

ARE YOU READY FOR THE 1940 CENSUS?

Release date for the 1940 U. S. Federal Census is April 2, 2012. Unfortunately, indexing will not begin before that date. CCGS has 1938 and 1940 local directories to help find where your relatives were living at the time.

CCGS Education Committee member Alice Allen is doing a class on *The 1940 U.S. Census* at the Annex on March 20th from 10 am to 12 noon (\$12 members, \$15 non-members).

On-line classes and guidance for searching the census will also be available:

1. Legacy (free on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 11 PST and for 10 days following) –
Go to <http://legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp> to sign up.
2. https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Census_1940 for information.
3. The National Archives has an excellent step-by-step procedure for getting ready at:
<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/start-research.html>
4. <http://www.ancestry.com> will offer guidance; they also offer a free census form download.

FamilySearch is requesting volunteers to help index the 1940 census. Wouldn't it be great to have a group do the Clark County section of Washington State? Contact Steve Cornick, CCGS President, if you are interested.

LOWER COLUMBIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENT

At last! The 1940 U. S. Population Census will be released on April 2, 2012. The Lower Columbia Genealogical Society is proud to host Ms. Carol Buswell, Education Specialist, of the National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) in a 3-hour presentation about the 1940 Census. This great opportunity will be held in Longview, Washington on Saturday, March 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This session is FREE but an RSVP is required. Seating is limited. Details will be sent to those who register. Check out their web site for all info at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/>

Getting to know . . . series

Patricia McKee Bauer - co-editor

Each month we've been having at least two articles on our members as part of the "Getting to know" series. Sometimes our members are most gracious about sharing their life stories but, sometimes it's difficult to find someone who will send any information. This is one of those difficult months. Lyndon Gabriel sent a great story and who knows, I might be a distant cousin to his wife with the McKee name in her background! The other member I had counted on, after I was told more than once that she was too busy but "will do it next month," didn't reply this time when I sent her a recent reminder. I guess she isn't interested in helping, so I'll cross her off my list.

Now, if you would like to share your information in one of our CCGS Newsletters, please send me a note. I will want a photo of you to use - that adds interest to the story. So far I had been contacting members with photos already in my files - the reason I hadn't contacted YOU yet! We need either a story or an outline. Gene Kuechmann is editor and she will edit your story, or will write the story from your outline. Just think about it, you might connect with a brand-new cousin among our many members! At one time I found I was related to two other CCGS members when we discovered we all descended from the pioneer Richard Belding/Belden. He had three sons: William, Samuel, and John. We each descended from a different one of those sons - my ancestor was Samuel. You can contact me at apmb@iinet.com or leave a phoned message at the library.



Our condolences to CCGS member and volunteer librarian Wayne Tuholski and his family. Wayne's mom, Juanita, passed away January 31 in Washougal. She was 96 years old.

Getting to know . . . Lyndon (Lynn) Gabriel



I was born in Washougal to A.E. (Pete) and Ruth (Nelson) Gabriel. My father had a Red and White Grocery Store there (the building is now a tavern). He sold the store and we moved to Bend, Oregon; to Portland; and finally to Prineville, where he owned and operated a hardware store. I graduated from Crook County High School and enlisted in the Air Force. I spent 4-1/2 years on active duty, mostly in Japan and Turkey. My folks had moved back to Washougal, where my mother taught school and was the first librarian for Hathaway Elementary School, so Washougal is where I came upon discharge. I graduated from Clark College and from the University of Portland with a BS in Engineering.

While I was in Turkey, my mother gave me the address of Carol Loron from Washougal, a student nurse at Emanuel Hospital, and I wrote her a letter. So, I like to tell people that my mother picked out my wife for me. We have been married for 46 years and have two sons, Peter and Christopher, and seven grandchildren.

