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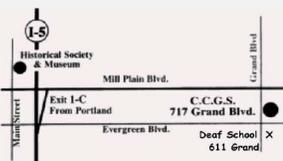
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From I-5, take the Mill Plain exit, go east about 1 ½ miles to Grand Blvd and turn right. We are in the strip mall on the left side, north of Evergreen.

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

7:00 - 9:00 pm

CCGS Library Annex
715 Grand Blvd.

The public is invited to attend.

1940 Census Pointers



Alice Aultman Allen, our CCGS resident expert, will give us pointers for searching the long-awaited 1940 census which will be available beginning April 2.

She will also explain how this census will be indexed over the next several months.

Join us at the meeting to learn more about the indexing project, and how YOU can help.

You can see a display of the many seminar prizes and obtain tickets for them at this meeting. Prizes will be awarded at the Spring Seminar May 5. You do not need to be present to win a prize.

Welcome, New Members:

James L. Gray
Gwynette Vollmer
Luurt and Jeanette Nieuwenhuis
Bob and Barbara Riehm

Welcome Back, Reinstated Members:

Robert L. Quick
Janice Cook
Donna McCoy

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

Sharon Noble
Sharon Steinmeyer

New Additions to Our Library Collection

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

The following books were added to the Library shelves this past month. They will be found on the “New Shelf” after April 1st, and will reside there for the month of April.

Donated by Glen Jones:

Tales of the Mountain Men
By Lamar Underwood

Children of the Fur Trade
By John C. Jackson

River of the West
By Frances Fuller Victor

Indians: Tales of the Wild West vol. 3
By Rick Steber

Mountain Men: Tales of the Wild West vol. 8
By Rick Steber

Grandpa's Stories: Tales of the Wild West vol. 10
By Rick Steber

Pioneers: Tales of the Wild West vol. 11
By Rick Steber

Diary of Welborn Beeson in 1853
By Welborn Beeson

Diary of Rev. Edward Evans Parrish in 1844
By Rev. Edward Evans Parrish

Diary of Jane Gould in 1862
By Jane Gould

Diary of James Akin, Jr. in 1852
By James Akin, Jr.

Comprehensive Index to Oregon Trail Diaries
Published by Webb Research Group
By Bert Webber

Trappers of the Far West
By LeRoy R. Hafen

LOST BOOK RETURNS HOME

Patricia McKee Bauer



A long-time CCGS member, Maureena Cravens, leads a group of volunteers for the “Friends of the Vancouver Community Library.” Each Wednesday, at a work area in Vancouver, several members of the group go through the books donated the prior week at the main library, sorting them into various categories. Maureena often sends donations that are related to genealogy to me for the CCGS Library. One of the items I received recently was *Hockinson Area Finns, Clark County, Washington*. It had been deposited, probably with other books, in the drop box for donated books at the public library. *But this was one of our books!* It had accession number 6778, with the date of 4/02. It still had the check-out card in the pocket, so someone, perhaps one of our members, apparently accidentally took the book home from our library. Or maybe the book grew legs and just walked out of the library! How much less work it would have been for everyone if the person had just let us know they had it and returned it directly to us.

NATIVE AMERICAN FOCUS GROUP

Carolyn Ellertson

The new Native American Focus Group is picking up steam! The second meeting was held Saturday, March 17, with two new people participating. We have some interesting objectives, and several different tribes are represented. This should make for some great discussions and sharing of ways to hone our researching skills in Native American genealogy and history. So far, we have people researching family and/or friends with Cherokee, Creek, Crow, Sioux, Colville, and Yakima connections. Our meetings are casual and fun, with a team atmosphere and a desire to help one another achieve individual research objectives, enabling us to capitalize on individual experience and expertise to further our respective goals. CCGS provides online access to the Internet on their computer, as well as an overhead screen so we can all view the searches on the web as we go. We are currently exploring NARA and other sources of Native American information. Carolyn Ellertson is a registered member of the Cherokee Nation West (Tahlequah, Oklahoma) and Madeline Mesplay's husband is a registered Creek Indian who also has Cherokee roots. Both have done lots of research on their respective tribes and can help you with your own research. Come join us and take advantage of what we have learned! You will be welcomed.

Getting to know . . . Virginia Cozean Holter



A long time member of CCGS, I missed being an organizing member by one meeting. This, despite being a friend of Margaretta Zimmerman, and helping her a little. I do not know why I missed that first meeting.

