

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

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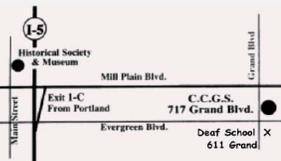
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Closed Sunday & Monday



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**Tues, Wed & Thurs:**  
10 am to 4:30 pm

**Friday**  
10 am to 3 pm

**Saturday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, November 22, 2011

10 am - noon

CCGS Library Annex  
715 Grand Blvd.

*The public is invited to attend.*



The November meeting will feature Veronica Studt, a Creative Memories consultant. She will show albums, both traditional and digital, and will tell us about her regular classes, digital workshops, and individual consultations.

She invites you to visit her website at <http://www.mycmsite.com/sites/vstudt> to shop for album supplies and gifts, view calendar of events and class schedules, get digital training at the Help Zone. You can also find information for Creative Memories Digital Center, Storybooks, mugs, personalized gifts, calendars, and more. You can reach her by email at: [vstudtcmc at gotsky.com](mailto:vstudtcmc@gotsky.com)

## **November Seminar Refreshments Needed**

If anyone would like to volunteer a crock-pot of soup, veggie trays, or cookies for the Fall Seminar on November 5, they will be gratefully accepted. Please let chairman Darla Brock know in advance if you are willing to donate any of these items. You can contact Darla by email at: [darla at comcast.net](mailto:darla@comcast.net) or phone 360-723-0477.

## **Getting to know. . . Charles & Marian (Groth) Thompson**



Chuck and I both grew up in the Vancouver area. He attended Vancouver High School and I went to Evergreen High School. Just out of high school Chuck joined the Air National Guard at the Portland Air Base. We met through my cousin, who was Chuck's best friend, and started dating. After a few months, Chuck's Guard unit was called to active duty. This was at the beginning of the Korean Conflict. He asked me to wait for him and shipped out, eventually ending up on St. Lawrence Island off the coast of Alaska. This was to be a year's tour of duty, a long time from a teen's point of view.

A little over a year later we were married, during a two-week furlough, on June 20, 1952. We started our life together at Larsen Air Force Base, Moses Lake, Washington. When Chuck's enlistment was up, we moved back to the Vancouver area where he found work, but he was never content with the jobs. His training was in mechanics, and he really enjoyed the Guard, where he worked in the motor pool. So after a couple of years he joined the Air Guard again and went to work as a civilian employee in the motor pool. In the meantime, we started our family; a son was born on August 28, 1954, and just over a year later on October 8, 1955, our daughter joined the family. I was a stay-at-home wife and mother; however I did volunteer work at the grade schools our children were attending and managed to find many things to bring in extra money.

When our children were in their last years of high school and starting college, I took up oil painting. I joined the Society of Washington Artists, and after a 25-year membership I became a life member. Later I changed to watercolor and then to colored pencils. Next, I found myself learning to quilt. I still do quilting and hope someday to go back to painting. Then along came genealogy, one more hobby I really love. I guess I just love playing.

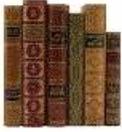
Our interest in genealogy began when Chuck's aunt talked to us about his great-grandfather, Charles McKay, who had lived at Friday Harbor, San Juan Island. He was a blacksmith of Scotch ancestry and a very hardy person who worked at his trade up until just a few months of his passing at the age of ninety. Chuck's aunt gave him a hand-written journal McKay had kept when he first came to Washington Territory. His wife, who seems to be a dead end in Chuck's research, was half Indian with the last name Enis/Inis/Ennis. We began to look up things about Chuck's family, and during the Clark County Fair in August of 1996, we stopped at the booth of the Clark County Genealogy Society and talked to the representatives there, took an application blank, filled it out, and received our membership packet. From that time forward it's been one happy road, searching our family ancestors. On January 30, 1998, we became Life Members of the Society, knowing full well we were hooked and would never give up this hobby. Other names in Chuck's ancestry are: Baughman, Thompson (Tonness), Huckins. The surnames I'm researching are: Groth, Ellithorpe, Ball, Slater, Griffith, and Sanders, plus a few more from way back.