After getting my degree, I worked for Bonneville Power Administration in their electrical laboratories here in Vancouver. I also served in the Air Force Reserve and retired from that in 1982. During my career we spent two years in South Africa, where I worked for the Electric Supply Commission (near Johannesburg). I retired in 1999, and Carol and I have enjoyed traveling (mostly to see our grandkids).

I got started in genealogy by asking a cousin who had written a short family history about our Gabriel family. Some months later, two large cardboard boxes appeared on our porch while Carol and I were at work. I carefully added them to other "stuff" in the garage and promptly forgot them. I got a call from the cousin about a year later asking me how I was doing? Then she died. After I retired, I decided to see what was in the boxes and it was a hodgepodge of information. There wasn't a whole lot to go on, a few clues. But I have always enjoyed history so I decided to do just a "little" research (we all know how that works). We now usually incorporate some genealogy into our travels. Carol is very helpful in looking for information – but it usually costs me lunch. We have been to Salt Lake City several times, to Ft. Wayne Library, to the Ohio Historical Society, to numerous small libraries (like ours) in odd places, and recently we had the opportunity to visit the National Archives and do some research. Talk about a deer in the headlights!!! We even visited the archives in Bern, Switzerland. (Anyone else have relatives from Belp?) During our travels I have met many cousins that I didn't know I had in Illinois, Kentucky, and Ohio.

I tend to be more interested in tracing our direct lines (I have done Carol's, also) rather than try to concentrate on a single family. I had my DNA tested several years ago but to no avail. Names I have mainly worked on are Gabriel (guessing England), Nelson (Sweden), Cogswell (England), Mellinger (Switzerland), and Painter (??) on my side, and Loron (France), McKee (??), McMullen (??), Wagli (Switzerland), and Sherfy (??), on Carol's. No horse thieves yet, but we have found a polygamist and a brothel operator. We still have a lot of brick walls to break through and journeys to take. Who knows what we'll find.

The Trail Breakers Needs You!

Have you been doing research, and would you like to share your procedures? *The Trail Breakers* is looking for how-to articles as well as Clark County connections. Let Jane know if you are interested. Contact her at 360-892-8019 or e-mail: germann@wa-net.com.

January 30, 2012 Librarians' Training



L-R: Ralph Erickson, Bill Whalley, Judy Peterson, and Bea Hicks

After being welcomed by CCGS President Steve Cornick and Library Director Lethene Parks, the librarians introduced themselves by telling where they were in November of 1963 when JFK was assassinated. (We have a well-traveled group of volunteers!)

An announcement was made that we should observe the parking rules – there is plenty of parking across from the State School for the Deaf, if we plan to be at CCGS more than two hours.

The group was advised that Sandy Thompson has formed a committee to write up information about what materials the various local historical societies, the Family History Centers, and others in Clark County have to help in genealogical research. This information can be shared with other librarians and with patrons who visit CCGS and can maybe even be put on our website. (If you are interested in helping, please contact Sandy Thompson at 360-574-1921 or sandyt18 at msn.com.)

Lethene Parks presented an opportunity to follow some suggested research strategies. She gave each group of 3-4 persons a different name to research. Each subject's burial was in Clark County, and each subject was born between 1840-1860. That is where the similarities ended. Various CCGS Librarians led the groups. Here is a list of the resources (in alphabetical order) the groups used in their research:

1900 Census Records for Clark County (book)

<http://www.ancestry.com>

Castle Clinton National Monument at <http://www.castlegarden.org>

CCGS Cemeteries Book

CCGS Library computerized catalog

CCGS map collection (for land claims)

CCGS Clark County Cemeteries website (even had images of the headstones!)

Clark County Centennial

Clark County Obituaries

Clark County Pioneers

<https://www.familysearch.org>

<http://www.findagrave.com>

GENUKI at <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl>

Heritage Quest

Ixquick Search Engine at <https://us2.ixquick.com/eng/advanced-search.html>

n-ireland.co.uk at <http://www.n-ireland.co.uk/genealogy/placenames/index.htm>

CCGS surname vertical files

Washington State Digital Archives - <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/>

Washington State Territorial Census

Wikipedia at <http://en.wikipedia.org>

<http://www.censusfinder.com> (a new site for many of us! Thank you Sherry!)

