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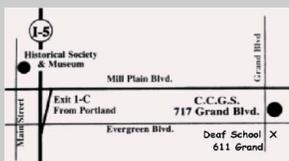
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From I-5, take the Mill Plain exit, go east about 1 ½ miles to Grand Blvd and turn right. We are in the strip mall on the left side, north of Evergreen.

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

7:00 - 9:00 pm

CCGS Library Annex - 715 Grand Blvd

Resources available at the Vancouver Family History Center Presented Linda and Paul Dunn

Can't find it online?

Can't get to Salt Lake City this year?

Want to do research in Poland (France, Germany),
but don't know where to go and don't speak the language?

Maybe all you need is a trip to the Family History Center at
18300 NE 18th Street in Vancouver!

**Come to the May meeting and learn how to use the Family History Library
Catalog and other tips and tricks for successful research.**

Welcome, New Members:

Lonna Parker
Barbara Johnson
Bob Kiser

Welcome Back, Reinstated Member:

Wayne E. Ritter

Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Duncan N. Tanner
Jeanine Bailiff

Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of officers will be held at the May 22nd evening general meeting at 7 p.m. at the annex. The candidates for office are:

President: Sherry Warren
Secretary: Pat Blake LaRock
Treasurer: Larry Germann

Sherry Warren has served admirably as our Secretary and we are delighted to have her accept nomination as president.

Pat LaRock is an excellent choice for Secretary. Pat will be recording the meetings and dispersing needed information to those on the board.

Larry Germann has served admirably as our Treasurer for the last 1 ½ years and has agreed to continue in that position.

Officers will be installed at the June 26th meeting, which will be preceded by a pot luck supper beginning at 6 p.m. Come prepared to share your genealogical triumphs and trials of the past year.

Update on the 1940 Census

Alice Allen

As you know, the 1940 census was released online on April 2, 2012. There were more than 132,000,000 people enumerated in the 1940 Census. Currently, if you want to find your family member, you must know where they lived in 1940 to narrow the search. There is no index yet, but it is being compiled as we speak – best guess for availability was a minimum of 6 months.

CCGS has signed up to help index this census. As of Tuesday, April 24, we had five CCGS members signed up to help, and 5,221 names had been indexed by these five CCGS indexers. The more people who sign up to index 1940 census pages, the sooner an index for all states and territories will be online. Stop by the Library to pick up an informational flyer, or, to get more information and to sign up, go to:

<https://the1940census.com/>

Besides the URL above, another place to get up-to-date information on the progress on the 1940 census index is:

<https://www.familysearch.org/1940census/>

Editor's note: For informative comments and an amusing view of the indexing and online posting as sort of a "horse race," go to:

<http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/>

Getting to know . . . Ron Adams



Named Ronald David Adams at birth, I am the second and youngest child of Ralph E. and Edith (Wood) Adams. My brother Don and I were both born in Ventura, California, in 1943 and 1946, respectively, and we went to school there. My father was born in Tolo, Oregon, near Medford. My paternal grandparents were Francis Marion (son of Jacob Adams and Catherine Baker) and Ada (Fredenburg) Adams. My Fredenburg ancestors came to Oregon on the Oregon Trail in 1864 from Missouri. Grandpa Isaac Fredenburg was in the war of 1812 and is buried in Gold Hill, Oregon.

My mother, Edith, was born at Vancouver on 6 June 1910, the third child of O. Earl and Florence Mabel (Bodey) Wood. Their other children were Merle Wood (1906-1916), Reta (Wood) Smallwood Yager Toline (1908), and Faye (Wood) Rosencrans (1913).

Earl Wood was the youngest child of James R. and Rebecca (Shanks) Wood. The Wood family was well known in the Vancouver area at the turn of the century as store keepers, and auctioneers. Lester Wood was elected Sheriff of Clark County; in 1927, he was killed by bootleggers in Dole Valley near Yacolt. Florence (Bodey) Wood was the daughter of Jacob J. and Ella L. (Stecher) Bodey. Florence's brothers were railroad engineers. The Bodey family had a general store and home at the Homan railroad crossing near Brush Prairie, now NE 87th Avenue just south of 111th Street. When Earl died suddenly in 1913, at the age of 32, Florence took her four daughters there to live with her parents. In 1919 she married David L. Steinhoff, a brakeman for the Northern Pacific Vancouver-to-Yacolt line, and they moved to Yacolt.

Our Bodey line came from Germany as Hessian mercenaries fighting for the British in the Revolutionary War. After the war, they settled in Virginia. Both the Wood and Bodey families came as pioneers to Clark County, the Wood family in 1882, and the Bodey family about 1894.