As members of the Clark County Genealogy Society, we have made about seven trips to Salt Lake City with the group to research in the Family History Library, something we would highly recommend everyone to do if they can. We have also volunteered as Librarians in the CCGS Library for quite a few years. Five or six years ago we joined the Genealogy Forum of Oregon, and hope to spend more time researching in their library. Chuck retired from the Air Guard and his job in 1985 after 33 years service. We are now in our 59th year of marriage, having just the two children, six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and in the spring we will have our first great-great-grandchild. We have now completely retired to Woodland, Washington, and fill our days doing all the fun things we can think of, like researching on Ancestry.com or RVing when we can.

# ***New Additions to Our Library Collection***

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

The following books were added to CCGS Library during the month of October.  
They can be found on the "New Shelf" at the Library, beginning November 3.



**Donated by the Estate of Jean Langowski:**  
*Bedford County Pennsylvania Archives, vol. 3*  
By: James B. Whisker

*The Pictorial History of Southern Oregon  
and Northern California*  
By: Jack Sutton

*Shrewsbury and Springfield Townships,  
York County, Pennsylvania*  
By: Neal Otto Hively

*Revolutionary Patriots of Anne Arundel  
County, Maryland*  
By: Henry C. Peden, Jr.

*Anne Arundel County Church Records of  
the 17th and 18th Centuries*  
By: F. Edward Wright

*Abstracts of Lancaster County,  
Pennsylvania Wills, 1732-1785*  
By: F. Edward Wright

*Abstracts of Lancaster County,  
Pennsylvania Wills, 1786-1820*  
By: F. Edward Wright

*Green County, Tennessee Guardians' and  
Orphans' Court Records 1783-1870 & 1830  
Tax List*  
By: Sandra Kelton Houston

*Greene County, Tennessee Tax Digests,  
1809-1817*  
By: Goldene Fellers Burgner

*St. George's Parish Registers, 1689-1793*  
By: Bill and Martha Reamy

**Donated by Erdine "Deenie" Nugent**  
*Western Wahkiakum Telephone Directory  
1975*  
By: Western Wahkiakum Telephone Co.

*Pillar Rock, Wahkiakum County,  
Washington*  
By: Carlton E. Appelo

*Hulls in 1850, Directory of Persons  
Surnamed Hull in the US in 1850, vol. 1-2*  
By: Robert Hull Taylor

**Donated by Beverly Przybylski**  
*William Eldred of Yarmouth, Massachusetts*  
By: Nelson B. Eldred III

*The Researcher's Guide to Homesteads &  
Other Federal Land Records*  
By: James C. Barsi

**Donated by Sharon Walton**  
*Cow Creek Valley Memories: The Early  
Settlers of Riddle, Oregon*  
By: John M. Cornutt

**Donated by Carol Clark**  
*The Snyder County (Pennsylvania) Pioneers*  
By: Dr. Charles A Fisher

**Donated by Deanna Veitenheimer**  
*Pioneer Stories*  
By: Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington

**Donated by Robert Burns**  
*Life is So Intriguing*  
By: Mathilda Sophia Johnson

**Donated by Jennifer Warren**  
*The Frary Family in America: a Continuation*  
By: Anne Frary Lepak

**Donated by Sherry Warren**  
*Getting the Most Out of RootsMagic Version 4*  
By: Bruce Buzbee

**Donated by Bea Ritter**  
*Saints and Strangers*  
By: George F. Willison

**Donated by Jeanine Liston**  
*Remembering Harmony*  
By: Jeanine Liston

## ***The cake was beautiful! The punch delicious! And the Volunteers Appreciated!***

A Volunteer Appreciation Night was held at the September 27 general meeting. Both Margaret Hepola and Bill Hidden were honored for their generosity this past year, as were Carol and Doc Clark and Clarissa Farnsworth. Margaret, because of her most generous donation, was honored with a flower on the quilt, with her name and Colf Foundation. The other names were added to the treasure chest on the quilt. We appreciate these donors especially as they help us maintain our budget and keep our dues reasonable.