The groups returned to the Annex and shared their strategies with the larger group.

L-R facing: Sandy Thompson, Verna Couchman, and Lillian Fullerton

L-R back to camera: Larry Dean, Esther Thoreson, Ralph Erickson, Pat LaRock, and Bea Hicks (in foreground)



A VIRTUAL SOLUTION BY THE COMPUTER CLINIC

Patricia McKee Bauer - CCGS Webmaster

When I hired Steve Aberle to build a new PC for me in November 2010, it had all the "bells and whistles" that I wanted - except it wouldn't run one favorite, very necessary program. I use *Internet Creator* by Forman for making web pages and web page corrections. It is no longer available, which means there is no help of any kind and no way to upgrade it. I could still use it on our old Dell, but that meant going back and forth between the old computer, running Windows XP, and my new, fast, efficient PC, running Windows 7 Pro 64-Bit. Then recently I began having a new problem with my PC. Windows Explorer had vanished! I was unable to find it, and opening folders of any kind was impossible. Installing any new program was difficult to say the least.

It was time for a visit to the CCGS Computer Clinic, which is held the first Monday of each month in the Library or Annex from 1 to 3 pm; it's important to make an appointment first, so they will know what to expect. It is also important to try to back up everything, just in case something drastic has to be done. I took my PC, an extra flat-screen monitor, an extra keyboard, and a mouse to visit the computer guys (Steve Aberle, Bill Whalley and Steve Cornick - Lowell Kenedy was absent this time). I went equipped with my Windows 7 Pro disk and other programs I thought might have to be reinstalled.

Steve Aberle worked with my computer and installed what's called a Virtual PC. He had no problem getting Windows Explorer to work, but the icons on the desktop were huge and completely rearranged. No problem though - I knew I could easily reset the icons to normal size when I brought the computer home. To my surprise, when I connected the computer to the monitor and keyboard I use at home, all the icons were magically restored to their normal size and places. The newly installed Virtual PC was working fine, but when I checked Windows Explorer, it wasn't working - again. I contacted the crew, and Steve A. told me to turn off the computer and swap the monitor, keyboard, and mouse, in that order, with the ones I had taken to the Library. Wonder of wonders, now I had the huge icons back, just as they were at the computer clinic, but Windows Explorer was back on the job. Problem solved, but why the icons and Windows Explorer were different on one monitor than the other will forever remain a mystery.

What is this fantastic thing Steve Aberle did to my computer? Virtual PC only works with Windows 7 Pro 64-Bit and is a free download. It will NOT work with the Home Edition and probably not with the 32-Bit version. Bill Whalley read the instructions as they went along. (Thankfully there is a lot of information available on Internet.) The 469MB download of the Virtual PC took quite a while. On my computer, it is listed under "All Programs" in Windows 7 as a link to "Windows Virtual PC" and then to "Windows XP Mode." It's a completely separate program, and I can't move things from Windows 7 to it (although I'm working on that). I must reinstall any program I need to use while in Windows XP Mode. I even needed another, separate installation of my AVG virus program. I can access another Drive C, which is a new one created by this Windows XP Mode. I can also access one DVD-CD drive, my USB thumb drive, and other important USB-connected things - like my printer! I have no access to the various other drives that I use with regular Windows 7.

I now have a Virtual PC running Windows XP as a part of the Operating System in my PC that is running Windows 7 Pro 64-Bit. It's like having two computers in one - both at my finger tips. The best thing - I'm now able to use my *Internet Creator* program with no problem and I'm happier than "a clam at high tide."

