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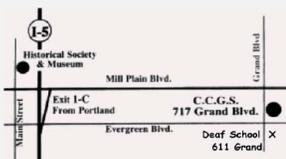
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Saturday

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10 am to 3 pm

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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, September 27, 2011

7 – 9 pm

CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver

Volunteer Appreciation and

Ancestry.com: Tips and Tricks presented by Joy Kersteter



We will start the evening thanking all the volunteers who helped this last year by serving cake and punch, coffee or tea. If you volunteered in any capacity, this means you. We will also be honoring those who have served CCGS in a special way; to nominate someone, just leave a message at the Library, attention Lethene Parks or Jane Germann, by Friday, September 16. Among those being honored will be Margaret Hepola and Bill Hidden.

This celebration of our volunteers will be followed by CCGS member Joy Kersteter demonstrating "Tips and Tricks" when using Ancestry.com. If you don't subscribe to Ancestry.com, you can use it for free at several branches of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library. Joy is an expert at finding information on Internet and will share her many tips with you.



HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A VOLUNTEER!

CCGS Volunteer Day will be Monday, September 19th, from 10 to 2. There is always work to do. Come and join the fun. We plan to work on preparations for the Periodical Bonanza, and there will also be other projects that need your help.

Jane Germann may be present only for a limited time due to medical appointments. She is still looking for indexers and a few cut and "paste-ers."

Additions to our library shelves

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

The following books were added to our library shelves since the last newsletter in June. If you do not see a particular book on the "New Shelf," it has been moved to its regular shelf. New books reside on the "New Shelf" for a period of 30 days after they have been added to our inventory.

Donated by Glen Jones:

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Native American History

Author: Walter C. Fleming

Oregon Indians

Author: Jeff Zucker, Kay Hummel, Bob Hogfoss

Indians of the Pacific Northwest

Author: Robert H. Ruby & John A. Brown

500 Nations, an Illustrated History of North American Indians

Author: Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.

Donated by Bea Ritter

The Almanac of American History

Author: Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.

A Guide to the National Road

Author: Karl Raitz

Civil War Genealogy

Author: George Schweitzer

Donated by Sharon Walton

Jackson County Conversations

Author: Kay Atwood

Renderings from the Gold Beach, Oregon Pioneer Cemetery

Author: Laurel Gerkman

Donated by Marian Kenedy

Encyclopedia of the Civil War

Author: Civil War Society

Donated by Mildred Porter

Letters of Dr. John McLoughlin

Donated by the author

Cowlitz Trail

Author: Chuck Hornbuckle

Donated by the author

Thomas Joel Fletcher and Susannah Jane Leslie

Author: Dorothy Wear

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

History of Pendleton County, West Virginia

Author: Oren F. Morton

Donated by Stephen R. Cornick

Norwegians in America, Their History and Record

Author: Martin Ulvestad

Donated by Virginia Holter

Master Index to the Huguenot & Index to Vestry Book of King William Parish, Virginia

Author: Langston James Goree; Janis Curtis Pampell

Donated by Elsie Deatherage

Italy Workshop: Finding and Understanding Records of your Ancestors in Italy

Author: Ruth Lapioli Merriman

Donated by Ruby Stone

The Residents of Tombstone's Boot Hill

Author: Ben T. Traywick

Donated by Richard Schack

Discovering Your English Ancestors

Author: Paul Milner, Linda Jonas

Donated by the Estate of Jean Langowski

Land Entry Book, Greenbrier Co., West Virginia

Author: Helen S. Stinson

Donors of the following books are unknown, since the donation slips became separated from the books. If you or someone you know donated one of these books, please let us know so that we can place a donation label in the front of the book.