In 1966 and 1967 I served in the U.S. Army in Landshul, Germany, as a medical supply sergeant for a M.A.S.H. unit, like the one on the television show. On release, I worked for Ventura County Elections Department and then for Shell Oil. In August 1970 I began working for Southern California Edison, an electric utility. During my time there, I served in several customer service positions and in various areas of Southern California. I retired from Edison in September 1996 at the age of 50. While employed there, I furthered my education and graduated from Ventura Community College in 1976 with a degree in accounting and business administration.

In 1972, in Las Vegas, Nevada, I married Sandra Lee Pollock, and I helped raise her two children, Jackie and Jim. In 1974, we had my only child, Katie. Sandra and I divorced in 1989. In 1991, I married Carolynn Sue Dillely at Redlands, California. She has two children, Deena and David. Carolynn and I met at Edison, and Deena and her husband Wade, Wade's mother, step-father, and grandparents also worked at Edison! Carolynn retired from there in 1993. We have six granddaughters, ages 10 to 24. Carolynn and I make our home in Upland, California.

I first became interested in my family history in 1983 when an aunt died in Medford. Among her possessions, we found a letter from a Fredenburg cousin, Donna Archer of Portland, requesting our Adams family information. That made me think what fun it might be to discover 'who I am' or at least how I got this way! Since that time we have interviewed dozens of cousins, walked countless cemeteries, visited numerous libraries and county court houses, and attended family reunion picnics. We have found lines from Holland, Germany, Scotland, and Ireland – one as far back as the 1500s. My family names include Adams, Baker, Fredenburg, Wood, Bodey, and Stecher, the latter three in Vancouver. Bodey, Stecher, and a different Fredenburg (Pat Bauer's relative) followed each other from at least Nebraska to Washington. I began with my own family and now have about 27,000 names associated with me. I find the efforts they made, and the success stories, to be truly exciting and inspiring. We have several cousins contributing letters and photos, which helps bring the people to life. I have not cracked the nut of enthusiasm for some of them, but I like what they all contribute. I have found a nuclear scientist (who was also an All-American basketball player), an actor, a murderer, successful business people, farmers, a postmaster, and railroad engineers and dispatchers. I discovered a college landscaper, stay-at-home moms, office managers, a minister, teachers, a turkey farmer, a college basketball coach, an animator for Saturday cartoons and Disney movies, and a horse-drawn-city-trolley driver. My family members are hard working, hard playing, and mostly good, wholesome people.

We are currently researching our Bodey migration from Champaign, Ohio, to Bad Axe, Michigan, to Ord and Arcadia, Nebraska, to Newcastle, Wyoming, to Billings and Kalispell, Montana, and finally to Vancouver, Washington. Much of this journey was due to the expansion of the railroads in the late 1800s.

My only regret is that I didn't start earlier and ask those now-dead relatives the important questions.

CCGS Fall/Spring Seminars Need You – Now

By Steve Cornick, CCGS President

This May 5 our Society will present the Annual Spring Seminar titled *The Frugal Genealogist*. Miriam Robbins will be coming from Spokane to make this timely and pertinent presentation. The CCGS seminars are educational and a warmly anticipated opportunity to socialize with our fellow travelers on the long and winding road to family history. The seminar series fees are used for maintaining and building the Society's outstanding genealogical research library collections.

The secret to CCGS being able to produce these major Society events season after season and year after year is simple – it's the volunteers. This year we are at a point where we need folks to take their turn at making it possible for these great programs to continue. The current de facto co-chairs of the Seminar Committee, Darla Brock and Lethene Parks, will be wrapping up their seminar roles after this spring's program. They will be available to advise their successors, but have other demands of the Society calling for their attention.

The purpose of this article is to ask members of our Society to get actively engaged in our flagship seminar programs. We need leadership, which could be either an individual chairperson or perhaps two folks in a mutually supporting co-chair team. And just as essential are members to help out with the several production activities, without which the programs cannot be realized.

Here is a brief sketch of the tasks that the seminar team undertakes. About six months in advance of each seminar, the committee decides on and recruits a speaker or speakers for the upcoming program. About three months in advance, the lunch type (e.g. potluck) and other operational elements are determined. Publicity, including a brochure and other advertising, is initiated. About one month in advance and up to the seminar, helpers are recruited for the luncheon, greeting arrivals, seating arrangements, packet stuffing, name tags, etc.

There are a number of tasks to be done, but they are spread over time and over several volunteers. It's more a matter of timing than time required. And in the background, the Board of Directors, the IT crew, and the finance folks play an enabling role.

Please contact Steve Cornick, Lethene Parks, Larry Dean, Darla Brock, or any Board member to become actively involved in ensuring the success of these great seminar programs. You will have a rewarding experience and you are needed right now.

SPRING SEMINAR HELP NEEDED!

Darla Brock would like to remind you about the May 5 Spring Seminar. We need someone to manage the registration table. We also need another crockpot of soup, and more cookies. Contact Darla Brock at darlaj@comcast.net or leave a message on the library phone at 360-750-5688, if you can help.