I was born in southeast Missouri in Fredericktown, where my dad was Superintendent of Public Schools. Our family moved to St. Louis in 1936, where Dad became a principal in the school system. I graduated from Southwest High School in the 1940s and went on to Harris Teachers College, which fed the public school system. At the same time, I had begun studying voice and worked with two voice teachers who had retired to St. Louis after

eminently successful careers. I was headed for a career in music, probably opera.

Then I met Howard, a medical student at St. Louis University. At the time, I had a job teaching kindergarten and an after-school job on my own daily 15-minute live TV show. So I had a big decision to make. I decided to marry, and went to California with Howard for his three-year residency. I taught in Redwood City for over a year, and continued to sing. Later I had leading roles with West Bay Opera (Palo Alto) and was the singer and leader of a Young Audiences group, Opera Ensemble of Santa Clara County. We lived in San Jose, where Howard was on staff at the state mental hospital, Agnews. We had two children, and a nice home that we felt was permanent. However, politics led to closure of the hospital. We then came to Vancouver, where he was on staff at the local VA Hospital and the Portland VA until retirement.

After we arrived here in 1972, I gave the first previews for Portland Opera at the Vancouver Library. I did my own casting with local singers and myself, using help from Portland Opera for special guests. Later I put on frequent recital programs with local singers. In 1999, I and several others started a non-profit, Citizens for Cultural Arts, to promote a cultural center for the Vancouver area. After interest developed, a group formed that is still working toward this; we became a part of it, turned our resources over to them in 2008, and then we disbanded.

Meanwhile, I had started doing genealogy in 1968, in California, searching for Cozean ancestors. All we had to go on was a legend, and that is not much! I persisted, despite few results. DNA was a help, eliminating Cozine/Cosine people and other dead ends. I also spent a lot of time with questionable Cozeaus, none of whom turned out to be Cozeans. However, I managed to get ancestors on all other lines. In 1990, I decided that I had better make a book while some of the older members of the Cozean line were still around. That book is in the CCGS library: *The Cozean Family Album*. I lost count, but I know at one point I had made 88 copies, and there have been a few more over time.

As luck would have it, my next break came in 2007 at the CCGS Library, where I spotted a book by Fulcher, who had put together information on early Tennessee. There was mention of a Cozeen, no given name. This led me to several people on the Internet looking for Tucker and several other names, plus corrupt spellings of Cozean. So after 39 years, I finally had a new great-great-grandfather and family! This led in 2010 to my second and final book: *Some Cozean Answers and Tucker Kin*.

Fortunately, a cousin donated considerable money to a community college in southeast Missouri, Mineral Area Community College, and the library is called the Cozean Library. I asked if our genealogical material could be housed there, and I received a warm welcome for it! It has a home!

My message to all: Never give up! Keep trying! However, the next brick wall is as difficult as the last. Somewhere there may be answers. I find our name CozÇan/Cozian in northwest France, Brittany(Bretagne), but I cannot yet find the ancestor who left and came to North America.

Historic Census to Shed New Light on the Greatest Generation

What do General George Patton, John F. Kennedy, Dan Rather, Betty White, and Jesse Owens have in common?

They can all be found in the 1940 U.S. census, newly released (as of April 2) by the National Archives and Records Administration. The challenge, of course, will be finding them in the hundreds of thousands of digital images of the census pages online until a searchable name index can be created. Unless you know the state, county, and street address where they were residing in 1940, locating them without a name index will be daunting. Fortunately, that challenge is being resolved by thousands of good-hearted volunteers online at <https://the1940census.com>. If you are looking for a meaningful project for your next act of community service, The 1940 U.S. Census Community Project is a great one.

Supported by genealogy giants: Archives.com, FamilySearch.org, and findmypast.com, and local and national genealogy and historical societies, the project is trying to rally tens of thousands of individuals to join an online community of volunteers to create a free, high quality, searchable index online of every single name found in the 1940 census. Volunteers use an Internet application found at the1940census.com to look at digital images of 1940 census pages and type in the names and information highlighted on the screen. About 30 to 40 minutes is all that's required to do one census page. The data extracted by volunteers is saved online immediately and ultimately made available as a free, every name, searchable index at FamilySearch.org . With enough volunteers, the project aims to complete the index before the end of the year.

Researchers and family historians will have a heyday with the census once the index is completed by volunteers and made freely available online. Volunteers have previously indexed the 1790 to 1930 U.S. censuses. Those free indexes can already be searched online at FamilySearch.org . "The 1940 U.S. census is significant because practically everyone knows a family member—parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle—who was alive in 1940," said David Rencher, Chief Genealogy Officer for FamilySearch, a nonprofit organization sponsoring the online community project to index the 1940 census.

