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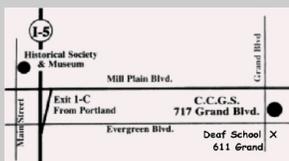
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10 am to 4:30 pm

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10 am to 3 pm

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2nd & 3rd 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

CCGS Library Annex

715 Grand Blvd.

Vancouver, WA

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

10 am until noon

Gary Kokstis will share his good luck story about finding and then visiting relatives in Lithuania.

His presentation will include pictures and stories of his family. We hope you will join us to hear Gary's story.

Some information about Lithuania:



The Lithuanian flag

Lithuania is an active member of the European Union (since 1 May 2004) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (since 29 March 2004). Lithuania is the only Baltic country with more than eight hundred years of statehood tradition, while its name was first mentioned one thousand years ago, in 1009. Wedged at the dividing line of Western and Eastern civilizations, Lithuania battled dramatically for its independence and survival. Once in the Middle Ages (15th century), Lithuania was the largest state in the entire Europe, where crafts and overseas trade prospered. The flag is yellow, green and red for our readers receiving the printed (black and white) edition of this Newsletter.

CCGS Computer Clinic Protocol Change

For the past three monthly CCGS Computer Clinics, we lacked one very critical item ... members with computer problems. However, it is unlikely that we have solved every computer that members have.

Rather than the Information Technology team showing up to an empty Annex, starting in October we will be moving to an "on-call" system. Please notify Bill Whalley (wgwhalley at gmail.com) at least five days in advance of the first Monday of the month that you are in need of CCGS Computer Clinic help, and the I.T. team will be happy to come in to assist you. Please also give a short description of your computer problem, so we can be ready for it.

Here is a list of the next 10 CCGS Computer Clinics (and corresponding notification date):

Monday, October 1, 2012 – notify by: Wednesday, September 26

Monday, November 5, 2012 – notify by: Wednesday, October 31

Monday, December 3, 2012 – notify by: Wednesday, November 28

Monday, January 7, 2013 – notify by: Wednesday, January 2

Monday, February 4, 2013 – notify by: Wednesday, January 30

Monday, March 4, 2013 – notify by: Wednesday, February 27

Monday, April 1, 2013 – notify by: Wednesday, March 27

Monday, May 6, 2013 – notify by: Wednesday, May 1

Monday, June 3, 2013 – notify by: Wednesday, May 29

Monday, July 1, 2013 – notify by: Wednesday, June 26

GET YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY NOW!

The 2012 CCGS Membership Directory is ready. It is free to all CCGS members. Contact Bill Whalley (wgwhalley at gmail.com or phone 360-834-4859) for your electronic copy, or stop by the CCGS Library and copy it to your flash drive, or pick up a paper copy at the Library. Donations to defray the cost of a printed copy are always gratefully received. Those who prefer or need to have a copy mailed, please contact Bill by email or phone or leave him a message at the Library. Again, donations to help defray the cost are always welcome.

ARE YOU HEADING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

Denni Hamilton-Levonian, Membership Chair

We want to be sure you receive you monthly newsletters. You have two ways to get your CCGS Newsletter that will keep us from paying fines:

- 1) Let us know you'd like to read it online, or
- 2) Tell us your winter address and the dates you'll be there.

You can phone the CCGS office and ask a Librarian to give the information to the Membership Chair, or you can send an e-mail containing the information to mayflwham at gmail.com. Please be aware that if you do not inform us of your temporary address change, the Post Office will charge us 50 cents each time they are unable to deliver the newsletter to your regular address; they DO NOT forward mail under our bulk mail permit. Thanks for taking care of this matter before you leave, and be sure to notify us when you return!

ABOUT THE FALL SEMINAR

A funny thing happened on the way to the Fall Seminar: we were unable to find a speaker at a price we could afford for the date we had reserved. However, the suggestion that we cancel the seminar was met with cries of protest. It has been three years since our last computer workshop, and most of us need help beyond what can be covered in a two-hour class. And so the Fall Seminar "morphed" into the

CCGS TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR GENEALOGISTS

A planning team, consisting of Darla Brock, Steve Aberle, Alice Allen, Pat Bauer, Bill Whalley, Glen Jones, and Elinor Perlich, has laid out a stimulating schedule comprising two sessions each at the basic and intermediate levels, sandwiched between two sessions of more general interest to everyone. Short descriptions are in the attached flyer, while longer versions may be found on the web page at <http://www.ccg-wa.org/p4356.htm>.

Pat Bauer will spearhead our traditional raffle, this time consisting of mostly computer and office-related items.

Please help us get the word out about this Technology Workshop! Tell your family, friends, and acquaintances in other genealogical groups.