Around Klamath County, vol. 1

Author: Robert I. Buschman

A Genealogy of the Quick Family in America

(1625-1942) - 317 Years

Author: Arthur C. Quick

OFFER OF HELP

I am a member of the Upper Shore Genealogical Society of Maryland (Queen Ann's, Kent, and Talbot counties and a little bit of Delaware). I have a membership and surname directory. If anyone is looking for info in that area I would be happy to look for someone they can contact who might assist them.

Regards, Lyndon Gabriel (c_lgabriel at comcast.net)

Getting to know . . . Margaret L. Denny



When I was 10 years old, my playmates told me that I was adopted.

When I was 18 years old, a family friend gave me a copy of my birth certificate.

When I was 69 years old, I met my biological family. They all came to my wedding that year.

After that I began to think about family history. What tangled webs we weave!

In 1986, I moved to Vancouver, Washington, and joined the Clark County Genealogical Society. That was the beginning. I learned about family history research. Prior to that time, I had worked for the US Government for the last 24 years before retiring and served in Washington state, Hawaii, New Jersey, and overseas in Korea, finally returning to the West Coast and retiring in 1977. Before retiring, I was involved with the Toastmistresses.

Later, after retirement, I was involved with NARFE (now known as the National Active and Retired Federal Employees) and served in several positions in the local chapter, including Chapter President. One year I was NARFE Washington State Convention Chairman when the convention was held in Vancouver.

During the time I have been a member of CCGS, I have traveled to Salt Lake City several times to do research. What a beautiful city! My research has been exciting and rewarding. My special friend, Pat Bauer, was my travel partner and we each enjoyed our own family searches. Members of my family, which includes children, grandchildren, great- and great-great-grandchildren, are enjoying the information I've found.

Today I am still researching those ancestors, looking and finding fascinating moments in the lives of those I never met, some of whom were born in New Hampshire and others who died in Florida. The last surviving soldier of the Revolutionary War, Daniel Frederick Bakeman, was the first person I researched. He was the 7th great-grandfather of my first husband, Richard V. Buss. Some names I'm researching from my biological family are Dyson, Minott, Walker, Elmwood, and Sheaf.

Managerial Position Available

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Prestigious organization seeks volunteer part-time manager for local meeting facility. You will be trained by an experienced professional. This is an excellent opportunity to add qualifications to your résumé!

To apply or for further information, contact CCGS at
360-750-5688 or email gensoc at ccgs-wa.org

Periodical Bonanza! Would you like to have your own copy of a state periodical? The CCGS Library has years of periodicals from many states for many years back. The Library has run out of room and will offer to members selected state periodicals that are indexed in PERSI. The periodicals will be available in the CCGS Annex during regular library hours on the dates listed below. Sign-up lists will be maintained in the Library starting September 1. To sign up, drop by or contact the CCGS Library at 360-750-5688. The specific periodicals for each state are listed with the sign-up sheet.

The following states will be available October 6-11, 2011

Alabama	Maine	New Mexico
Colorado	Massachusetts	North Carolina
Florida	Mississippi	North Dakota
Georgia	Missouri	Ohio
Kansas	Montana	South Carolina
Kentucky	Nebraska	South Dakota

The following states will be available November 18-22, 2011

Alaska	Maryland	Pennsylvania
Arizona	Michigan	Tennessee
Arkansas	Minnesota	Texas
Connecticut	Nevada	Utah
Illinois	New Hampshire	Virginia
Indiana	New Jersey	West Virginia
Iowa	New York	Wisconsin
Louisiana	Oklahoma	Wyoming

Have you heard about GenealogyBank.com?

This is a paid subscription website. It has a nominal fee compared to some of the other sites.
Darla Brock

GenealogyBank.com is the largest newspaper archive for family research. I opened an account the last of April and put in the name of my great-grandfather, Fred Moshberger. Immediately I received an article dated November 6, 1913, from the Oregonian in Portland, Oregon. The article was an interview about his renewal of the paper for the 51st year, having started his subscription in 1863. In this interview he told of his arrival for the California gold rush in 1854, along with his father. Noticing all the best things to eat (apples, pork, and garden truck) came from the Willamette Valley, the two men thought this must be a wonderful land and so in 1858 they came to Portland by boat from San Francisco. They purchased 160 acres for less than \$3 an acre. The article goes to tell of his marriage, family, and the development of the farm.