Fifteen Librarians were honored because they had volunteered 100 or more hours; those present received volunteer pins. The Librarians who served 100 hours or more in past year are Wayne Tuholski, Alice Allen, Larry Dean, Sherry Warren, Chuck and Marion Thompson, DeAnn Wilson, Al Rasimas, Toni Hanson, Bill Whalley, Kara Lynn Rankin, Dorothy Wear, Lillian Fullerton, Steve Aberle, and Carol Clark.

Larry Germann, Eric Jordahl, Barbara Baker, and Yvonne Muchmore were honored with pins for all the hours they put in for the Financial Team. They come in to CCGS nearly every Monday.

This year for the first time, a special "brick" was placed on the quilt for a group – the Tech Team, which consists of Bill Whalley, Steve Aberle, Lowell Kenedy, and Steve Cornick.

Jane asked Darla Brock, DeAnn Wilson, Flo Martecello, Gaydena Thompson, Larry Dean, Lillian Fullerton, Nina Williams, Ralph Erickson, and Yvonne Muchmore to come forward to be recognized for continuing help with Research and Preservation, and each received a pin. Martha Hennagin Cieglo should also have been recognized, as she started the tedious task of indexing names in *The Reflector* newspaper for the *Trail Breakers*. (See this year's issue.)

Dennis "Doc" and Carol Clark and Bill Whalley are being recognized by the Washington Genealogical Society for their significant contributions to CCGS.

Then the nine names to be added to Volunteer books on the quilt were revealed: Carol Clark, Doc Clark, Alberta Dawson, George Dawson, Lillian Fullerton, Bill Whalley, Kara Lynn Rankin, Richard Engstrom, and Steve Cornick. Our president, Steve, added excellent comments about the honorees. It was noted that Elinor Perlich, Larry Dean, and Alice Allen were nominated, but their names were added last year.

Many thanks to all who volunteered this past year. CCGS could not maintain its service to the genealogy community without your help.

The program for the night was a presentation by Joy Kersteter about Ancestry.com. It was informative and many of us picked up some great tips on how to get information with less effort. Thanks for sharing!

### ***Trail Breakers is Ready!***

*Trail Breakers*, Volume 37 (July 2010 – June 2011) is ready for you to download at:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/tbvol37.pdf>  
Caution! This is a HUGE file - 4.9MB and will take time to open.

CLARK COUNTY  
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FALL SEMINAR



EXPLORE CIVIL WAR  
HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

Saturday

November 5, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Morning**

How the Civil War affected

your ancestors – Ed Demko  
Native Americans in the

Civil War – Carolyn Ellertson

**Afternoon**

How to find records of your Civil  
War ancestors – Tricia Oberndorf



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How the Civil War affected your

ancestors What were the causes of this terrible war? What were the goals and strategies of the North and the South? How did the reconstruction of the South affect those living there? Ed will have an interesting talk about the conditions our ancestors faced during and after the war.

Edward Demko Ed has BA and MA degrees in American History from the University of Washington and Portland State University. He taught history at Evergreen High School for 31 years and retired from there in 1996. Currently he is active in the Dodds-Edwards Civil War Round Table at Portland State University.

Native Americans in the Civil War

Some fought on each side. A terrible time for them. A civil war within a civil war.

Carolyn Ellertson Carolyn is a member of CCGS. She is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. She has Native American ancestors who fought on both sides of the Civil War.

How to find the records of your Civil

War ancestors Tricia will discuss techniques for tracing your Civil War ancestor, from discovering whether you have one to gaining insight into his (or her!) war experience. She will use the internet to illustrate key points.

