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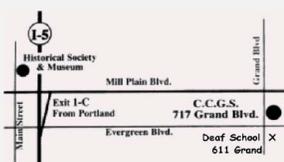
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10 am to 3 pm

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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, February 28, 2012

10 am - noon

CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd.

The public is invited to attend.

TWO HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY POSTS

Greg Shine, Chief Ranger and Historian at Fort Vancouver, and Lethene Parks, CCGS Library Director and amateur historian, will tell us about two Hudson's Bay Company posts, Fort Vancouver and Fort Colville. They will talk about the connections between the two posts and the roles these two forts played in our local, state, and national history.



Both forts, established in 1825, played major roles in the American settlement of the Oregon Country and in U.S.- British relations in the mid 19th century. Fort Vancouver, located on the Columbia River near its confluence with the Willamette, is now a National Historic Site. The site of Fort Colville, located on the Columbia River near Kettle Falls, about 40 miles south of the Canadian border, is now under the waters of Lake Franklin D. Roosevelt, which was formed with the construction

of the Grand Coulee Dam.

Cold Case Genealogy in the Library

We have an exciting Librarians' Training session to be held on Monday, January 30! If you have ever considered being a librarian, this training would be a delightful start to your career!

You will learn about a process to use in basic research, so you can assist people when they come into the library for help. We are calling this COLD CASE GENEALOGY. When someone comes into the library with a need to learn about one of their ancestors, you will be able to show them the steps they can take to find out what they want to learn.

For more information contact Kara Lynn Rankin at [kl-rankin at comcast.net](mailto:kl-rankin@comcast.net) or call 360-901-5331....or SHOW UP on Monday the 30th at 10 am.

New Additions to Our Library Collection

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen



The following books were added to our Library collection during the month of January. You can see them on the "New" shelf at the CCGS Library. They will remain there for the month of February.

Donated by Sharon Walton

The Baltimore Colony and Pioneer Recollections
By: Binger Hermann

Looking Back: The California-Oregon Stage Road from Ager, California to Topsy, Oregon
By: Alice Overton Hessig

The Powers Story
By: Victor Stevens

God Made a Valley
By: Welcome Martindale Combs, Sharon Combs Ross

The History of the Weaverville Joss House
By: Douglas & Gina McDonald

Oregon Historic Landmarks, Southern Oregon
By: Oregon Society DAR

Owyhee Outpost
By: Owyhee County (Idaho) Historical Society

Fort Umpqua, Bastion of Empire
By: Norman Dennis Schlessler

The Hero of Battle Rock
By: Bert Webber

The Hedden's Store Handbook of Proprietary Medicines
By: James Seeley White

The Jacksonville Story
By: Richard Engeman

Donated by Virginia Holter

Index to History of Southeast Missouri
By: Felix Snider

Missouri Miscellany, Vol. 6
By: Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff

Missouri Land Claims
By: Patricia Chadwell

Donated by Keith Morris

Index to Kentucky Wills to 1851: The Testators
Editors: Ronald Vern Jackson, Gary Ronald Teeples, David Schaefermeyer

Chronicles of Hardin County, Kentucky, 1766-1974
By: Mrs. Thomas Durham Winstead

Virginia Settlers, vol. 1
By: A. Maxim Coppage III

Fort Knox Cemeterieees in Bullett, Hardin, & Meade Counties, Kentucky
By: Sam McDowell

Passports of Southeastern Pioneers, 1770-1823
By: Dorothy Williams Potter

Donated by the late Erdine "Deenie" Nugent

Marriages - Polk County, Iowa, 1880-1884
By: Iowa Genealogical Society

Donated by the late Carol Clark

Snyder County (PA) Historical Society Bulletin 2007
By: Snyder County Historical Society

DO YOU HAVE BOOKS TO DONATE?