Another finding was an article about Fred's second wife. I had known her name was Anna Stuckey, but now I found where she was born, where she died, and other info I hadn't found before.

Not everyone will find such a lode of information as I did, but it would be worth your while to take a look at this site.

Former long-time CCGS member passes

Word was received of the death of Margaret Heller on July 12, 2011. Margaret was of the John Bird line and was active for many years. She was a dedicated and highly respected educator in Vancouver for most of her life. Margaret's educational career lasted 40 years, including nine years as the only woman principal in the Vancouver School District.

OREGON FORUM OPEN HOUSE

From Sept 10 to Oct 8, Genealogy Forum of Oregon is having an Open House to celebrate their move to the Ford Building at 2505 SE 11th (11th and Division) in Portland. Each day of the week has an Interest Group doing presentations on their subject. You can view the calendar at <http://www.gfo.org> by clicking on the Open House Celebration link or by going to their calendar and accessing September. This calendar can be printed.

ALL EVENTS are FREE to the public during this time, as are access to the library and the computers (including Ancestry.com, etc.). Some highlights:

Genetic genealogist Emily Aulicino will be doing three presentations on September 13, starting at 10 am, on the basics of DNA; understanding the differences between DNA testing for genealogy, forensics, and health issues; and the new Family Tree DNA Family Finder Test.

On September 16, 17, and 18, the Irish Interest group will have presentations including history, the language, music, dancing, genealogy, and genetic genealogy

Scandinavian Interest Group
Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 10am to 11:30am
CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA

A number of members have expressed interest in having a Scandinavian interest group. Our initial meeting will determine the interest in this effort and the best meeting time for our members. If you are interested or desire further information, please email Richard Engstrom: [Rengstro60 at yahoo.com](mailto:Rengstro60@yahoo.com)

Welcome, New Members:

May: Patricia Burk
Linda Murgo
Jennifer Bruce-Dorsett
Katie Stokes

July: Garland L. Holt

August: Vora Heintz & Carolyn Ramos
Francis & Benjamin Lee

June: Jeri Stewart-Nicklau
Edward J. Madden, Jr.
David Briggs
Irene D. Stuart

Welcome Back, Reinstated Members:
Eugene R. Henifin
Nancy Hemphill

Thanks for making recent special donations in addition to your dues:

(This will be a new Newsletter feature.)

Kathy Lakin, Charles D. Russum, Larry & Marilyn Bone, Marlene Seifert, Cathy Lauer, Gene Kuechmann, Anita & Archie Rodgers, Larry & Judy Swatosh, Gaydena Thompson, & Katie Stokes.

CCGS CLASSES : FALL 2011

Beginning class - Free

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (repeated Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

This class will get you started researching your family tree. Topics include collecting information from the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts and genealogy database programs.

Advanced classes (Fee per class: \$12.00 members, \$15.00 Non-Members)

Published Sources, Printed and Electronic

Tuesday, September 20, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, instructor: Lethene Parks

Published sources is a BIG topic to cover in two hours. There are many types of published sources — histories, biographies, encyclopedias, dictionaries, guidebooks and more. Lethene will explore some examples and the kinds of information they contain that can be useful to genealogists and she will look at where and how to find these sources in both printed and electronic formats. This would be a good class to take before you go to Salt Lake City.

Using DNA in Genealogy

Tuesday, September 27, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, instructor: Larry Dean

Larry gave a similar class a few years ago but a lot has changed since then – new tests, different companies, some lower prices. Learn what a DNA test is and what a DNA test might do for your particular research problem. More importantly, learn what DNA tests probably won't do before you order a DNA test. Spend a few \$\$ taking this class before you spend big \$\$ ordering a DNA test.