REGISTER FOR FALL CLASSES NOW!

The schedule and registration form for CCGS fall classes were in the September Newsletter and are also on the web page at <http://www.ccg-wa.org/p5291.htm>

Several of these classes would be perfect preliminary or follow-up classes for the Technology Workshop. For example, how about Sherry Warren's class *Trees In Your Pajamas – State Libraries and Archives on the Internet* as a follow-up for the workshop session *How in the World Did You Find That?* Sherry's class meets Tuesday, November 6, 10 am to 12 noon. See the web page for class information if you missed the September insert.

Classes for October are:

Counting the Tree Rings - Censuses
Tuesday, October 9, 10 am to 12 noon
instructor: Elsie Deatherage

Growing New Twigs - Vital Records
Tuesday, October 16, 10 am to 12 noon
instructor: Alice Allen

Where Was Your Tree Planted? - Courthouse Research
Tuesday, October 30, 10 am to 12 noon
instructor: Larry Dean

More details on each class on our web page at

<http://www.ccg-wa.org/p5291.htm>

Getting to know . . . Janis Kurtz Robertson



Janis was born in Bend, Oregon, which had the closest hospital to Madras, where the family lived at the time. She attended first grade in Fossil, Oregon, where her father, Tom Kurtz, opened a grocery store. She attended the third through the ninth grades in Spokane, Washington. Then the family moved to Bend, where she graduated from high school in 1966. She is the mother of four adult children and grandmother to five.

Janis got hooked on genealogy when a group of extended family members made a trip to Fossil in 2004. Her father had shared a genealogy-based paper his cousin had researched on Timothy Lamberson, one of her Oregon pioneers, who had settled in the state in 1845. On the trip to central Oregon, she found the gravesite of her great-great grandparents, Samuel and Mary Jane (Armstrong) Lamberson, in Condon. The Armstrong family came to Oregon from Illinois in 1852. Starting with these two families, Janis was off and running “down the rabbit hole” of genealogy research.

Janis currently works at PeaceHealth Southwest in Vancouver as a Medical Technologist in the hospital laboratory on the swing shift. She volunteers at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon as time permits, is a member of the David Hill Chapter of the DAR in Hillsboro, helps out at the Watts House Museum in Scappoose, Oregon, and prints the newsletter for the CCGS. Some of the names she is currently researching are Lamberson, Armstrong, Kurtz (Germany, South Dakota), Lake (West Virginia), Beardsley (Connecticut, Michigan), and Lansing.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

Compiled by Alice Aultman Allen

The following books were added to the Library collection during the month of September. They will remain on the “New” shelf for the month of October.

Purchased by Clark County Genealogical Society:

Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, 5th edition
Author: Michael J. Leclerc

The Expansion of New England
Author: L. K. Mathews

Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments
Author: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Census Substitutes and State Census Records, vol. 1 Eastern States
Author: William Dollarhide

Exploring Fort Vancouver
Author: Douglas C. Wilson & Theresa E. Langford

Legendary Locals of Vancouver
Author: Pat Jollota

First Families of Vancouver's African American Community
Author: Jane Elder Wulff

Donated by the author, Carol Willits Brown
William Brown, English Immigrant of Hatfield & Leicester, MA
Author: Carol Willits Brown

Donated by Keith Morris
Index to South Carolina Land Grants 1784-1800

Author: Ronald V. Jackson, Gary R. Teeple, David Schaefermeyer

South Carolina Jury Lists, 1718 through 1783
Author: Mary Bondurant Warren

Wheatheart of the Plains: History Marches On
Author: Ochiltree County Historical Committee

Wheatheart of the Plains: An Early History of Ochiltree County
Author: Ochiltree County Sesquicentennial Committee

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Press Release, July 30, 2012

National Archives Puts More Popular Records Workshops Online

More "*Know your Records*" videos now available on National Archives YouTube Channel.

Washington, DC...The National Archives has launched new online videos of its most popular genealogy "how to" workshops. These videos cover "hot topics" in genealogical research such as Civil War records, online resources and databases, and more.

The National Archives produced *Know Your Records* video shorts cover the creation, scope, content, and use of National Archives records for genealogical research. "We are happy to make more of our most popular genealogy lectures available online. We welcome researcher feedback and will continue to make more workshops available online for free for viewing by anyone, anywhere, at any time," said Diane Dimkoff, Director of Customer Services. For the first time, researchers and staff voted for their favorite topics—and the National Archives listened:

[Access to Archival Databases \(AAD\) for Genealogists \(54:57\)](#)

National Archives electronic records expert Dan Law discusses using electronic records for genealogy research and shows how to access such records using the National Archives Access to Archival Databases (AAD) online search engine.