If you have books to donate to our CCGS library, please copy the donation form from our web page, fill it out and ask for a copy of it from the librarian on duty. You can use that information as a tax deduction IF you itemize your income taxes. CCGS is classified as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The donation form is at <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org/donation.pdf>

Getting to know . . . Beatrice (Belt) & Lyman Ritter



I was born to Harley and Signe Belt of Yamhill, Oregon, as the third of six children. I grew up on a dairy farm near Yamhill, graduated from Yamhill-Carlton High, and then from Oregon State University with a B.S. Degree in Education. I taught 4th grade in Salem, 3rd grade in Albany, and 4th grade in The Dalles. I married and had three sons, Doug, Dave, and Greg Frahm. We moved to Vancouver in 1972. While my sons were young, I volunteered at my church and in my sons' school. I took classes in Tole & Decorative painting and taught classes to women for 6 years. I then decided I'd rather be teaching children, and renewed my teaching certificate by earning a Masters in Special Ed at Portland State University. I taught for 20 years in Evergreen Schools in a resource room, and in fifth and fourth grades. I retired in 2004 because I wanted to travel, research, and write my family history.

My mother, Signe Belt, became interested in genealogy when she traveled with her sister to Sweden to meet their relatives and see where their parents had lived. She also spent 20 years researching my dad's ancestors, amassing many files of information. When both of my parents died in 1995, I resolved to write a book about my Belt ancestors. It took me a year to read through my mother's information. I wrote letters to all of my older relatives, and took beginning and intermediate genealogy classes given by CCGS, joining the society in 1997. At a Family History Center I was able to access three family trees that matched my Belts. I wrote to and received letters from the contributors. One was Walter Belt of Georgetown, Texas, who was in charge of the Belt Team on the Internet. I joined their team and acquired copies of wills, land deeds, historical information, and biographies of my early ancestors in Virginia and Maryland. I connected with cousins in Ohio, Illinois, Washington DC, Iowa, Florida, and Oregon and each shared his/her branch of the family. My brother's DNA test matched seven others on the Belt Team, and we can all trace our lines back to Humphrey Belt, who came from England to Jamestown in 1635. We are still trying to find his family in England. After I retired in 2004, I began writing our story and continued to search for documents to prove and extend my information. I published the book in 2008 and distributed copies to family and libraries.

In 2009 I reconnected with a high school classmate, Lyman Ritter. He had grown up in Carlton as the second of three sons of Lyman K. and Ina Ritter. We had so much fun sharing activities and our lives that we married in November 2009. Lyman has a daughter, Teri, who lives with her family in Portland. He had lived in Corvallis and worked as an engineer, landscaper, and Farmers Insurance agent. He also retired in 2004 and loves to fish. He is also researching his family, so we took two trips back to Tennessee and two trips to Salt Lake City. This last year we built a new home and moved into it in September. Lyman's family are German, Scottish, and English, and he is researching Ritter, Grabner, McCoy, and Crist. I am Swedish and English and am researching Belt, Hankins, Throssel, Jansson, and Henriksson. We look forward to another trip to Salt Lake City next fall.

Native American Focus Group

This group will meet the third Saturday of each month from 10:30 -- 12:00 noon, beginning February 18, 2012. Carolyn Ellertson will lead the group. She spoke at the CCGS 2011 Fall Seminar on the subject of Native Americans in the Civil War. Carolyn is enthusiastic about the group being able share their knowledge on the subject with each other.

Save the Date!



The CCGS Spring Seminar will be held Saturday, May 5, 2012. Miriam Robbins of Spokane, author of an award-winning genealogy blog at <http://ancestries1.blogspot.com/> will be our speaker.

Miriam will cover several topics of interest to people doing genealogical research:

- How to Find Volunteer and Low-Cost Researchers Online.
- Frugal Genealogy -- or how NOT to spend a fortune on Your Family Tree.
- Finding Your Ancestor in Online Historical Newspapers.
- Finding Your Ancestors' Vital Records and Obituaries Online.

A REGISTRATION FORM AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE MARCH ISSUE!