The 1940 census provides a snapshot of 135 million people living in the United States at the time. It is nestled in between the Great Depression and World War II in our country's history. Hidden in the census's pages, until now, are the people that have been so fondly and appropriately coined as "The Greatest Generation ever known."

The 1940 U.S. census is now available, and family researchers can't wait to unlock its long held mysteries. In addition to name, age, gender, race, education, and place of birth, 1940 census takers also asked individuals for their place of residence five years earlier, their level of education, occupation, and income.

Coupled with the earlier census indexes (1790 to 1930) now available online for free at FamilySearch.org , the new index will make it easier than ever for family historians to extend their genealogical trees beyond their living memories. The 1940 U.S. census index online will most likely become the most searched online database for the next decade, and a boon to growing consumer interest in genealogy.

The Greatest Generation would be proud of The 1940 U.S. Census Community Project .

The Clark County Genealogical Society is participating in the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project. Interested volunteers need simply download the indexing tool from <https://the1940census.com/society/> and indicate they are participating as part of the Clark County Genealogical Society.



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SPRING SEMINAR



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Saturday, May 5, 2012
8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Morning
Frugal Genealogy

Low-Cost Online Researchers

Afternoon

Online Vital Records & Obituaries

Online Historical Newspapers

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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
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-4:15 Afternoon Sessions

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Getting to know . . . Sandra "Sandy" Meridieth Thompson



I was born in Ventura, California, the youngest of ten children; the other nine were born in Illinois and Indiana. I graduated from Evergreen High School in 1966, and at age 18 I married Philip Thompson on March 24, 1967, in Washougal, Washington. We were married 45 years in March of this year. We have three children and eight grandchildren, all of whom live in our local area.

We owned our own camera business in the 1970s. I also worked for a computer software company. I spent most of my child-rearing years driving my kids to private schools in Portland, even before the Sam Jackson bridge was built.

I have been a member of CCGS since 1980. My interest in genealogy began when the Thompson family had a reunion and all the old pictures and albums were out on tables and no one wanted them. I took a copy of each photo, and the albums, and started my research. I went on several trips to Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia while my husband was working. I went to more than sixty courthouses. I recently found that several of my direct ancestors came between 1609 and the 1670s into Jamestown, Virginia. One was the Governor of Virginia. Thomas Jefferson had the same great-great-grandmother as one of my direct ancestors. His wife's sister is also in my direct line.

I have been a CCGS Librarian for some 28 years. I was Membership Chair, binding person, was Library Director for a couple of years, and did some other jobs. I have been an officer in the DAR for 13 years, including being the Regent in 2007-09. I was also the State Volunteer Genealogist and State Lineage Chairman for DAR and have taken a couple of three-day workshops for volunteers from the national organization.

VOLUNTEER DAY REPORT

NEXT Volunteer Day will be April 16, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Annex.

Those showing up on March 19 for Volunteer Day were: Cheryl Brooks, Dolly Merrick, Dorothy Wear, Elinor Perlich, Eric Jordahl, Larry Germann, Lethene Parks, Lillian Fullerton, Steve Cornick, and Yvonne Muchmore. Others may have been at home indexing or cutting and pasting. We thank all who contribute to the growing repository of information at CCGS. Molly Weinstein is a new volunteer who took work home. Special thanks to Lillian for filling in for Jane Germann as Chairman.

Librarian Wayne Tuholski bound the 2010 vitals into 13 volumes and they will be sent on to Accessions. Thanks Wayne for helping out.

Several people volunteered at the last general meeting to copy indexes to be put in a cumulative index: Sally Morello, Alice Allen, Gene Kuechmann, and DeAnn Wilson each took a batch. Look for the results of their work in the next *Trail Breakers*. Thanks.

Do you have something to submit to the *Trail Breakers*? It can be a family story that relates to Clark County, a brick wall you are puzzling about or one you have finally solved (Clark County or other). More and more information is becoming available, and perhaps you know of some new source that would be interesting to our members. The next *Trail Breakers* will come out in June, so the deadline for this issue will be June 1.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- Apr 2 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
- Apr 2 Computer Clinic - beginning at 1 pm - CCGS Library Annex
- Apr 3 Writing Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library
- Apr 4 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
- Apr 5 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr 9 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr 14 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library
- Apr 16 Volunteer Day - 10 am - 2 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Apr 18 May CCGS Newsletter deadline - copy to both editors please**
- Apr 21 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
- Apr 24 General Meeting - 7 pm to 9 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- May 5 Annual Spring Seminar - Topic: Frugal Genealogy - 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. [jgmb at pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.