Reminder-

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree will be taught at 10 am Tuesday, May 8, in the Annex. Alice Allen will be the instructor and there is no charge.



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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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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deadline May 1, 2012
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Getting to know . . . Carolyn Cleveland Ellertson



I was born Carolyn Rose Cleveland in the little southern Oregon logging town of Myrtle Creek, in Douglas County, very shortly after my parents had relocated there from Oklahoma. I am the youngest of four children of Claudia May Fleming, of Scots ancestry, and Mason Foreman Cleveland, of mixed Scottish, English, and Cherokee ancestry. Claudia was born in Kansas City, Missouri, the daughter of two full-blooded Scots – one a Fleming (McClay Clan?), and one a Kyle of the Cameron Clan. She grew up with a Scottish grandfather who often wore his kilt to work in Washington, Iowa, where they were early settlers, and where, at one time or another, he was Mayor, Justice of the Peace, County Surveyor, and more. He died in his eighties, ever proud of his Scottish heritage, and my mother was bribed at an early age to commit the lengthy narrative of “Clan Cameron” to memory.

My father, Mason Foreman Cleveland, was born and raised in Craig County, Oklahoma, on the property his parents had received as an allotment as mixed-blood Cherokees. The first three of their four children were born in Vinita, Miami, and Picher, Oklahoma, respectively. As the last child born to Claudia and Mason, I was born after the family had removed to Oregon, and, sadly, three months after my father, Mason, died at the age of 29 in a road construction accident. The family had lived in Oregon barely a year. This left my mother a widow with four children, in war time, two thousand miles from our paternal grandparents, and trapped in a tiny logging town. She simply could not manage going back home at the time, so she raised us alone for three years, before marrying my stepfather, Buster Pruitt, a native of Clarksville, Texas, who had come to the area after family. So my siblings and I spent our childhood in Myrtle Creek, Oregon, until the eldest three fledged the nest and went their separate ways to have families of their own. In my case, being the youngest, I relocated with my parents in 1960 to Deschutes County in central Oregon, which we loved, and I graduated from Redmond High School, married a Bend boy, and started a family. I am the mother of a wonderful son, who has now given me six biological grandchildren – two grandsons and six granddaughters (to become seven in May), as well as a beautiful foster granddaughter. They live and work in Olympia, Washington. When my son was just eight months old, we left central Oregon, during the depressed period of that time, and after a brief stop in Snohomish County, where we had family, moved on to the San Juan Islands with the company we had gone to work for. I didn't leave there for two decades. I guess you could say my son is a true “island boy,” as he started school on Orcas Island and finished school in Friday Harbor twelve years later. It was about that time I relocated to Vancouver. I was a single working mother for many years, seven of which were spent commuting from Vancouver to Portland, where I earned a living as a personal assistant to executives in a variety of fields, including investments, manufacturing, insurance, etc.

My hobbies are many and varied, and often involve artistic endeavors such as paper crafts, rubber stamping, sewing, and gardening, but my most loved hobbies are those that include my various equines. I became interested in genealogy as a natural result of my mother's love of family and her affinity for oral history, I have been successfully doing it for about 15 years, and it has facilitated my registration as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, my joining the Daughters of the American Revolution, and more. I have done considerable Civil War research, and I lead the focus group on Native American Genealogy for CCGS. The rewards have been enormous.

In 1990, I met my husband Dave Ellertson of Republic, Washington, doing something we both loved – country/western dancing – and we were married in 1994. My husband and I love outdoor activities, including pack trips into the wilderness and fishing, and have been to many of the best-known wilderness areas of Washington and Oregon. In 2001, we purchased a vintage farm in Kalama, where we could have plenty of “critters” for ourselves and the grandkids. We will soon have our 18th wedding anniversary!

New Additions to Our Library Collection

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen



The following books are new to the CCGS Library. They can be found on the "New" shelf during the month of May.

*Vital Records of Clark County, Washington: 2010
Vitals from the Columbian*

Compiled by the CCGS Research and
Preservation Committee

Note: This is a 12-volume set, with a 13th volume
that is a master index to all vital records
published in the Columbian in 2010.