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Getting to know . . . Glen Arthur Jones



I was born 22 September 1944 in Vancouver, Washington, to Robert B. Jones and Helen Maggie Barber. I attended school in Vancouver and I have attended Clark Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, and Eastern Oregon State College. I am a veteran of the Vietnam War. I retired in 2004 after thirty-eight years with the BNSF (Burlington Northern and Santa Fe) Railroad and its predecessors. I married my soul mate Bonnie Sheppard on 2 May 1983 and we have resided in Portland since that time. Bonnie retired in March of 2010. We are RV-ers and love to travel and camp.

My family was in the Pacific Northwest by 1829. My paternal great-great-grandfather William Craig was a mountain man and fur trapper. He left home in Virginia in 1825 and joined a fur-trading caravan in St. Louis headed for the upper Missouri. He entered Oregon country in 1829 with a party of fur trappers and Nez Perce. The party included brothers-in law Joseph Meek and Robert "Doc" Newell. William married Pah-Tis-Sah, called Isabel, the daughter of the Chief of the Lapwai Band of Nez Perce, at the 1838 Green River fur rendezvous. William and his wife sheltered the Spaldings during the Cayuse uprising of 1847. William Craig became the first white settler in what is now Idaho. Under article ten of the 1855 treaty with the Nez Perce, he was given a donation land claim on the Nez Perce Reservation; besides being married to Isabel, he was also Indian Agent and interpreter for the Nez Perce. William and Isabel are both buried in Idaho at Jacques Spur Cemetery, which is on the Craig Donation Land Claim, which in turn is a part of the Nez Perce Historical Park.

William Craig's son-in-law, my great-grandfather, Albert Hugh Robie, was with Isaac Stevens in 1853 when he came west as the first governor of Washington Territory; they surveyed a northern route for the railroad as they traveled. My "Jones" name comes from the fact that Robie's daughter Clara gave her son - my father - up for adoption by Julia and Griffon Jones, early settlers in Clark County, Washington. My father first learned of his birth family when he came of age. I became involved in family history, genealogy, and Northwest history in 1966 when my half-sister obtained the family's Native American records from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Information about my pioneer ancestors can be found on the Internet and in several books, including *The Intermediary: William Craig Among the Nez Percés* by Lin Tull Cannell and *Hank Vaughan 1849-1893: A Hell-Raising Horse Trader of the Bunchgrass Territory* by Jon M. & Donna McDaniel Skovlin.

The Belknap family, some of whom are my cousins, also came west to Oregon in the mid 1800s, founding the settlement of Bellfountain, Oregon. Others of the Belknap family settled on the McKenzie River and lent their name to other Oregon geographic features.

My mother and her parents came west in 1905. My mother's family traces back to early England and Europe; her line includes William Cross, the first of the Cross name to emigrate to the New World. The family name was originally De La Croix, and they were said to be French royalty who fled France during the revolution. There are Currier families in both my father's family line and in my mother's family line, but according to the author of several books on the Currier families, there is no known connection between the two Currier lines. I believe that something may have been missed, as the Curriers all came from the New England States.

I am a life member of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, member of the Oregon California Trails Association, Clark County Genealogical Society, and several other historical and genealogical societies. Since joining CCGS in 2005, I have found my wife and I are related to several CCGS families. I am researching the surnames Barber, Belknap, Craig, Cross, Currier, Jones, and Robie, as well as many other names related to the above families.

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

CLASSES — SPRING 2012

BEGINNING CLASSES - FREE

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree

Saturday, February 25, 10 am 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.

This class will be repeated

Tuesday, May 8, 10 am to 12 noon

All classes will be 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 through Friday

or visit the CCGS Library at 717 Grand Blvd, Vancouver
Registration forms can be printed from the CCGS web
page, <http://www.ccg-wa.org/p5291.htm>

ADVANCED CLASSES

Fee for classes \$12.00 members, \$15.00 Non-Members

Preserving Heirlooms

Tuesday, February 14, 10 am to 12 noon

instructor: Lethene Parks

This class will help you learn how to preserve and protect your precious heirlooms: clothing, quilts, dolls and toys, furniture, original documents and photographs, kitchenware and utensils. Take advantage of Lethene's extensive knowledge on this subject.