Free Software – What is Available and How to Find It

Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, instructor: Steve Aberle

Do you find the number of computer applications increasing faster than the national debt? Why doesn't the software you purchased a few years back work on your new computer? Is it all just a gimmick by the software industry to keep draining your pocketbook? Free software is available, but how good is it, and where does one find it, and is it easy to use? This presentation will review various software that you might want to download and try.

Censuses – beyond U.S. population schedules

Tuesday, October 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, instructor: Elsie Deatherage

This is not your censuses 101 class. Elsie will assume you already know how to search the 1790–1930 U.S. population schedules using Ancestry, Heritage Quest or Family Search. She will cover the U.S. agricultural and mortality schedules, State censuses and what is available as a substitute for the 1890 census.

Using Adobe Photoshop Elements

Tuesday, November 1, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, instructor: Gloria Scullin

There are more than 20 "tools" in your Adobe Photoshop Elements tool box. How many of them do you know how to use? Gloria will tell you the best way to change the brightness and contrast of a poor photo, how to frame and label photos, crop photos to the proper size, and the significance of saving photos in different formats. In addition, she will teach us how to 'touch-up' those old photos, repair a tear, or brighten the picture. Gloria is not a professional but is a proficient user and has taken some classes and has repaired or enhanced at least 500 photos. If you are new to Photoshop Elements or have been using it for a while, come join us.

What's New at Family Search

Tuesday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, instructor: Alice Allen

What's new at Family Search? Lots! A new web page, a new search engine and hundred of thousands of new records. Alice will show you how to use the new search engine effectively and tell you about some of the new records. If you have a laptop computer, bring it to the class for some real hands-on searching.

**All classes held at the Clark County Genealogical Society Library Annex,
715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, Washington**

To register in advance or for more information call the CCGS Library, 360-750-5688, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday - Friday or visit the CCGS Library at 717 Grand Blvd, Vancouver. Registration forms can be printed from the CCGS web page at <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org/p4307.htm>

Registration form

CCGS Classes - Fall 2011

please mark [X]the class/classes you want to register for

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Please note: Classes may be canceled or changed depending on availability of instructors or bad weather

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Genealogy is not just for the Retired Anymore

D. Joshua Taylor is a nationally recognized genealogical author, lecturer, researcher, and is also the former director of education and programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He recently spoke at the Conference on Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University and talked about the future of genealogy, saying, "it will no longer be viewed as an 'old' activity for the retired. It will be undefined by age, gender and nationality. We're in prime time now."

Taylor made several predictions for the near future. Of course, most all of us will agree with his predictions of more information will be simple to download and interactive, there will be more online websites for digital scrapbooks and family histories, and everything will be digital. However, he also predicted: Genealogy will be more about people than facts. He encouraged genealogists to think beyond the pedigree chart and get into the stories about people.

Communities will share data. Genealogists, historians, librarians, archivists and medical professionals will share information.

There will be a new generation of genealogists that will take new tactics.

...and a number of other predictions.

You can read more about D. Joshua Taylor's recent talk in an article by Laurie Snow Turner in the Deseret News at <http://goo.gl/5JkwO>.

DONATION NEEDED!

North Clark Museum at Amboy has received a collection of rolls of film, both narrow and wide. However, they have no way to view them. The donation of a film viewer would qualify as a charitable donation for income tax purposes, and it would be very much appreciated, as well. Contact Pat Bauer at apmb@iinet.com

SEARCHABLE DATABASE AVAILABLE

Thanks to Carol Clark for this information:

Washington State University Vancouver library now has a full text, searchable database of historical Clark county newspapers.

The archive features 80 issues of the *Vancouver Independent*, one of the earliest newspapers in Washington. The collection includes issues with a date range from 1876-1877, with more being added, at <http://library.vancouver.wsu.edu/archive/digital-collections>

This link has been added to the CCGS web page of helpful links.