NATIVE AMERICAN FOCUS GROUP

The Native American Focus Group held its first meeting Saturday, February 18. With the assistance of Steve Cornick on Internet searches, Carolyn Ellertson made suggestions for further research to the five who attended. The next meeting will be the third Saturday of March (the 17th), 10:30 - noon. See you there if you are interested in learning more about your Native American ancestors.

New Additions to Our Library Collection

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

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

Donated by Glen Jones:

The Patriot Chiefs

By Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.

The Indian Sign Language

By W.P. Clark

A Guide to the Oregon Trail in SW Idaho

By BLM

Women of the West, Tales of the Wild West, Vol. 5

By Rick Steber

The Oregon & Overland Trail Diary of Mary Louisa Black in 1865

By Marguerite Black

The Oregon Trail Diary of Twin Sisters Cecilia Adams & Parthenia Blank in 1852

By Bert Webber

Donated by Keith Morris

Genealogical Research in England and Wales, v 3

By David E. Gardner

Abstract of Land Grant Surveys, 1761-1791

(Rockingham & Augusta Counties, Virginia)

By Peter Cline Kaylor

Soldiers of West Virginia

By Virgil A. Lewis

Donated by the family of Judith Worthington

Early Days in Cooke County, 1848-1873 (Texas)

By C.N. Jones

North and South Carolina Marriage Records from the Earliest Colonial Days to the Civil War

By William Montgomery Clemens

Donated by Pat La Rock

Paul Revere's Ride

By David Hackett Fischer

Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America

By David Hackett Fischer

Donated by Steve Aberle:

Marriage and Census Indexes for Family Historians (England)

By Jeremy Gibson & Elizabeth Hampson

Record Offices, How to Find Them (England)

By Jeremy Gibson and Pamela Peskett

Donated by Dru Duniway

Hines Family History

By American Genealogical Research Institute

The Knight Family

By American Genealogical Research Institute

Donated by the Estate of Jean Langowski

Scholls Ferry Tales

By Margaret Putnam Hesse

Donated by Patricia McKee Bauer

Pommersche Familiennamen

By Dr. Hans Bahlow

(I found my grandmother's family name in this one, it's an index of names found in the former country of Pommerania. A.A.)

Donated by Helen Bales

The Alki, 1930-1931

By Vancouver High School

Donated by Madeline Mesplay

Cardwell Genealogy, 1635-1992

By Gilbert and Dorothy Jones

Donated by Virginia Holter

Missouri Taxpayers, 1819-1826

By Lois Stanley, George F. Wilson, Maryhelen Wilson

Anonymous Donations:

The Skin and Bones of Plateau Valley History

By Helen Hawxhurst Young

The Old Dutch Burying Ground of Sleepy Hollow in North Tarrytown, New York

By William Graves Perry, Editor



Miriam J. Robbins' genealogy blogs have been listed on Family Tree Magazine's 40 BEST Genealogy Blogs for 2010 and 2011 !

Miriam speaks, writes, and teaches about genealogy from her home in Spokane, WA. She has been giving instructions and lectures in Internet genealogy research to various groups in the Northwest since 2005.

Miriam teaches online genealogy classes through the local community college district.

She frequently blogs about her three "homes": Alaska (where she grew up); Michigan (where much of her personal genealogy research takes place); and Eastern Washington (her residence since 1979).

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**CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
SPRING SEMINAR**



Featuring

Miriam J. Robbins

THE FRUGAL GENEALOGIST
Affordable, Digital, High-Tech Research
Saturday, May 5, 2012
8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.



THE FRUGAL GENEALOGIST

How NOT to Spend a Fortune on Your Family Tree:

Learn tips and tricks to cut down on your genealogy expenses, from subscription sites to purchasing records to conferences.

How to Find Volunteer and Low-Cost Researchers Online:

Here are resources for finding free and low-cost researchers.

Finding Your Ancestors' Vital Records and Obituaries On-line:

This presentation will assist you in finding where to order ancestors' vital records from on-site locations or finding actual copies on-line at cost or for free.