Cloud Computing, Is It For You?

Tuesday, March 6, 10 am to 12 noon

instructor: Steve Aberle

You hear the terms "cloud computing" and "in the cloud" often on the news and in advertising. But, what in the sky are these people talking about? How in the world could a computer possibly operate in a cloud, especially with all that water vapor? If you would like a simple tutorial explaining what all this means, want to know the benefits and the risks, and what it might cost for your computer(s) to participate, then this is the class for you!

The 1940 U.S. Census

Tuesday, March 20, 10 am to 12 noon

instructor: Alice Allen

The long-awaited 1940 Census (U.S. population schedule) will be released on Monday, April 2nd. The index will NOT be available for at least six months. Come learn what will be on the form and how you can find your family without an index.

Researching in Mid-Western States

Tuesday, April 3, 10 am to 12 noon

instructor: Elsie Deatherage

Elsie recently completed a week-long class on doing genealogical research in the mid-western U.S. States. Learn what resources are available to help you locate your ancestors in this part of the country. States covered will include North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

Researching in Southern States

Tuesday, April 10, 10 am to 12 noon

instructor: Lethene Parks

Doing genealogical research in southern U.S. States requires some different techniques than in many other parts of the country. Fires, floods and war took their toll on courthouse and other records to a greater extent than in other parts of the nation. Emphasis will be on research in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas, with some information on research in the other southern states.

Using Social Media in Genealogy

Tuesday, April 17, 10 am to 12 noon

instructor: Gloria Scullin

Social media sites such as Facebook and Blogging can be a good way to share your family stories with folks living in other states. Gloria will walk you through the basics of building a Facebook account and show you a free and simple way to start your own blog through Google. You can find Gloria on Facebook. Her blog can be viewed at <http://www.Milwaukeefamilyhistory@blogspot.com> - check it out before the class.

Registration form

CCGS Classes - Spring 2012

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

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

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Back up! Back up, I say!

No, not you. You keep going forward. But back up your data!

Situations like the one described in the Computer Clinic article remind us that we should back up our data regularly. Who wants to lose a week's worth of work or more?

There are a number of back-up programs for both Windows and the Mac. However, many of these make copies to the same hard disk that holds the original. If that crashes – ouch! Some programs can be set to make copies to an external hard disk. This is better, but the same flood/fire that destroys the original is likely to destroy the copy. An old reliable technique is to make scheduled copies to a floppy, Zip disk, or CD, and store the copies at another location. This works, but how often are you going to do this? Every day? Not likely, and even then you may lose work. Now days there are better solutions. With wi-fi, or even DSL, you can send frequent copies to a remote computer - maybe at a friend's or relative's house.

But wait! My own files are backed up almost continuously! And if I or my computer mess up, I can revert to a version from hours, days, or even weeks ago (as I had to do recently). How do I do this? I back up my data in the cloud! Know what I'm talking about? If you don't (and even if you do), you should attend the March 6 class on cloud computing.

CCGS Class Design: Cloud Computing, Is It For You?

On Super Tuesday, March 6th, CCGS will offer a class on Cloud Computing. This is the first time we have held this class, so we would like to tailor it to the needs of those who plan to attend. The class outline currently covers the history of the term itself, what is it, how you can store and manage your computer files in the cloud, a comparison of options and costs, a risk/benefit analysis, and how you can create your own cloud. But, what other questions do YOU have that we can answer about cloud computing in this class? Email your questions to class instructor Steve Aberle (ccgs2005 at aberle dot net) by February 15th, and we will fold them into the class presentation.

