*Guide to Research in York and Adams Counties
Pennsylvania*

By: Robert Barnes

*History of Cumberland, Perry, Bedford, Adams and
Franklin Counties*

By: I. Daniel Rupp

*This Was the Life: Excerpts from the Judgment
Records of Frederick Co. MD*

By: Millard Milburn Rice

The Hancock Family of England and America

By: Arvil Dale Hancock

*York Co. Pennsylvania Church Records of the 18th
Century, Vol. 2*

By: Marlene S. Bates & F. Edward Wright

*First Families of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,
1649-1658 Vol. 1*

The Landowners

By: Donna Valley Russell

Donated by Beverly Przybylski

Deaths and Burials in St. Mary's County Maryland

By: Leona Cryer

Missouri Birth and Death Records

By: Sherida K. Eddlemon

*Genealogical and Local History Books in Print:
Family History Volume*

By: Marian Hoffman

*Genealogical & Local History Books in Print: U.S.
Resources Volume AL-NY*

By: Marian Hoffman

*Genealogical & Local History Books in Print: U.S.
Sources & Resources NC-WY*

By: Marian Hoffman

The Rugged Southern Appalachia

By: Willard Mounts

Unknown Donor:

Family Tree Problem Solver

By: Marsha Hoffman Rising

***We were able to identify the donor of two recent
new additions.***

Letters to my Descendants by Niels Aage Skov and
Genealogy of the Reno/Renaugh Family were
both **donated by Anita Daniels**. The Reno/Renaugh
book was added last month, the Skov book was
added in September.

COMING CCGS CLASSES

Tuesday, February 1, 10 a.m. – 12 noon: Writing Your Family History, Part II.

This class will be a continuation of the class Lethene Parks gave January 4. Those who attended that class will want to bring their homework and attend Part II.

Tuesday, February 8, 10 a.m. – 12 noon: Military Records:

This class will be the latest class Jane Germann will bring to CCGS. She has been teaching various classes for CCGS for twenty plus years, continually up-dating her research methods as technology changes. The class includes a brief description about the various wars and the records available and where to find them.

Researching your family's military history not only helps fill out the bones of the family, pension records can give valuable information such as birth, marriage, death dates, and may list children and ages as well. Jane will share examples of what can be found and where. If you have examples to bring in and share, please do. And do bring in your family names and dates.

We spend part of the class time finding information on-line. A laptop is not necessary for this class, but if you have a laptop, bring it to class and research your family. (Lethene's class on Time Lines is a great guide to finding whether you have people who are the right age and for what service. Or if your computer has a time line guide for wars, try it out.)

If you are not yet hooked-up to CCGS's net, come in and ask a librarian how to hook up and also how to use the NEHGS site, American Ancestors. Or bring in your laptop early (9:30) to get help to sign on before class so you can work along in class.

To register for CCGS classes:

Come to the Library, register and pay for the class (\$12 members / \$15 others).

Or go to the CCGS web page at <http://www.ccg-wa.org/p5291.htm> where you will find the schedule of classes and a registration form that you can print and mail in with your check.

Or call the library during library hours, give the librarian your registration information, then pay by check at the door.

Or, if you are really a procrastinator, walk into the class and pay by check at the door. We will try to find an extra handout for you.

Clark County Genealogical Society Library Annex

715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, Washington

Welcome Back

Reinstated member - Shirley Ghezzi

Getting to know . . . Larry Dean



I was born September 26, 1929, in Yakima, Washington, and, except for a couple of years, grew up there. As soon as the news of my birth reached New York City, the stock market crashed. My dad died of cancer when I was 8 and my sister was 6. My mom struggled to make ends meet.

After high school I joined the U. S. Navy Reserve and spent a year on active duty. I worked my way through Yakima Valley Junior College and the University of Washington. I met my wife, Jo (Nettleton) at UW, and we were married right here in Vancouver, Washington, in June 1952, the same month I received my BS in atmospheric science (meteorology) from UW.

My first job was in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, my second was in Los Angeles, California, and my third was with the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, Oregon. The last ten of my 30 years with BPA I was Director of Power Supply with offices at the Ross Substation here in Vancouver. Jo and I have three children, all married, and five grandchildren.

After I retired from BPA my interests wandered aimlessly – hiking, mountain climbing, oil painting, playing bassoon in several orchestras. Jo and I did some traveling – Canada, England, South America, New Zealand - all involving hiking.

In 1995 my wife and I attended a Huntsman family reunion near Niagara Falls in Ontario, Canada. While in Ontario I visited the cemetery where many of my Dean ancestors and relatives are buried. While in the cemetery I was bitten by several mosquitoes and, apparently, by the genealogy bug. In the next few years I compiled and published a genealogy of the descendants of my Dean grandfather.

In 1999 my sister and I were invited to the 25th anniversary celebration of the Clark County Genealogy Society, and soon after that I joined the Society. (Our mother, Augusta “Gussie” Dean, had been a founding member.) My interests narrowed to genealogy and I became obsessed with tracing my paternal ancestry. I knew little more than the names of my grandparents on my father’s side. After much work and a little luck I have traced my Dean ancestry to my 3rd g-grandfather, William Dean/Dane, born near Philadelphia about 1758. I think, but I’m not positive, that I have traced William’s family back two more generations to Quakers who departed Gloucestershire, England, for Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1714.