Finding Your Ancestors in On-line Historical Newspapers:

Universities, libraries, genealogy subscription sites and government archives are digitizing newspapers and putting them on the Internet faster than we can keep track of them! This presentation will show you how to find the newspapers your ancestors read ... or where they appeared in articles: birth, engagement or wedding announcements; obituaries; and other newsworthy events.

Seminar Schedule

8:30-9:00 Registration
9:00-9:15 Welcome, Introductions

9:15-12:00 Morning Sessions:
Frugal Genealogy
Low-Cost Online Researchers

12:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-4:15 Afternoon Sessions:
Online Vital Records & Obituaries
Online Historical Newspapers

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

The first CCGS "Cloud Computing" class will be on Super Tuesday, and all members and non-members are welcome to attend. You hear the terms "cloud computing" and "in the cloud" nearly daily on the news and in advertising, but what is it? Are they talking about cirrus uncinus, altocumulus castellanus, or cumulonimbus incus clouds? How in the world could a computer possibly operate in a cloud, especially with all that water vapor? Does one need a pilot's license from the FAA to visit one's computer when it is in the cloud?

If you would like a simple tutorial that covers the history of "cloud" terminology as it pertains to computing and how you can store and manage your genealogy files in the cloud, if you want to know the benefits vs. the risks and what the costs might be from various vendors, then this is the class for you! Your CCGS instructor, Steve Aberle, will make you the cloud computing guru of your neighborhood.

Class details: Tuesday, March 6th, 10am to Noon, at the CCGS Annex. \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members.

VOLUNTEER DAY REPORT

Jane Germann

March Volunteer Day will be Monday, March 19, from 10 to 2.

Come work at the library! Both the library and the research and preservation teams always have some project going that needs help.

There are new opportunities for cut and paste as well as indexing, putting obits into book format, and checking donated obits against what is on our shelves. One goal is to get all of last year's obits in book form, so we keep current. If you can't join us for a Volunteer Day, call Jane for a project to be done at home; call 360-892-8019 or e-mail: germann at wa-net.com.

February 20 Volunteer Day:

Dolly Merick and Steve Cornick were working on flyers for the seminar. Pat Bauer came down and took some photos of door prizes that had been donated for the seminar. Richard Engstrom stopped by to check on things with the annex. Lillian Fullerton and Evelyn Campbell came to help with cut and paste with Jane Germann for Research & Preservation. The regular faithful treasurer's group came in to keep our books: Erick Jordahl, Babara Baker, Yvonne Muchmore, and Larry Germann. Thanks to our faithful volunteers. Come join us next month!

SPRING SEMINAR IN BEND, OREGON, ANNOUNCED

The Bend Genealogical Society is excited to announce their 2012 Spring Seminar, featuring Dick Eastman, founder and editor of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*. This nationally acclaimed genealogy resource has been on the web since 1996 at: blog.eogn.com.

The Spring Seminar events will include a social evening with Dick on Friday, April 20th, and an all-day seminar on Saturday, April 21st. Registration is required, and the fee includes all events, meals and materials.

NOTE: Early registration ends April 13th. Registration fees increase after that date. (See more information at the CCGS library.) \$60 members; \$70 non-members; \$80 after deadline

We hope your members can join us for this exciting and informative event! All questions about the Seminar should be sent via e-mail to: bgs@bendbroadband.com; or call BGS at 541-317-9553.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Mar 1 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex
Mar 5 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
Mar 5 Computer Clinic - beginning at 1 pm - CCGS Library Annex
Mar 6 Writing Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library
Mar 7 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
Mar 10 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library
Mar 12 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
Mar 17 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library
Mar 19 Volunteer Day - 10 am - 2 pm, CCGS Library Annex
Mar 21 April CCGS Newsletter deadline - copy to both editors please
Mar 27 General Meeting - 10 am to noon, CCGS Library Annex
May 5 Annual Spring Seminar - see enclosed flyer for information

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