January Volunteer Day Report

Jane Germann

Snow didn't keep volunteers from showing up at CCGS on January 16. Eric Jordahl and Larry Germann came in and worked at their Treasurer job. Richard Engstrom was in to do some Annex business. Kara Lynn Rankin, Elinor Perlich, Lethene Parks, and Lillian Fullerton worked on Library projects. Lillian also sorted out 2011 newspapers for February volunteers. Jane Germann copied Trail Breakers for a society. It was a busy day and even Dolly Merrick and her husband Arnie stopped in to pick up some items. We have a lot of projects and will be ready for volunteers to work in February. Come join us!

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY: February 20, 2012, from 10 to 2 at the Annex

CCGS Monthly Computer Clinic

The CCGS Computer Clinic was first held in April 2010, and continues to be held on the "first Monday" of the each month, except when the first Monday falls on a holiday. Your CCGS Information Technology (I.T.) volunteers have helped members with genealogy software installation, family data backups, general software configuration, creating spreadsheet formulas, printer and scanner setup issues, isolating and replacing bad computer memory and disk drives, backing up and restoring data, re-installing operating systems, and other tasks.

Member participation in the Computer Clinic has fallen off a bit, and just when we were ready to conclude that all computer problems had been resolved, a CCGS member brought in one of the most technologically interesting problems to the clinic on Monday, January 2nd. This member's Windows XP computer had been infected by malware, and the symptoms had been first observed earlier that morning. Fortunately, the member had attended a CCGS class on computer security, didn't click on anything, and immediately powered off the computer.

The CCGS I.T. team (plus a volunteer I.T. specialist from the BPA) determined the computer was infected with a Trojan horse that generates fake security alerts. This program has multiple distribution methods (email, social media, a fake web page, etc.), and usually pretends to be something else, like a pop-up to install a required Adobe Flash update, for example. The Trojan also affects Windows Vista and Windows 7, goes by multiple names, and the graphics intended to fool you are quite good. This malware is especially insidious as it reports the scanning tools that try to remove it as being infected software, and blocks them from running. Good ploy you nasty malware writers!

Editor's note: For definitions of different types of malware, see:
<http://www.cisco.com/web/about/security/intelligence/virus-worm-diffs.html>

Infection by malware can usually be prevented by creating two logins on your computer. One should have administrator privileges, with access to system files, and should be reserved for installations and maintenance. The other should have only user privileges and should be used for all other tasks. This way, malware that comes in on the user's account cannot change critical system files and infect the computer.

Some problems take longer than others to solve. In this case, the two hours allowed for the computer clinic already having been exceeded, the CCGS I.T. team had to be satisfied with confirming the problem, downloading and running the (free) Microsoft Safety Scanner, and printing out removal instructions. It was left to the member to choose from among the alternatives: (1) step through the malware removal instructions, (2) wipe the disk drive and re-install Windows XP, (3) procure a new computer (since this one is rather old), (4) return for further assistance from the CCGS I.T. team, or (5) take the computer to a shop and pay to have the malware professionally removed. The member chose the latter solution.

WELCOME!

New Members:

Robert Deal
Paul Short
Esther Thoreson

Reinstated Members:

Carleen Stephens
Doug Hamilton
Barry Peterson
Wisconsin Historical Society



Clark County Genealogical Society
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Vice President: Dolly Merrick	Asst. Sec-Treas: Eric Jordahl	Library: 717 Grand Blvd
Secretary: Sherry Warren	Past President: Garry Lucas	360-750-5688

CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Jan 30 Librarians' Quarterly Training Session - 10 am - noon - CCGS Library & Annex
- Feb 1 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
- Feb 2 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Feb 6 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
- Feb 6 Computer Clinic - beginning at 1 pm - CCGS Library Annex
- Feb 7 Writing Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library
- Feb 11 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library
- Feb 13 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
- Feb 15 March CCGS Newsletter deadline - copy to both editors please**
- Feb 18 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon (NEW)
- Feb 20 Volunteer Day - 10 am - 2 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Feb 28 General Meeting - 10 am to noon, CCGS Library Annex
- May 5 Annual Spring Seminar - more details later!

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 at pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.