I am the administrator of the Dean surname YDNA project at Family Tree DNA. At CCGS, I’m a librarian, have taught a few classes, shepherded the first Thursday unfocused group, and recently became chairman of the education committee. I will be presenting the program for the General Meeting in February. I hope to see you there.

Another Funny Epitaph

(from “The World’s Funniest Epitaphs by Ronald A. Bremer)

She lived with her husband 50 years
And died in the confident hope of a better life.

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure Identifying Bogus Websites

by Steve Aberle (<http://www.aberle.com>)

Recently, one of our CCGS librarians was trying to look up genealogical information for a caller, and went to the Washington Digital Archives website for a record search. Once on the website, the librarian kept getting asked for a sign-up and payment for access to the records. What was going on?

The website for the Washington Digital Archives is <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov>, but that was NOT the website the librarian had accessed. As it turns out, some unknown entity registered the [washingtondigitalarchives.com](http://www.washingtondigitalarchives.com) domain name on 11 December 2010, and has since put up a boiler-plate website that appears to be a front end for commercial services. I say "unknown entity," as a search for the registrant of the bogus archives website registered their domain name with Moniker Online Services LLC of Pompano Beach, Florida, and paid extra for a secret listing. Moniker even keeps their own domain-name registration information secret, and on-line searches reveal complaints about their sharing email addresses with spammers.

The bottom line here is that there are many "fake" websites on the Internet pretending to be something they are not. Each Internet user needs to be proactive about security and confirm they are on the correct website before clicking on the links offered. What are the primary indicators of a "fake" website? Unexpected attempts to extract money from your wallet is your #1 tipoff, followed closely by (2) a lack of information about who put up the website and their snail-mail address, and (3) either a missing Privacy Policy or inclusion of a draconian Privacy Policy that literally says they offer no privacy and can forever do anything they want with information they learn about you. When in doubt, do a search for the website with a keyword like "fake" or "scam".

Need more help? CCGS offers a free computer clinic for our members on the first Monday every month beginning at 1:00 pm at the CCGS Library.

Writing Your Family History, Part II

Lethene Parks

Writing Your Family History, Part II, is coming up on Tuesday, February 1, 10 am-noon. If you missed Part I you may still attend Part II. We'll give you the full handout packet as a "tool kit" to use in your future family history writing endeavors.

Participants in the first class were given two "homework" writing assignments:

* Make a list of decision points in the history of your family (You define what "family" means--one line, all your ancestors, etc.). The events that required a decision and caused a turn in direction might be large or small. Pick one item from your list and write a few paragraphs about it.

* When did your family come to Clark County? Where did they come from and why? Think about what they were moving away from and what they were moving toward. At the time they came, what else was going on in Clark County, in Washington State, in the U.S., in the world? Write a few paragraphs about this.

If you missed the first class but are coming to Part II, you may want to write these pieces before you come. We will begin our February 1 class by giving people the opportunity to share some of what they have written. Also please bring a family document with you - a birth or marriage record, a military discharge, a land deed - whatever you want to bring. We will use these in a writing exercise during the class. Don't forget your writing materials. You may sign up for the class at the CCGS library or via a mail-in form you will find on the CCGS web site, or just come and pay at the beginning of the class.

ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR INFORMATION



The Clark County Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar is **Saturday, June 4, 2011**. Our speaker is Connie Lenzen, a board certified genealogist who is actively involved in client research and lecturing. Connie and her husband Gerald are members of CCGS.

The seminar will include the following topics:

Abstracting Workshop

If you make a photocopy of every record you found that might be, or might someday become, important to your research, your hobby could quickly break your budget, and you would need to rent a good-sized warehouse for your files.

Abstracting enables you to produce a concise note, one that includes the kind of high-quality information you need to identify your ancestors and their relationships accurately.

I Know They Existed, But I Can't Find Them; Twentieth Century Research

Genealogists have one, two, or three generations of ancestors to track through the 20th century; a century marked by an emphasis on privacy and the closure of records. What do you do if grandpa and grandma did not leave information about the family's birthplace? Or, what do you do if you don't even know grandpa and grandma's names?

Where do you turn after you have exhausted your home records, your relatives have told you everything they know, and those elusive folks didn't leave tracks on the Internet?

Proving A Maternal Line When Grandma Didn't Tell Us Who Were Her Parents

Tracing women is a challenge for genealogists. The research goes beyond censuses, probates, and deeds. Bits and pieces of evidence must be ferreted out and compiled into indirect proof of parentage. This case history shows how to find an ancestress' parents by researching the men in her life.

Please mark your calendar so that you do not miss out on these exciting topics. More details later.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Feb. 3 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex

Feb. 7 Legacy Users Group - 10 am - noon, CCGS Library Annex

Feb. 7 Computer Clinic - 1 pm - CCGS Library/Annex

Feb. 12 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library

Feb. 14 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex

Feb. 16 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please

Feb. 21 Volunteer Day and Cut & Paste work party - 10 am - whenever, CCGS Library Annex

Feb. 22 General Meeting - 10 am - noon, CCGS Library Annex

June 4 Annual Spring Seminar - CCGS Library Annex

Oct 2 - 9 2011 Annual Trip to Salt Lake City

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 pm - 9 pm.

No General Meeting is usually held the month of the Spring or Fall 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.