Patricia Oberdorf Tricia has a MS degree in computer science and currently works in that field. She is pursuing a second career as a professional genealogist. She has been researching her family and others for over 20 years. She has traced ancestors across 25 states and Europe, spanning the 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Seminar Schedule  
8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-12:00 Morning Session  
12:00-1:15 Lunch/Exhibits  
1:15- 4:00 Afternoon Session

**Register Early –  
deadline Nov 1, 2011**

**\$35 Members  
\$40 Nonmembers**

**including soup and salad lunch  
coffee and tea provided  
soda and bottled water \$.50**

**Clip the registration form on the**

**right and mail to**

**CCGS 2011 Fall Seminar**

**P.O. Box 5149**

**Vancouver, WA 98668-5249**

**Make checks payable to CCGS**

Or you may register in person at

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## **Getting to Know. . . *Lillian McDonough Fullerton***



Write my life story in ten minutes? That was the assignment that Lethene Parks gave her students in her CCGS genealogy writing class. I took the challenge, and the following is my story:

I was born in San Francisco and grew up in Ruch, Jackson County, Oregon, on the homestead farm of my grandparents, James and Lillie (Smith) McDonough. My parents, Ivan and Inez (Willits) McDonough, moved back to Oregon to care for the farm after my grandfather passed away. My work experience, outside of farm chores, included helping in my uncles' country store. I learned to dip ice cream for cones, pump gas, slice bologna, and help with general store duties. After graduating from Ashland High School, I worked as a telephone operator before the introduction of direct dial. I also spent time as a bank teller before starting a family.

My college years started late in my life. I graduated with an A.A. in Dental Hygiene from Clark College in 1972 and spent the next 28 years as a dental hygienist. In 2000, the year I retired, I fulfilled an education goal of mine by completing a B.S. degree from Eastern Washington University. I have lived in Vancouver, Washington, for the past fifty-four years. Special people in my life are my four daughters, two sons-in-law, two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

My interest in genealogy began with a letter I obtained from a cousin, written in 1888 to my grandfather in Oregon. The letter was written in County Mayo, Ireland, by my great-grandmother and signed only "I remain your loving mother until death." It was an adventure searching for her name and family in Ireland. Using connections made locally, through the Internet, and on two adventurous trips to Ireland, I found my grandmother's name, Bridget McDonough. My daughter and I visited the family's original homestead and met charming relatives who live in the same small town as our ancestors. I am also researching my Smith, Wrisley, and Willits ancestors, all Oregon pioneer families.

Volunteering as Librarian in the CCGS Library gives me a great appreciation of the information available to the researchers and volunteers. I learn something new each day and add more to my list of things I want to learn.

### ***Scandinavian Focus Group***

The Scandinavian Focus Group will be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 am. For further information, please contact Richard Engstrom at: [rengstro60 at yahoo.com](mailto:rengstro60@yahoo.com) or phone the library and leave a message.

### ***Help Wanted!***

CCGS is in need of someone to volunteer to be purchasing agent for the organization. Sounds like a big job but it's really fairly easy for the right person. You will be asked to buy the items on our posted shopping list; deliver them to the library and turn in the paid receipts with a special form to our treasurer. You will then be reimbursed with a check. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact our president, Steve Cornick, or our treasurer, Larry Germann, for more information. You can leave a message on the phone at the library - 360-750-5688.

Rosalie Kepler had been doing the purchasing for the past several years but, with no car, it was becoming too difficult as the months went by.

## **A NOTE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

*Denni Hamilton-Levonian*

Many thanks to those who, when they send in membership renewals, are adding some extra dollars to their dues to assist our always beleaguered treasury. We welcome all donations. You're helping us keep our dues as low as possible, in spite of ever-increasing costs, and you make the life of our hard-working Treasurer, Larry Germann, easier. I hope, by checking the website regularly, attending programs, and using the excellent library, you might even want to consider bringing along a friend to some of our activities!