[Documenting Death in the Civil War \(1:22:29\)](#)

National Archives genealogy expert John Deeben explores War Department death records created during and after the Civil War. These records show how the government documented personal circumstances of soldiers' deaths on the battlefield, in military hospitals, and in prisons.

[Let No Man Put Asunder: Freedmen's Bureau Marriage Records \(1:12:09\)](#)

National Archives archivist Reginald Washington explores marriage records from the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (the Freedmen's Bureau). The Freedmen's Bureau provided assistance to tens of thousands of former slaves and impoverished whites in the Southern states and the District of Columbia. These records from 1865 through 1872 constitute the richest and most extensive documentary source for investigating the African American experience in the post-Civil War and Reconstruction eras.

[Army Service in the Civil War: An Overview \(1:02:44\)](#)

Over 2.8 million men (and a few hundred women) served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. National Archives genealogy expert John Deeben demonstrates how to research and use Civil War Army service records.

[Exodus to Kansas: The 1880 Senate Investigation of the Beginnings of the African American Migration from the South \(1:05:26\)](#)

National Archives archivist Damani Davis examines Federal records relating to the "Kansas Exodus" (the so-called "Exoduster" movement), which was the first instance of voluntary, mass migration among African Americans. This mass exodus generated considerable attention throughout the nation and resulted in a major 1880 Senate investigation. See more information [www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2008/summer/exodus.html].

[National Archives Records on Ancestry.com \(56:38\)](#)

Ancestry.com has digitized selected National Archives microfilm publications and original records and made them available on their web sites for a fee. Lead Family Historian for Ancestry.com Anastasia Harman discusses these records and their use for genealogy research. Access to Ancestry.com and Fold3 (formerly Footnote.com) is available free of charge in all National Archives Research Rooms, including those in our regional archives and Presidential Libraries. For a list of National Archives records available online through Ancestry.com and other digitization partners [www.archives.gov/digitization/digitized-by-partners.html].

Getting to know . . . Bill and Charlene (Willis) Duchie



I was born 10 April 1939 in Vancouver, Washington, at the old St. Joseph's Hospital, the middle child of Joseph Ralph Duchie (1904-1994) and Evelyn Lenore (Langdon) Duchie (1912-2012). I was named to honor both my maternal great-grandfathers: William Jacob Dunlop (1829-1902), and William Dexter Langdon (1852-1926) and my father. My middle name was supposed to be Joe, but in a Catholic hospital it had to be Joseph, and so it was recorded. My father was angry when he saw the birth certificate. My parents couldn't pay the entire hospital bill, so Dad agreed to do some plumbing at the hospital to settle the remainder.

Charlene Willis and I shared the same 8th grade homeroom at Shumway. We went skating at Holcomb's Skating Rink on our first date. Charlene still has the detailed map I drew so her mother could find my house. I remember the excitement of the lingering smell of her perfume on my hands at the end of that first date. Oh, the thrill of first love that eventually blossoms into full romance.

We delayed getting married because in Washington the male required parental permission until he was 21 years of age. As a matter of principle, I simply was not going to have my mother go to the court house with me to sign the papers in order to get a marriage license.

My entire 30-year work career was with Shell Oil Company in a broad range of challenging operational, technical, environmental, planning, auditing, public and governmental relations positions. Because Charlene's family health history was poor, both her parents and brother dying relatively young, we were concerned that our life together could be shortened. Therefore I retired April 1, 1994, ten days before my 55th birthday.

We retired to Vancouver to help family here. Although my father died within a month of our return, it was a wonderful period of sharing and transition. In the remaining years we were blessed to spend countless hours conversing with the others. Each interview often started on a subject interesting to me, but quickly changed to something more interesting to the speaker. And it usually turned out that the speaker had the tidbit of information that was really important to family history.

My interest in genealogy really intensified after a visit to CCGS. I came to visit after talking to Doris Wastradowski at my father's funeral. (The Wastradowski family is related to mine by marriage.) At CCGS, Lowell Norris and Sharon Wodtke really "cranked me up," and everyone at CCGS was very encouraging. Eventually I served as president of CCGS, and both of us are members.

My original intent was just to research three generations before Charlene's and my parents and stop there. Of course, we haven't been able to stop. More importantly, I am writing the stories that my parents, my aunts and uncles, brother and sister, and my cousins have shared with me. Because these are the ones that need to be saved.

I'll let Charlene tell you about our children and grandchildren.