Donated by Keith Morris

Blue Guide: England

Author: Stuart Rossiter

*Immigrant Ancestors, List of 2,500 Immigrants to
America before 1750*

Author: Frederick Adam Virkus

*Timesaving Aid to Virginia-West Virginia
Ancestors*

Author: P.G. Wardell

Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1830

Author: David Dobson

*Register of Overwharton Parish, Stafford County,
Virginia, 1723-1758*

Author: George Harrison Sanford King

*Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County,
Virginia, 1647-1800*

Author: Blanche Adams Chapman

*Index for White's Historical Collections of Georgia
by the Rev. George White*

Author: Alpha Christian Dutton

Thanks to Steve Aberle for these interesting UK links:

A definitive reference work, 'Ship Lost - the Fate of Titanic's Crew,' by James Cronan and Janet Dempsey, has just been published by The List and Index Society. The publication, which provides in-depth analysis of the crew list and how to undertake research on Merchant Navy officers and seamen in the early 20th century, can be ordered at:

<http://enews.nationalarchives.gov.uk/MAN-RPKP-3BOW1U-AOVM9-0/c.aspx>

You may want to browse through the Titanic page, which includes biographical accounts of individuals on board and short videos, and can be found at:

<http://enews.nationalarchives.gov.uk/MAN-RPKP-3BOW1U-AOVMA-0/c.aspx>

You can search and download over 155,000 campaign medal cards for British merchant seamen in the First World War. These include the British War Medal, Mercantile Marine Medal and Silver War Badge. Searching the records is free but a small charge applies to download digital copies. Go to:

<http://enews.nationalarchives.gov.uk/MAN-RPKP-3BOW1U-AOVMB-0/c.aspx>

The List and Index Society web page can be found at:

<http://enews.nationalarchives.gov.uk/MAN-RPKP-3BOW1U-AOVM8-0/c.aspx>

VOLUNTEER DAY REPORT

Next volunteer day: Third Monday, May 21st, 10 to 2 at the Annex

On April 16th, CCGS had several people show up for volunteering. The Treasurer team included Larry Germann, Eric Jordahl, and Barbara Baker. Library workers included Lethene Parks, Elinor Perlich, and Sherry Warren. Flo Marticello came in to drop off and pick up a bundle to cut and paste for R & P. Lillian Fullerton worked quietly all day at cutting and pasting. Nina Williams helped sort some obituary books that were donated, and got another group ready for the Library. Jane Germann readied another group for binding, which Wayne Tuholski will do later. Steve Cornick came in to see how things were going before heading off to Hawaii (many of us wanted to go along)!

The Trail Breakers will be published shortly after June 30th. If you have an article you'd like published, let Jane know at germann at wa-net.com. Thanks to those who have sent in articles already.

SALT LAKE CITY TRIP SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 7, 2012 Sharon Houck

Plan ahead now to make a genealogy research trip to Salt Lake City Family History Library. They have records for all states and many foreign countries. They have translators who are invaluable in helping others find records in foreign countries.

I have made reservations for the week of September 30 through October 7 at the Carlton Hotel, where we have group discount prices. They serve a custom breakfast every morning for lodgers and have shuttles to and from the library several times a day. I will make the specific reservations about September 1, so I would appreciate having the details of your plans before then. You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements whether you travel by plane, car, train or bus.

I prefer to be contacted by e-mail because I am often gone during the day. If you call me, please leave a message and I will return your call. I will answer email messages as soon as I can. Let me know if you have questions. I hope you will plan to make this trip – it is always enjoyable. I will have a meeting at the library in mid-September to answer last minute questions and so we can meet each other. I will send this information out the first of September.

Contact Sharon Houck at 360-892-8106; genfever at msn.com.

Take a Tip from. . . Jane Germann

When we, as genealogists, need information about a specific topic, like how to find Polish records or how to use the census data we've gathered, we often look for a lesson or course, either here at CCGS or, if you are a computer user, online at FamilySearch or some other site. Well, Jane Germann has discovered a great new resource for us.

First, you need to log onto Heritage Quest. You have probably already used their census or book databases, available at our local public library site with a FVRL library card. Go to any Heritage Quest database search page. Along the top of the page, above the logo, is a row of buttons labeled RESULTS LIST, NOTEBOOK, etc. Click on the one labeled LEARNING CENTER. (If not a Vancouver resident, check with your local library to see if they have this resource available.)

What is offered at the Learning Center is actually another database, with links to online lessons on a wide variety of topics offered by various organizations, including Family Search, the Library of Congress, the Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne), and many others. The lessons are tagged according to level, from beginner to advanced. After you go to a lesson, you can see how long it is – some are long, some are short – and fairly quickly tell whether it is going to meet your needs. Many, if not all, have downloadable course handouts. The sound volume varies, the quality of the lectures and handouts varies, and you may find you prefer live speakers who can answer questions. But this resource is surely worth a look!



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- May 1 Writing Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library
May 2 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
May 3 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex
May 5 Annual Spring Seminar - Topic: Frugal Genealogy - see enclosed flyer for information
May 7 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
May 7 Computer Clinic - beginning at 1 pm - CCGS Library Annex
May 12 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon, CCGS Library
May 14 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
May 16 June CCGS Newsletter deadline - copy to both editors please
May 19 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
May 21 Volunteer Day - 10 am - 2 pm, CCGS Library Annex
May 22 General Meeting - 7 pm to 9 pm, CCGS Library Annex

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 or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.