Getting to know . . . Marlene Johnson Seifert



I was born in Moose Lake, Minnesota to Alvin Jentoft Johnson and Martha Emilia Margaret Pohlman in 1937, right after the Great Depression. My dad was a sawyer and my mom a housewife. I have three sisters. We lived across the road from my paternal grandmother and one of my dad's brothers. Another of his brothers lived just three miles away. He also had another brother living in Minnesota, one in Alaska, and one in Oregon.

In 1955 I married O.T. Seifert Jr., better known as Bud. We were married in Woodland, Washington. Bud's parents, Orville T. Seifert Sr. and Marian A. Black, were married in Vancouver in 1928.

Bud was the Rainier Beer Distributer for Clark, Skamania & Klickitat Counties. I was the Benefits Administrator at Clark Public Utilities and retired in 1993. We have four children, five grandchildren and two great-grandsons. We now spend six months of every year in Arizona and travel as much as we can during all 12 months! Our local home is in Vancouver, with a vacation home in the Cougar, Washington, area.

I think I was always interested in family because of all the cousins I had close-by when growing up, and even more far away. I got in really big trouble when I was about six for writing all of my cousins' names and birth dates on my bedroom wall. Shades of a novice genealogist?

We lived in Minnesota, Washington, and Alaska and I was lucky enough to meet most of the relatives. I especially liked the uncle in Oregon. He talked to me about the family and gave me a family history one of his cousins had written. From there, I started a family tree for my own family.

Our first reunion was in conjunction with the Oregon uncle's 90th birthday - I had made a hand-written family chart on yellow lined paper and put it up on the wall for everyone to see and correct, if necessary. It was probably six pages when it was typed up. The one I have now is an inch thick without letters and pictures!

I talked one of my Minnesota cousins into going to Wisconsin to meet relatives we knew about, but had never met. The mother of one of the branches of cousins had done a family history of their family and they shared it with me.

In 1992 I was lucky enough to make a trip to Norway and I met the branch of the family that hadn't immigrated to the USA. An uncle filled me in on the very small family we have left over there. In 2006 we went back to Norway, and this time the cousins took me, along with my sister, "up the mountain" to where the family had lived. It took us 2 1/2 hours. to get to their little meadow. It was beautiful with peaked mountains in the background and a rushing river below. But, looking at the location, it was easy to see that a family of twelve would have had a hard time surviving up there. Even today there isn't a road up to it - but what a fantastic feeling to stand where my great-grandparents had lived with their family!

I enjoy belonging to CCGS and have learned a lot from the classes, lectures, and just generally visiting with members about their trials and tribulations of family search. Mine has been quite easy in comparison to many, as my family immigrated in the late 1800's. I've been lucky enough to meet someone from each of the 10 lines, including those still in Norway.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Wayne Toholski and his bride, Mary Lou Joner, on their 50th anniversary, which they celebrated with a trip to the Oregon Coast. Wayne, a frequent volunteer librarian for CCGS, and Mary Lou were married in Vancouver August 12, 1961.

Also celebrating a long-time anniversary were Don & Pat (McKee) Bauer. They were married for 62 years on August 26. They were married in Vancouver and are life-long residents of Clark County.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Sept 1 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30pm, CCGS Library Annex
Sept Legacy Users Group & Computer Clinic - none in September because of the holiday.
Sept 6 Writing Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30pm, CCGS Library
Sept 10 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - Noon, CCGS Library
Sept 12 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
Sept 19 Volunteer Day - 10am - 2pm, CCGS Library Annex
Sept 21 October CCGS Newsletter deadline - copy to both editors please
Sept 27 General Meeting - 7 to 9pm, CCGS Library Annex
Oct. 2-9 Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip
Nov 5 Annual Fall Seminar - Save the date - more details next month

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 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.