I was born 7 Feb 1939 in Raymond, Washington, the second child of Charles "Jack" Willis (1905-1960) and Cleora Florinda (O'Neil) (1906-1974) Willis. I was named to honor my father and my paternal grandmother Annie May (Tock) Willis (1884-1966). My brother, James Hervy Willis (1935-2000), was named after our maternal grandfather James Dixon O'Neil (1882-1954) and our paternal step-grandfather Joseph Hervy Richendrfel (1886-1940).

My parents' early married life was spent on the Long Beach Peninsula, Washington, where my father worked in the seafood harvesting business (oysters and clams), as a plumber, a carpenter, and he also played in a small dance band. My mother was an elementary teacher and raised the family.

When the Vancouver Shipyard had openings for my father's skills during WW-II, he brought his family south to Vancouver, and we first moved to a rental house on 30th street. Then they purchased a house at 31st and G Street. Those were wonderful days walking to a neighborhood school, Arnada, down H Street, always with a group of kids. We were fortunate enough to finish all seven grades before the freeway split the neighborhood.

After Arnada, we went to Shumway, Vancouver High, and then a split year at the renamed Fort Vancouver and Hudson's Bay High Schools. My education continued at both Clark's old and new campuses, finishing at WSU in Pullman. I began my career as a first grade teacher at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, in 1963 at the height of civil rights unrest. To avoid the issue of desegregation in the adjacent city, the Army had built and staffed a school that summer for Army children. Later, I taught in Washington and Texas as we continued to move with Shell Oil. I chose to substitute, rather than take a full-time contract, to allow time for a growing family.

In retirement, I enjoy: spending time with our family and friends, church activities, flower gardening, bird watching, and traveling for genealogy or other special purposes. I am active in the local garden club, and in that group I work with the High School Special Needs Class. We work together in gardening and other special events.

Bill was my sweetheart from Shumway; we married in 1960, and we have now been married 52 years. With three happy active children: Debbie, Mike, and Jenifer, we are blessed with three grandchildren, Dustin, Kirstyn, and Gillian. We are blessed with a joy-filled life. (Bill and Charlene are now living in Brandon, Mississippi.)

Welcome Back, Reinstated Member:

Carol Raymond

Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Jim Cochran
Gene Kuechmann
Charles Russum
Marlene Seifert

**Research & Preservation
Volunteer Day - September 17**

Next Volunteer Day is Monday, October 15.

Sally Morello came in and helped Elinor Perlich move books. Lethene Parks was in to help also, along with Alice Allen and Jane Germann. Barbara Baker and Larry Germann worked on the treasurer's book. Lillian Fullerton was the only one working at cut-and-paste this day. She will be here next month, in case Jane has not yet made it back from her October surgery. Members can always come down and pick up a packet to take home to do; Flo Martocello has been doing this for some time and brought back her latest batch. (She will be missed during her absence for some upcoming surgery.) Steve Cornick came down to make sure things moved along.

**Oregon Genealogical Society
Fall Genealogy Seminar**

Saturday, October 6, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm (doors open at 9 am)
Living Hope Church, 2801 W 18th, Eugene, Oregon

Internationally known speaker, Maureen A. Taylor, the Photo Detective, will present the following topics:

Google Images and Beyond: Picture Research for Genealogists

Add new photographs to your family album by learning a few basic search techniques. A single photo can connect you to new genealogical data and a network of information.

Discovering Genealogical Clues in 19th-Century Photographs

A single photograph can unlock a family mystery. The details are in the photographic clues. Pictures document births, deaths, marriages, and more. Use an image as genealogical proof by understanding the language of family photographs.

The Last Muster: Photographs and Stories from the American Revolution

As unbelievable as it seems, many individuals who participated in the American Revolution lived beyond the advent of photography in 1839. Learn about the detective work involved in uncovering these "misplaced" pictures. Hear the stories of the men and women who were members of the first photographed generation.

Walk in Your Ancestors' Footsteps: Plan a Family History Vacation

Learn how to create a travel itinerary based on your family history using maps, gazetteers, historical guidebooks, and online sources. Exploring these resources will help you create a personalized tour of an ancestral town or neighborhood.

For more information and the registration form, go to <http://www.oregongenealogicalsociety.org/>.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Sept 30 - Oct 7 Annual Salt Lake City research trip
Oct 1 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 am - noon - CCGS Library Annex
Oct 1 Computer Clinic - beginning at 1 pm - CCGS Library Annex - **by appt. only**
Oct 2 Writing Focus Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library
Oct 3 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
Oct 4 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex
Oct 8 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
Oct 15 Volunteer Day - 10 am - 2 pm, CCGS Library & Annex
Oct 17 November CCGS Newsletter deadline - copy to both editors please
Oct 20 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
Oct 23 General Meeting - 10 am - noon - 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 at pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.