### **Welcome, New Members:**

Bill Burwell  
Marilyn Lasof  
Harold Janneck  
Verna Couchman  
Nancy Johnson  
Celia Louderback  
Albert Hamilton

### **Welcome Back, Reinstated Members:**

Myriam Burda  
Linda Dawson  
Dayton Smith

### **Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:**

Peri Muhich  
Linda Dawson  
Jim & Susan Malcolm  
April Hess & Jon Mills

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## ***Volunteer Day Reports***

**September Volunteer Day:** With Jane Germann not coming in until 1:00, Flo Martocello came in and sorted out papers and took some home to cut and paste. Darla Brock helped make double-sided copies of some pasted pages to be put into book form. Lethene Parks and Dolly Merrick worked on library projects while Larry Germann, Yvonne Muchmore, and Barbara Baker worked on treasurer projects. Steve Cornick came in to supervise, and he also showed an interested visitor around the library. She had brought her granddaughter with her, and Steve helped her fill out a chart.

**October Volunteer Day:** Flo Martocello took some cutting and pasting home to do. Richard Engstrom came in to assist the treasurer, Larry Germann. Lillian Fullerton, Elinor Perlich, Sherry Warren, Lethene Parks, and Jane Germann did library work. President Steve Cornick came in and facilitated everyone's efforts. Lorlei Metke brought in a copy of the 1904 Vancouver City Directory.

**November 21 is the next Volunteer Day:** Jane Germann will put out work again for volunteers who wish to come in. She will return about 1:00 and, if someone comes in, she will train them for cutting and pasting, indexing, or copying.

**December:** A Volunteer Day will NOT be held in December.

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## ***Condolences***

A former, long-time member of CCGS passed away October 19 in Vancouver. She was Marjorie "Marge" Greenen. She will be greatly missed by her family and many other friends.

# CCGS Salt Lake City Wrap-Up

Sharon Houck

Our SLC trip this year was made by a small group of seven. We had an eighth member signed up, but a last minute dental emergency caused a cancellation. The weather was somewhat unstable (showers and windy) while we were there, but the snow stayed in the higher elevations. More options for meals are emerging, although construction continues in central Salt Lake City – maybe it will be closer to completion next year.

The Family History Library continues to become more digitized, and the use of flash drives is increasing, even at the computers on the floors. There were new copy cards this year to replace our old ones. The new cards are in denominations of \$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20 (if I remember correctly); however, if we still had funds on an old version copy card, we could get those funds transferred to the new cards. Gone are the days of needing coins and of having those odd amounts left on cards insufficient to make a copy; the prices have been revised to work out evenly.

I think we all had productive trips, although I can safely say that we didn't find all the answers, leaving good reasons to return next year. Regardless of experience, there is bound to be something for everyone. Speaking personally, although I have been going on the SLC research trips since 2003, there has always been something each year to surprise me in my research. This year it was a 4-year-old girl (daughter of my paternal g-g-grandparents) who had been described in handed-down family records with only a name and "died in childhood." While looking for two other individuals in a particular cemetery, I encountered this young girl's record.

We have made a tentative reservation at the Carlton Hotel for arrival on September 30, 2012, and departure on October 7. Think about joining us next year. The Family History Library has been described as a "candy store" for our grand obsession. Rarely does a single destination offer so much possibility to each person. I am not sure if I will be the chairman for the next trip, as I was filling in this year for Bea Ritter, who was busy with a new home. Time will tell.

## 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. The periodicals are available on a first-requested basis. Please complete the sign-up sheet to reserve a periodical. A waiting list will be generated if more than one person requests a periodical so the publication can be passed on.

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

Alaska  
Arizona  
Arkansas  
Connecticut  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Louisiana  
Maryland

Michigan  
Minnesota  
Nevada  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New York  
Oklahoma  
Pennsylvania

Rhode Island  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah  
Vermont  
Virginia  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming



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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

- Nov 1 Writing Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library
- Nov 2 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 3 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 5 Annual Fall Seminar - Topic: Civil War Research - see enclosed flyer for information**
- Nov 7 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 7 Computer Clinic - beginning at 1 pm - CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 12 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library
- Nov 14 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 21 Volunteer Day - 10 am - 2 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 22 General Meeting - 10 am to noon, CCGS Library Annex
- Dec 7 Dec-Jan CCGS Newsletter deadline - copy to both editors please**

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 held** 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@pacifier.com](http://jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.